



# Ultrafast Dynamics and in-plane Chirality in the CDW phase of 1T-TaS<sub>2</sub>



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# Outline

In Plane Chirality in TaS<sub>2</sub>

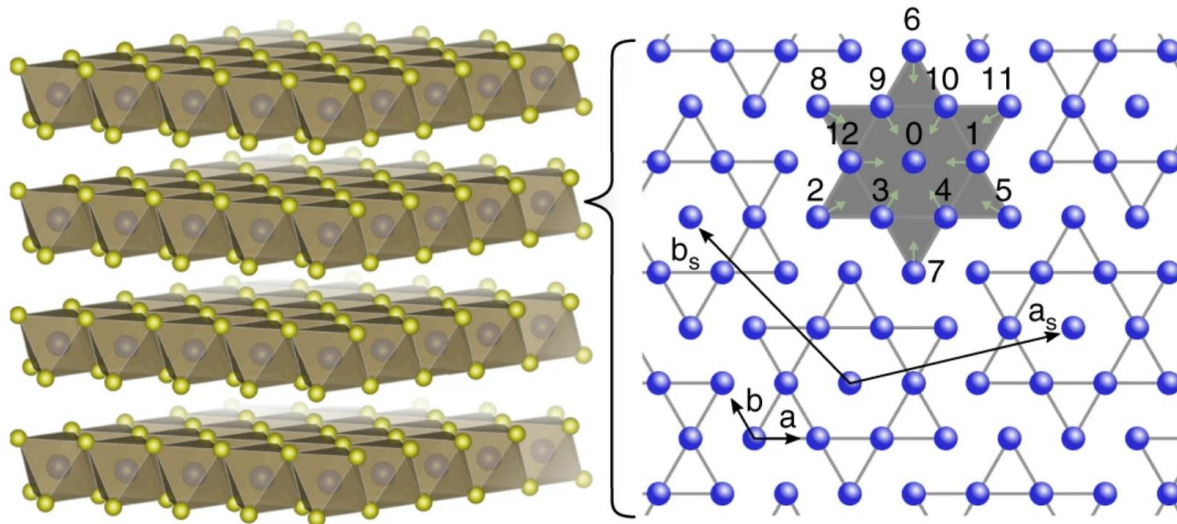
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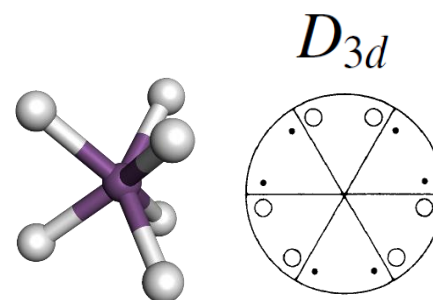
# Structure of 1T - TaS<sub>2</sub>

Trigonal antiprismatic structure



Large CDW Distortion in the form of David's stars

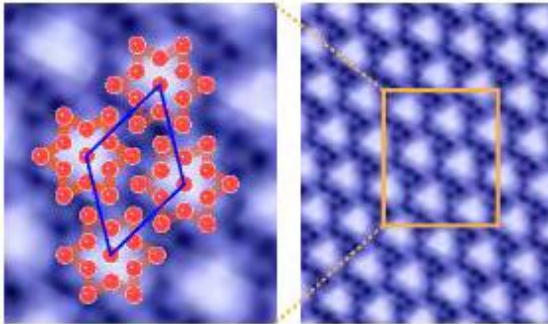
# In Plane Chirality



Presence of 3 mirror plane in  
the high symmetry phase

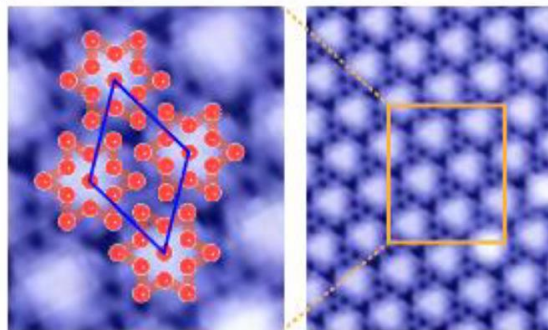
# In Plane Chirality

Rotation of Superlattice unit cell by  $\pm 13.9^\circ$  with respect to the mirror plane



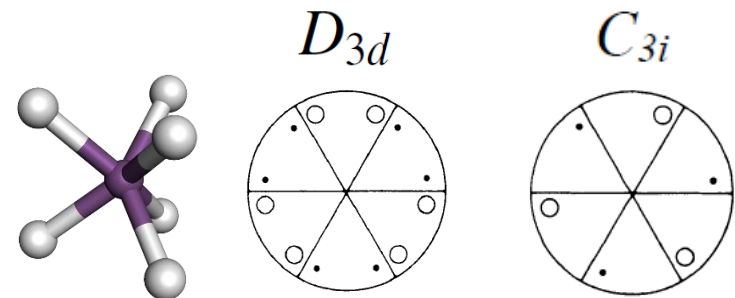
STM topography

$\alpha$



$\beta$

Reduction of point group symmetry

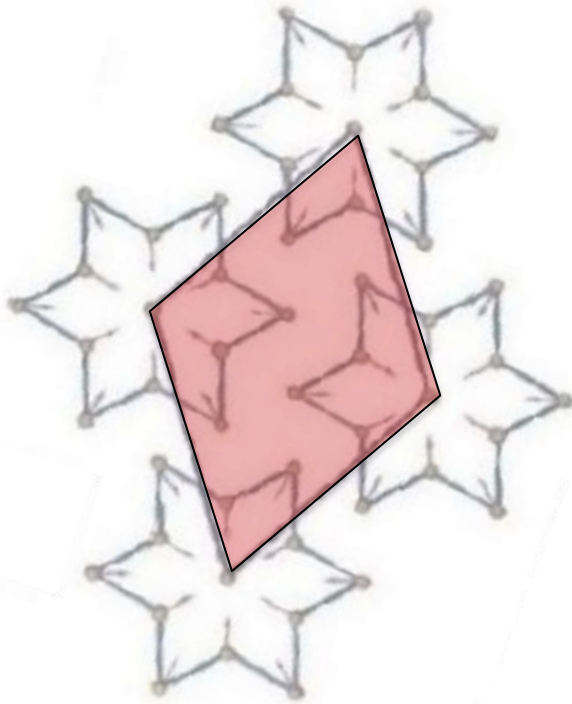


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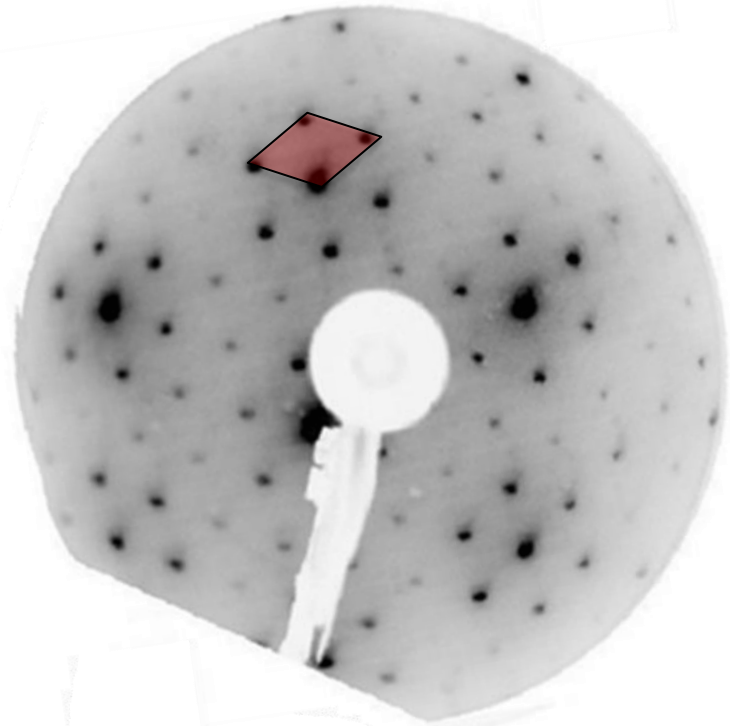
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# Electron diffraction and In Plane Chirality

$\alpha$



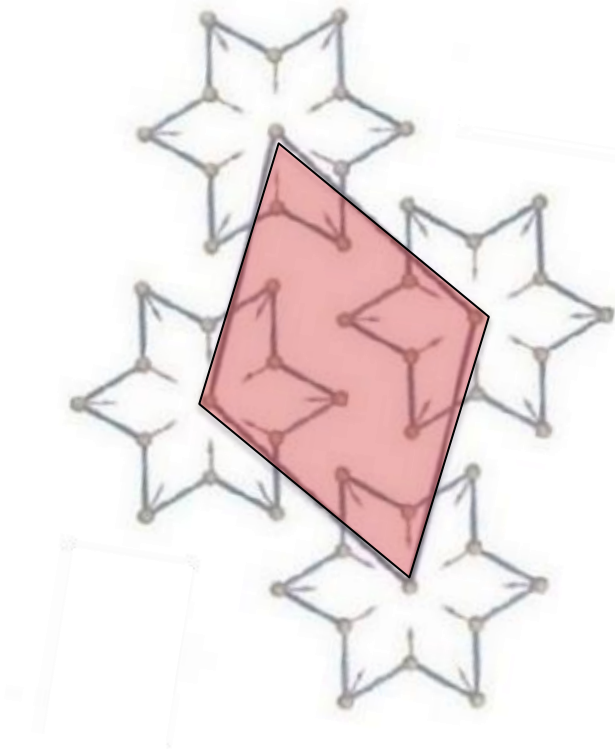
13.9° clockwise



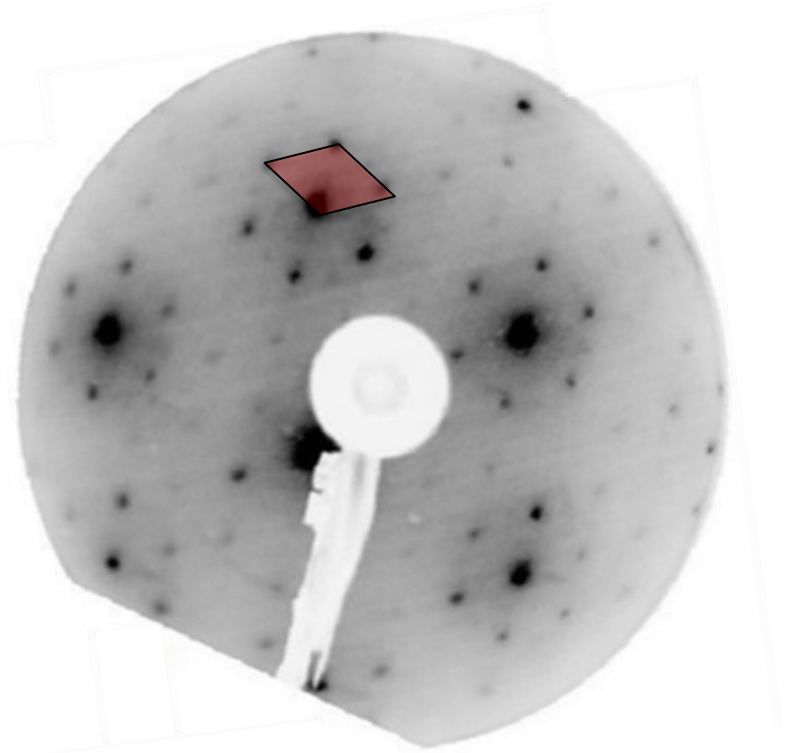
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$\beta$



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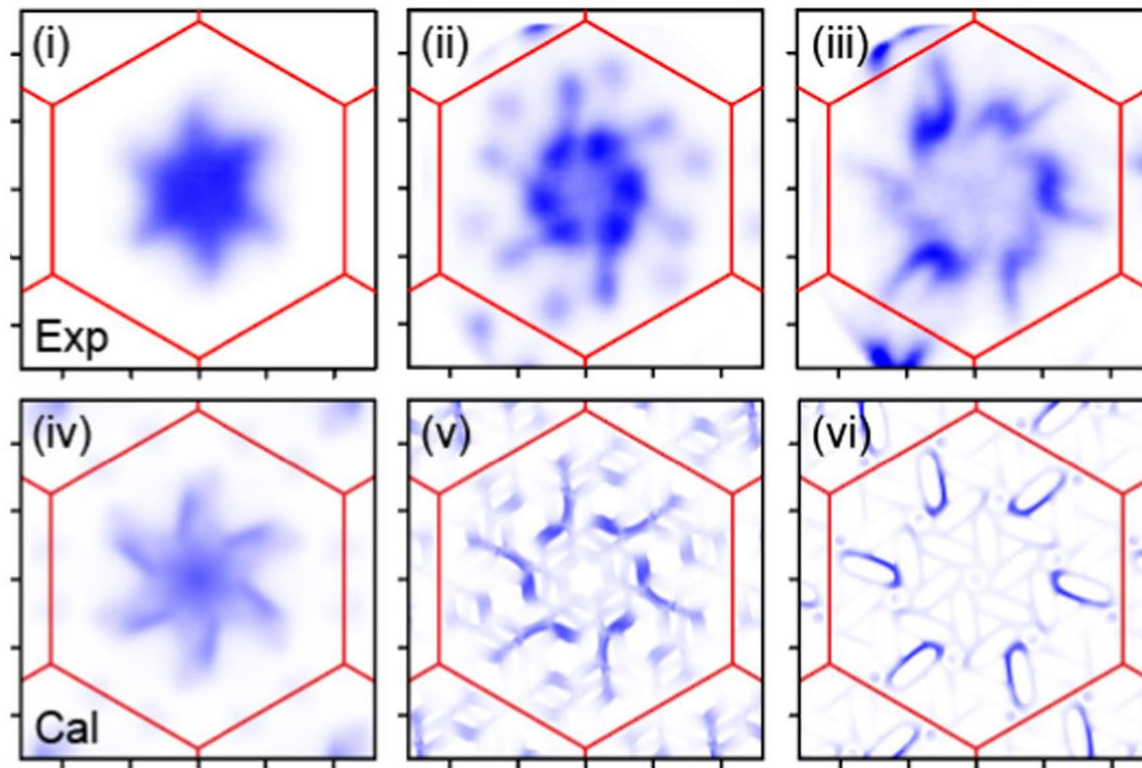
# ARPES and CDW chirality

Constant energy cuts

-0.1 eV

-0.3 eV

-0.51 eV



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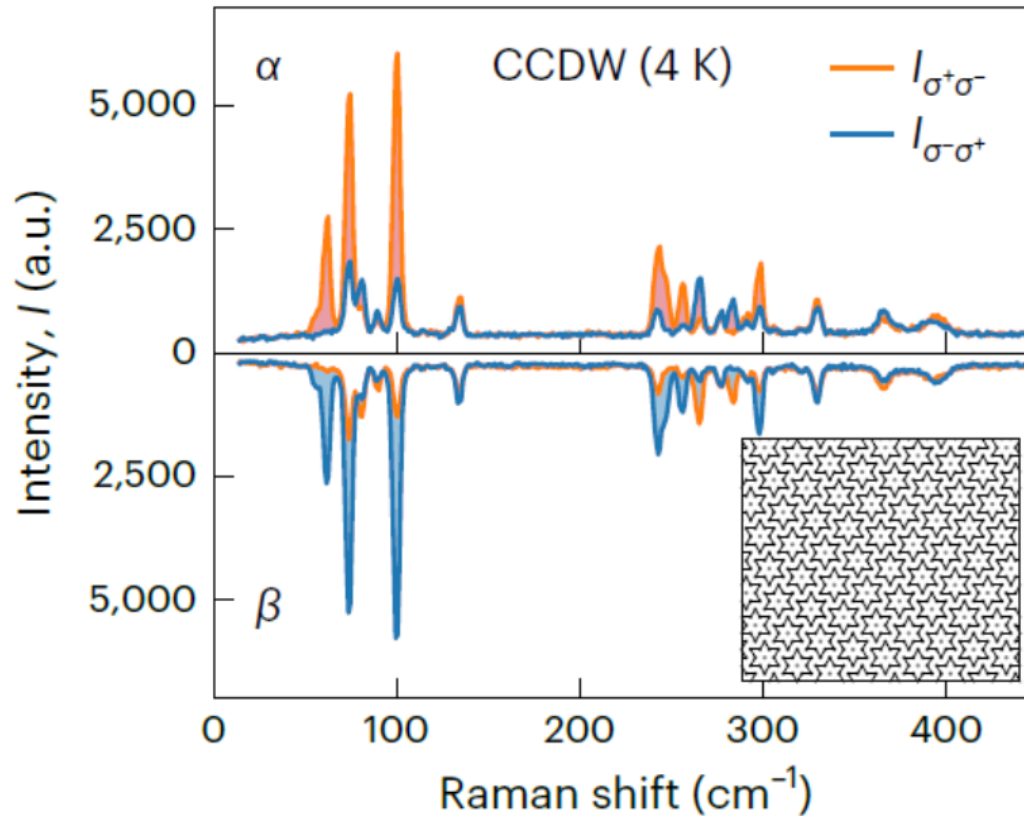
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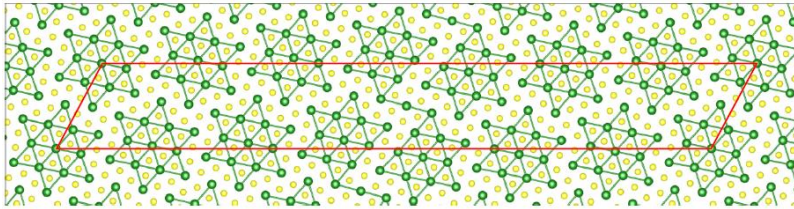
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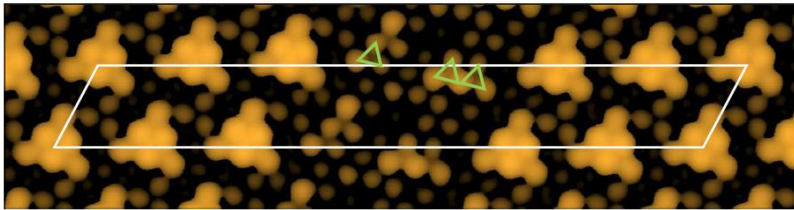
# Metallic Domain Walls

Internal energy 10-30 meV/nm

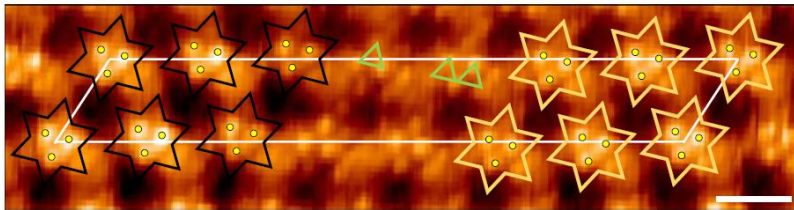
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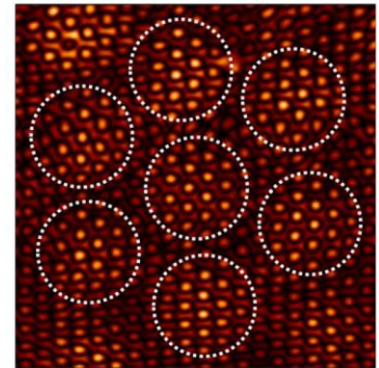
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Simulation



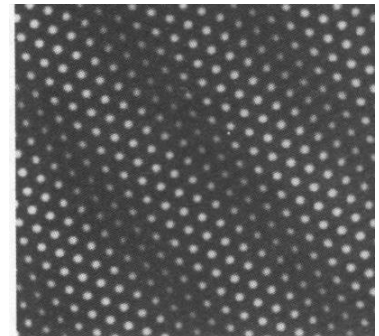
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Measure



NC-CDW



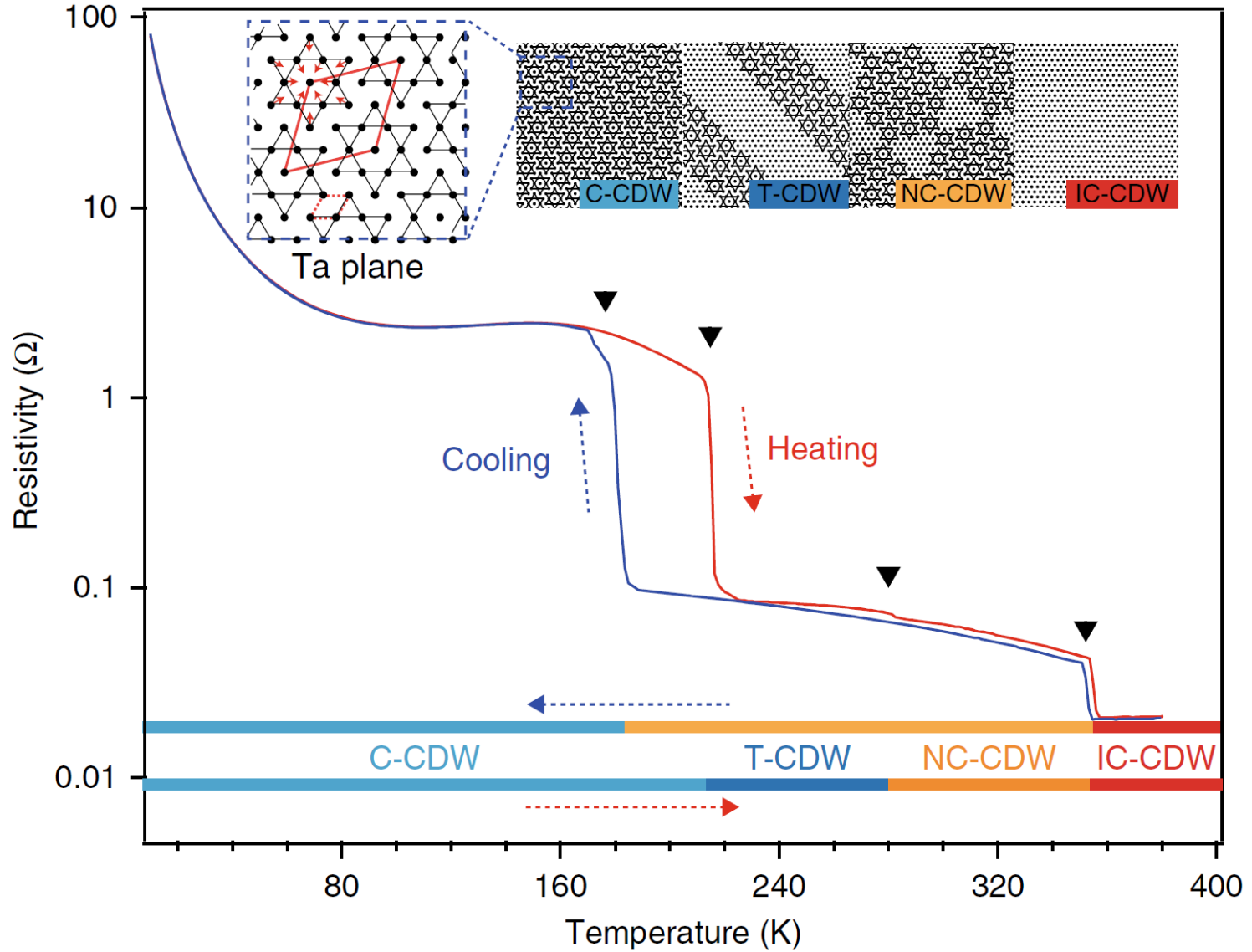
T-CDW



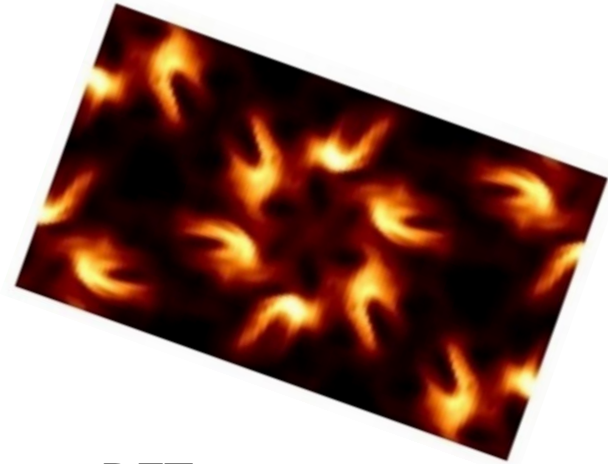
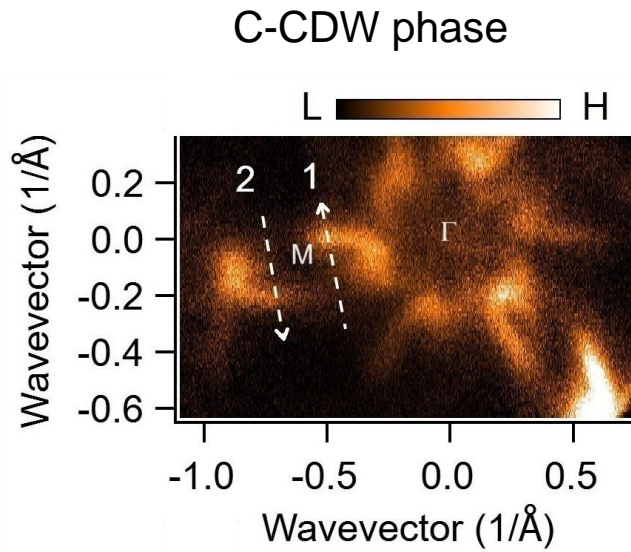
*B. Burk et al., Science 257, 362 (1992)*

*J W. Park et al., Nature Comm. 10, 4038 (2019)*

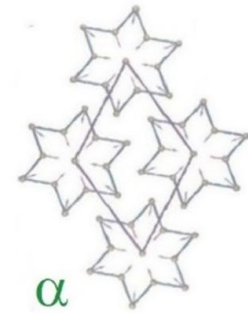
# Phase diagram



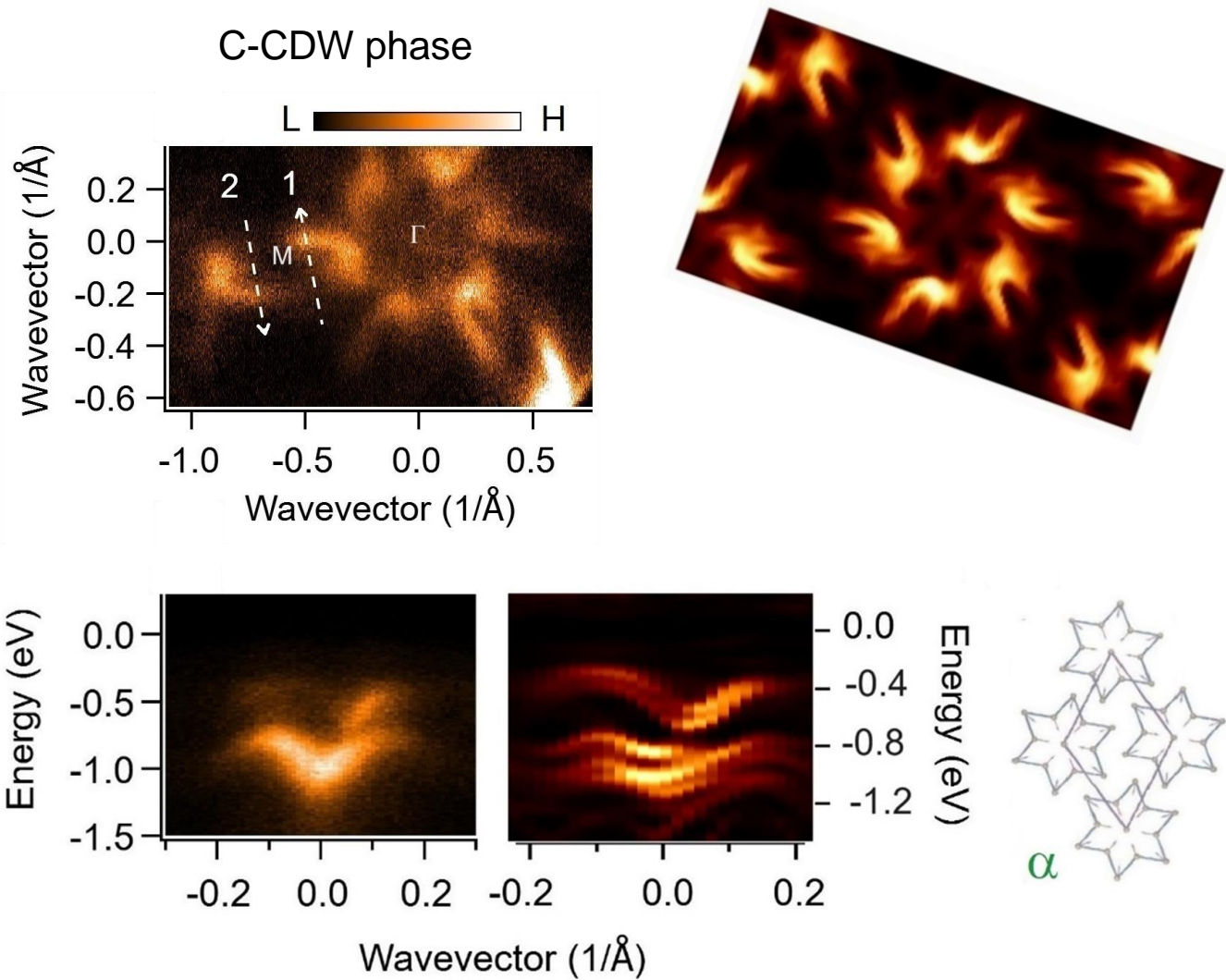
# ARPES and CDW chirality



DFT simulation

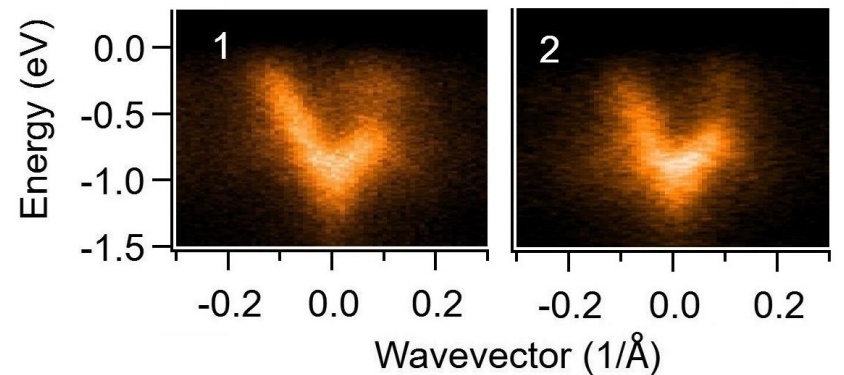
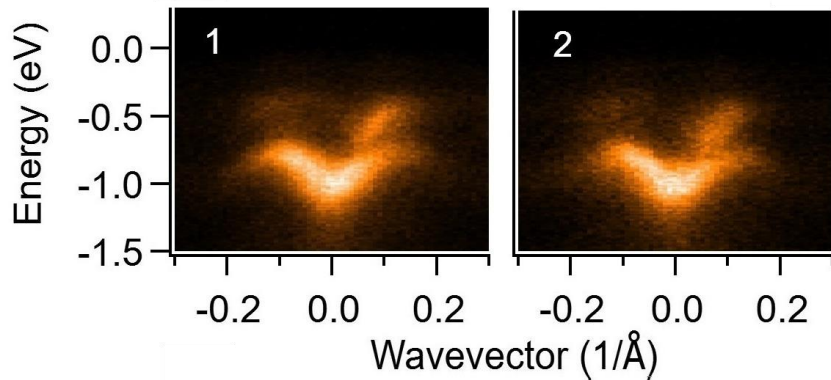
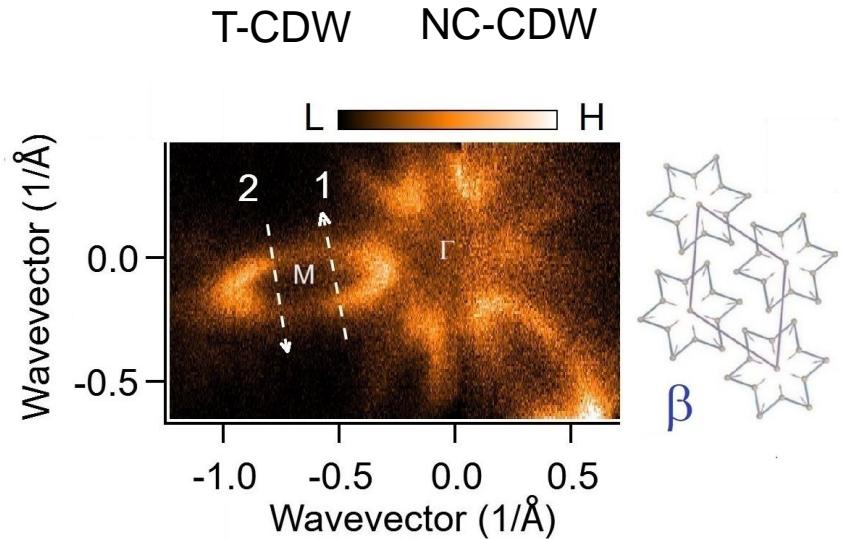
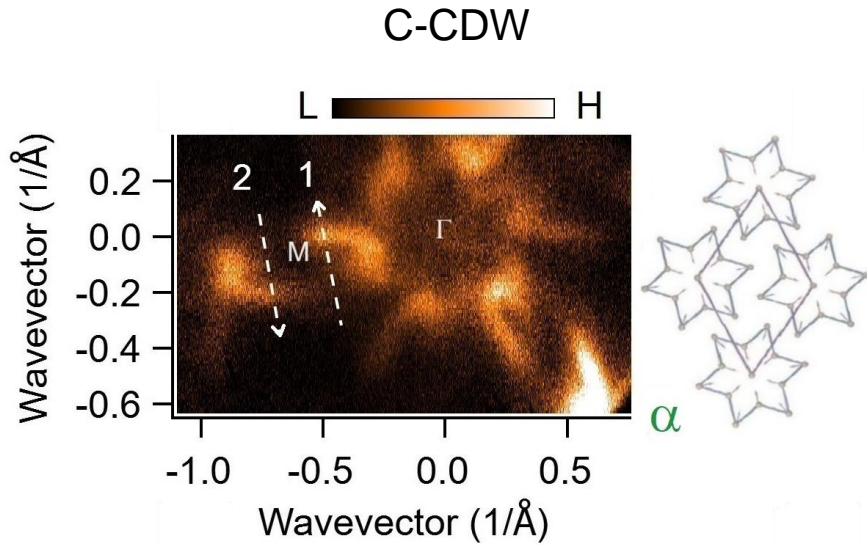


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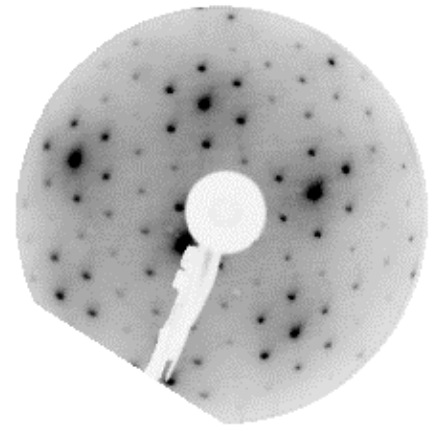
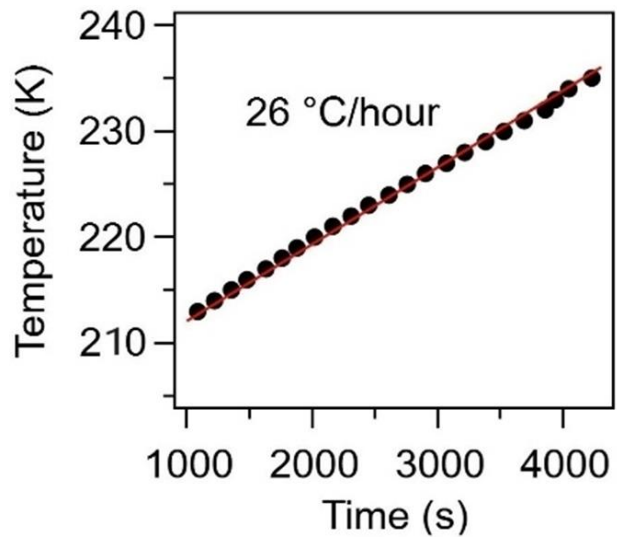
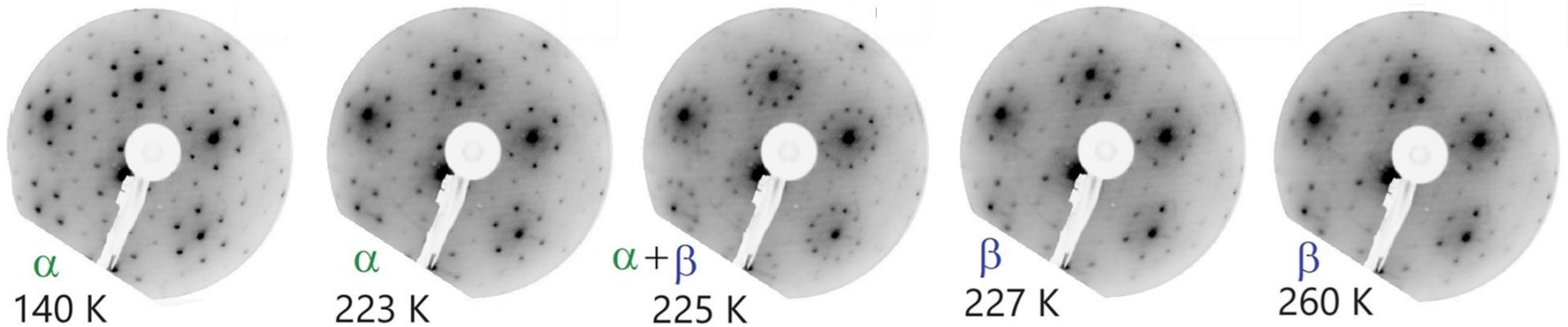
# ARPES and chirality switching

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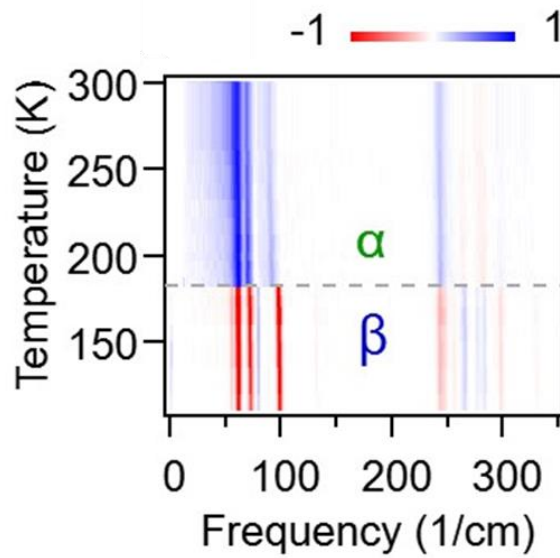


# LEED and chirality switching

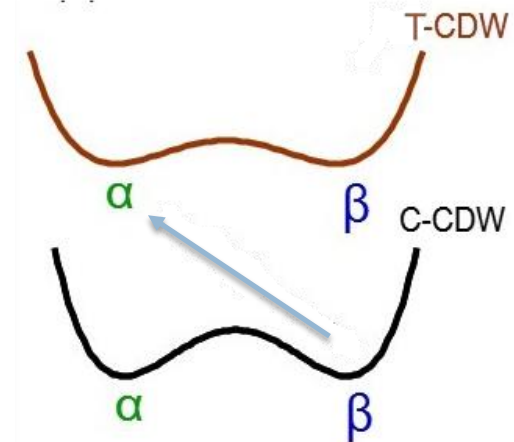
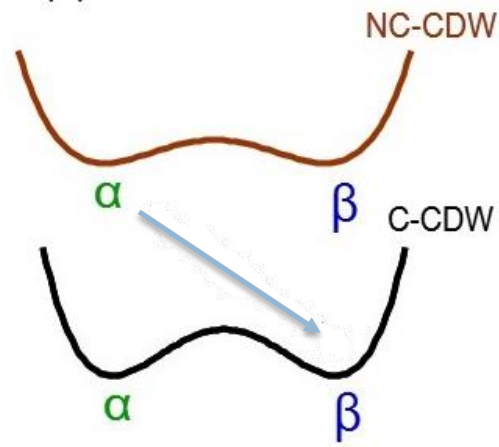
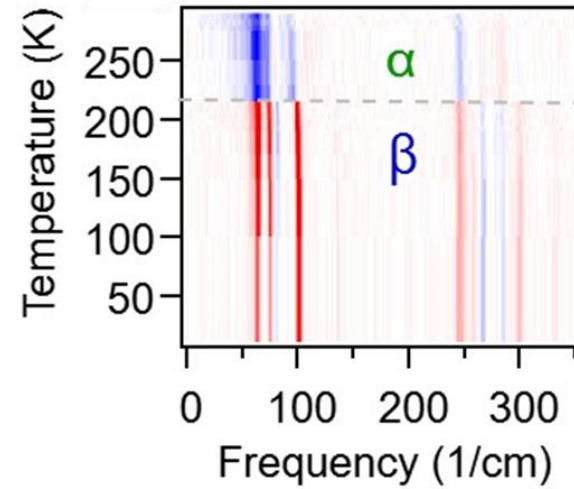
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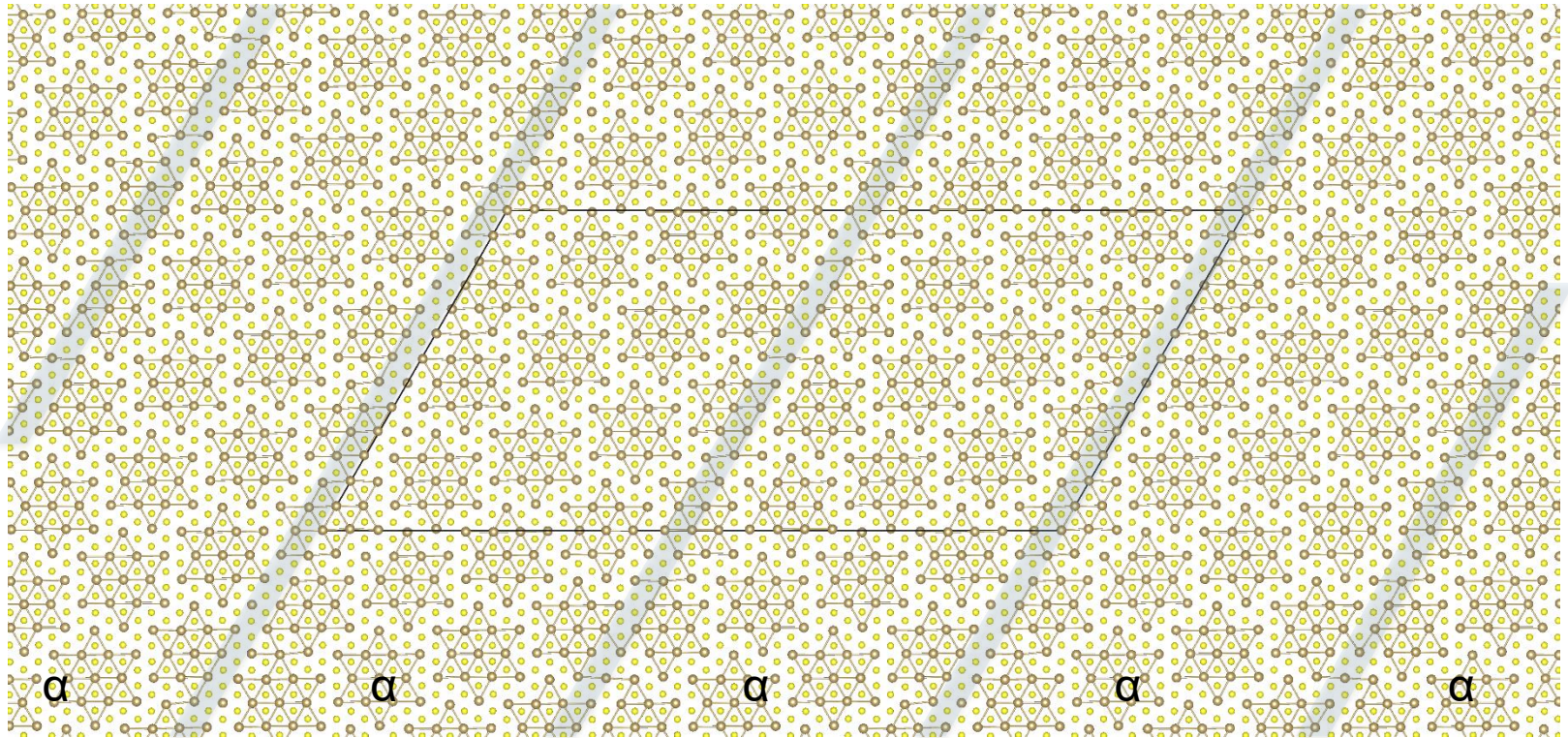
# Raman and chirality switching



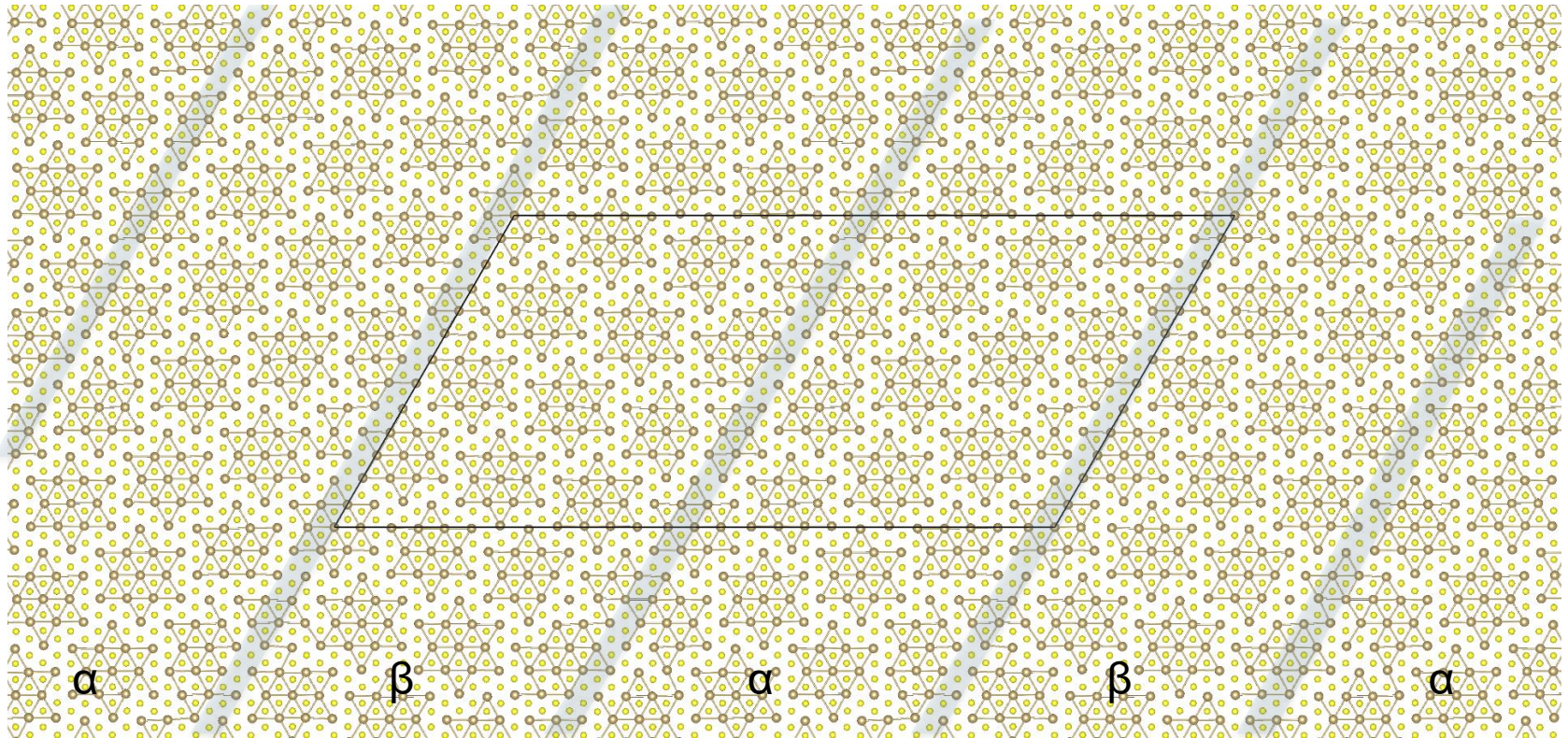
Dichroic contrast



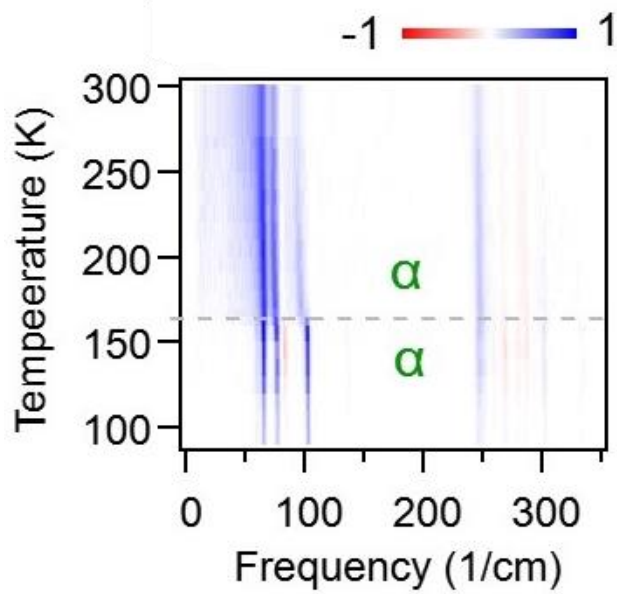
# $\alpha - \alpha$ domains



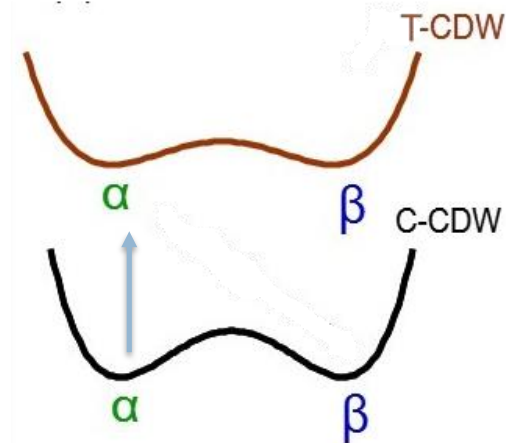
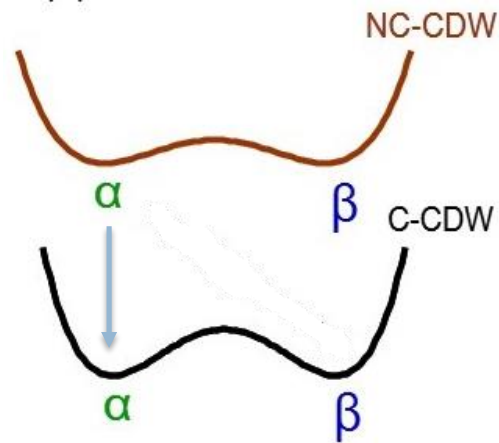
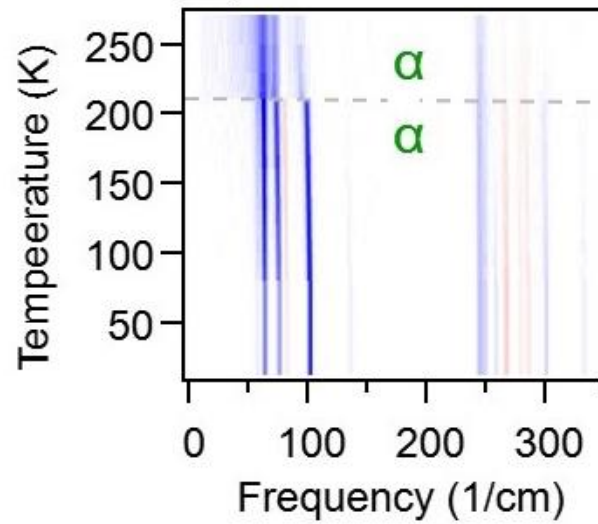
# $\alpha - \beta$ domains



# Raman and chirality pinning

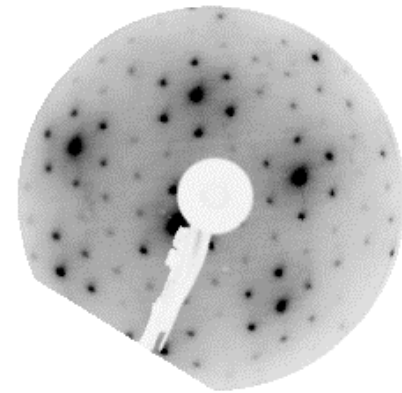
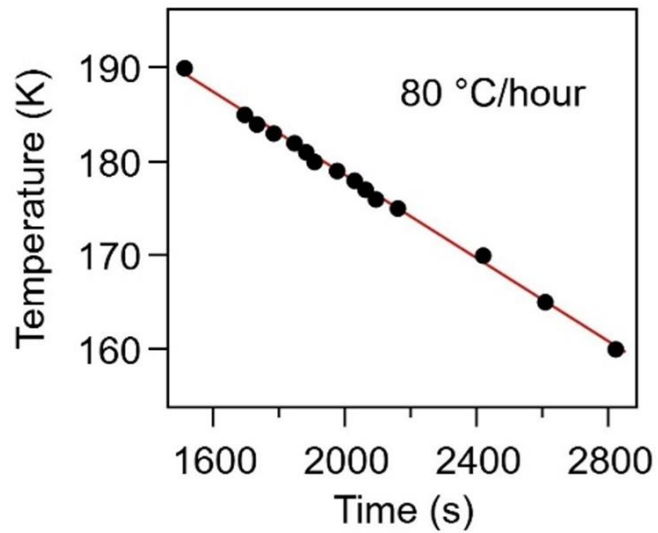
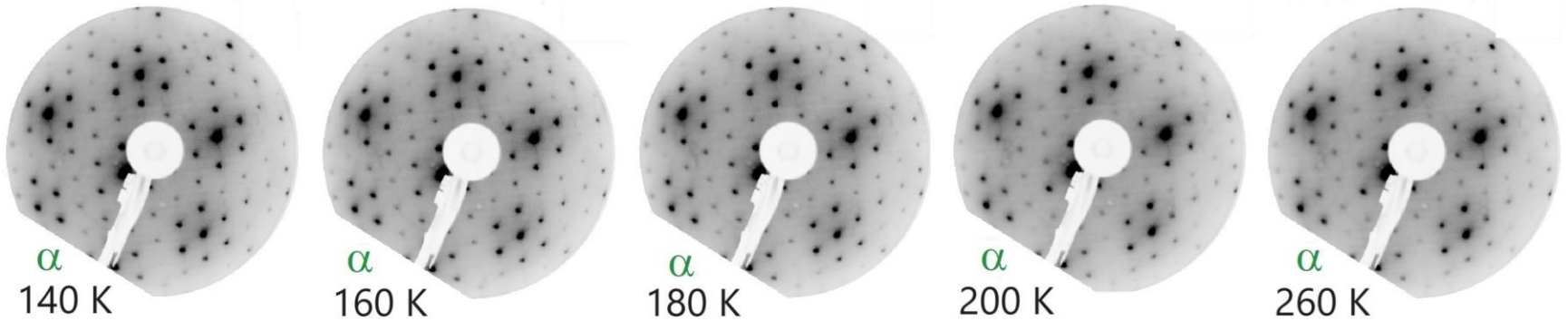


10 K thermal gradient



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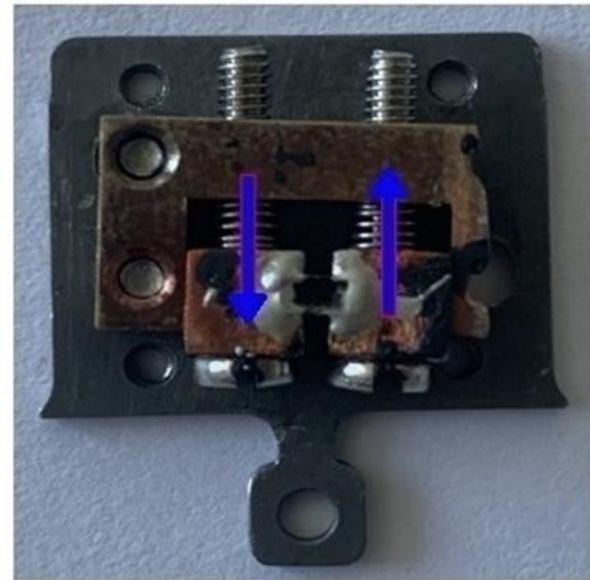
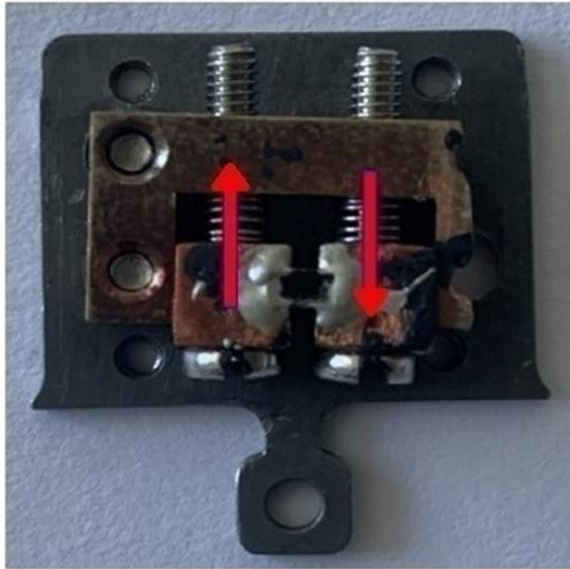
Rapid quench



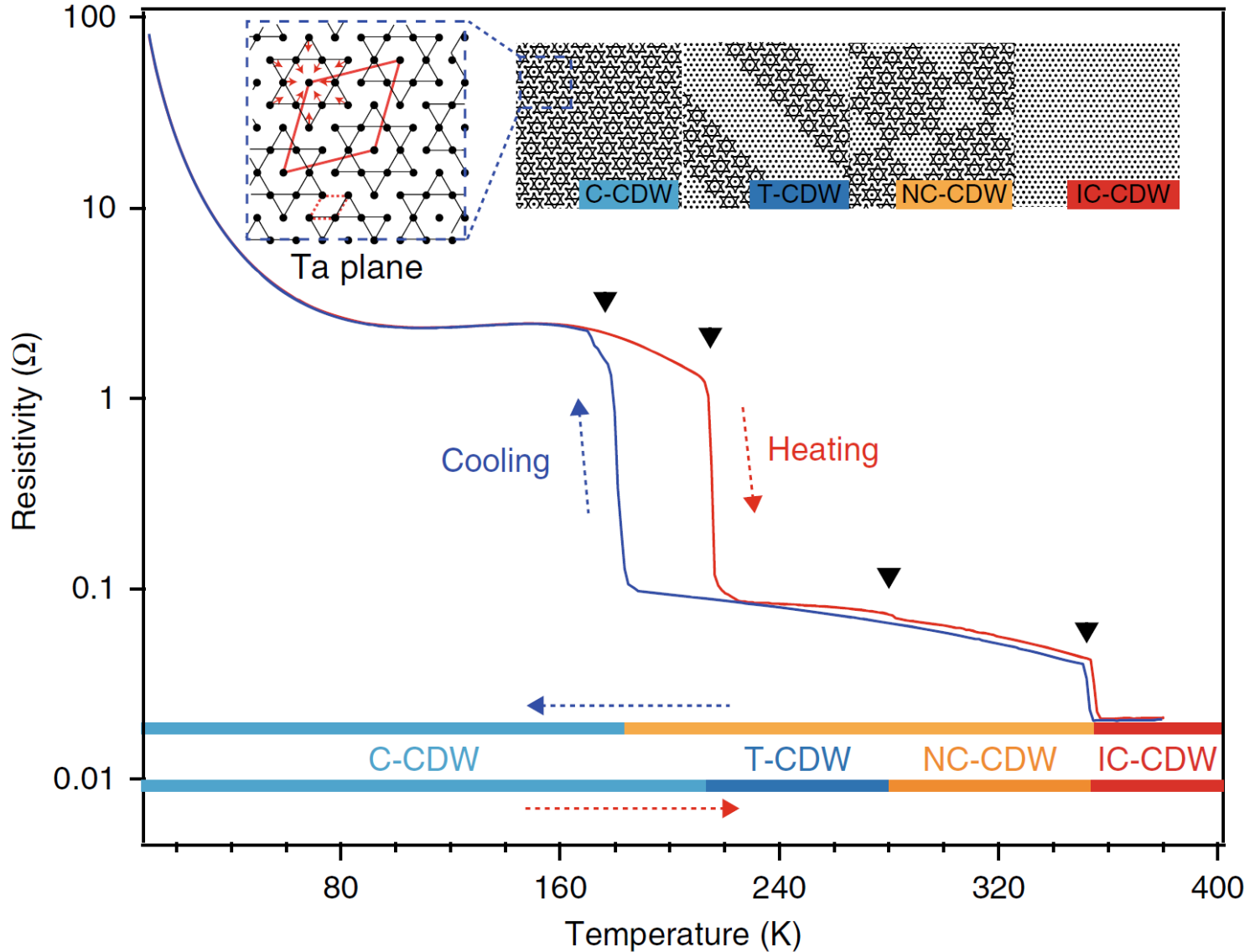
# Switching control

<i>No T - gradients</i>			<i>With T - gradients</i>		
Switching	YES	NO	Switching	YES	NO
ARPES	3	1	ARPES	1	1
LEED	5	0	LEED	0	3
RAMAN	6	1	RAMAN	0	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

# External control

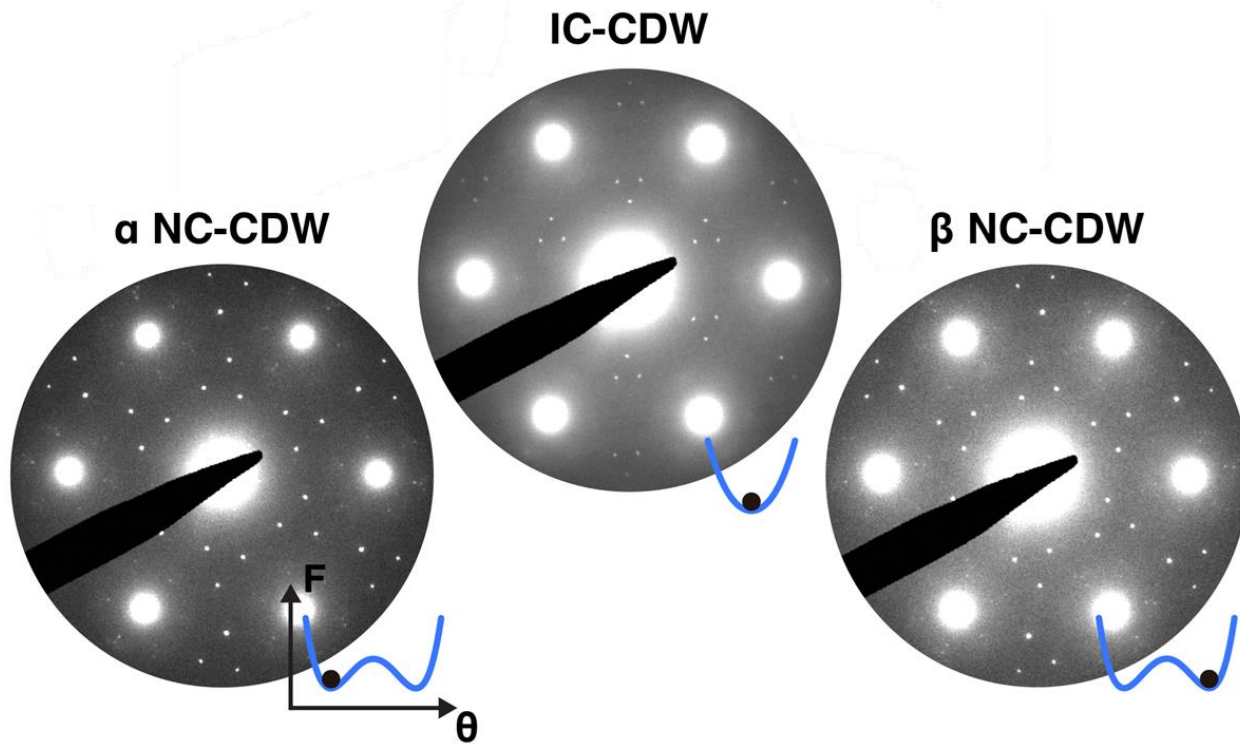


# Phase transition

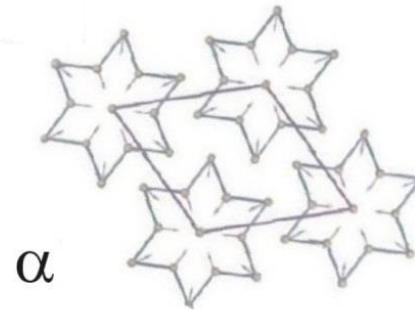
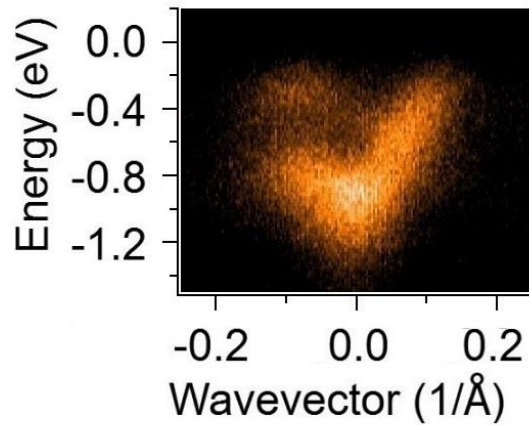
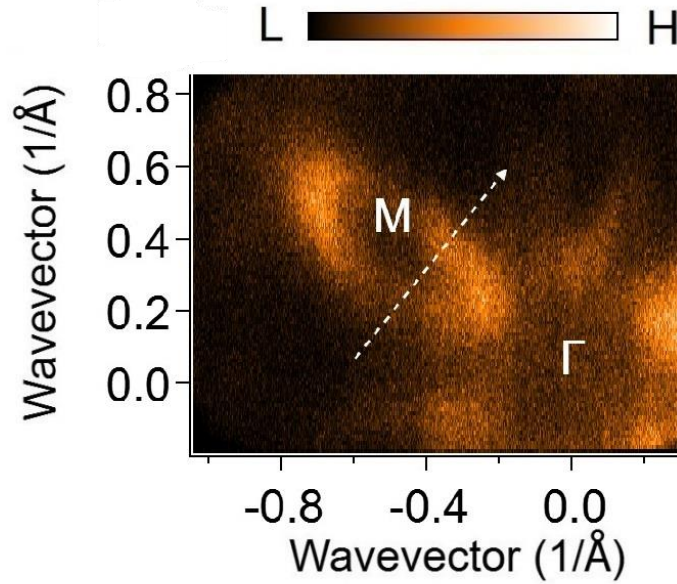
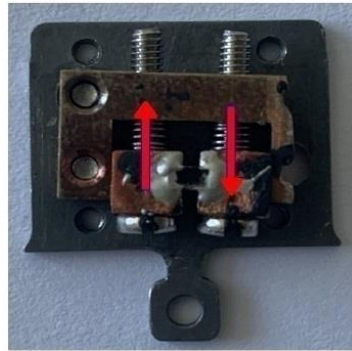


# Switching and IC phase

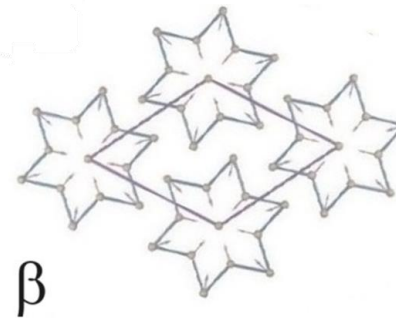
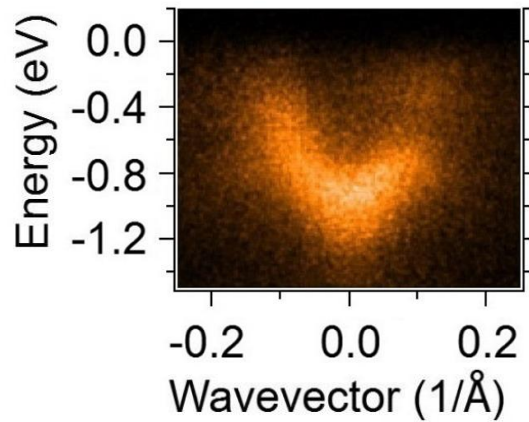
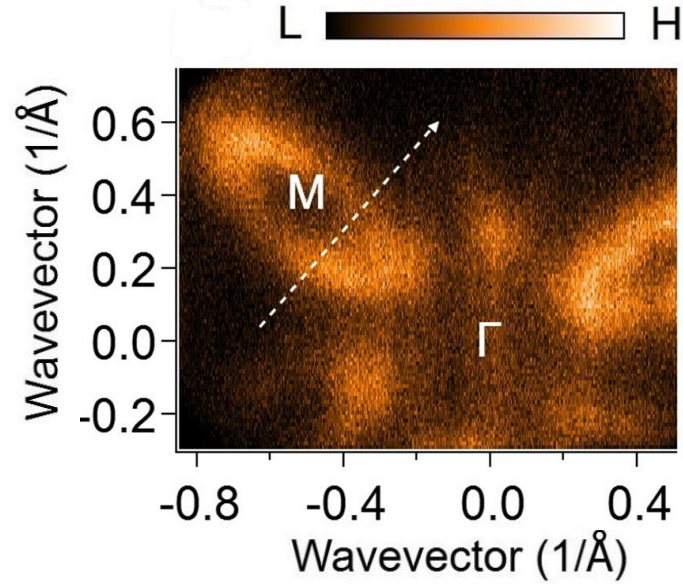
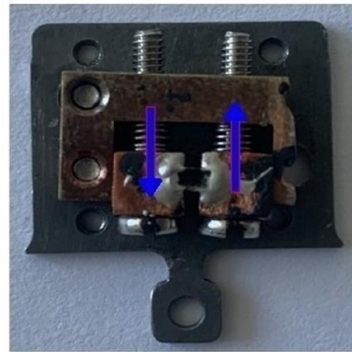
Cooling under external strain



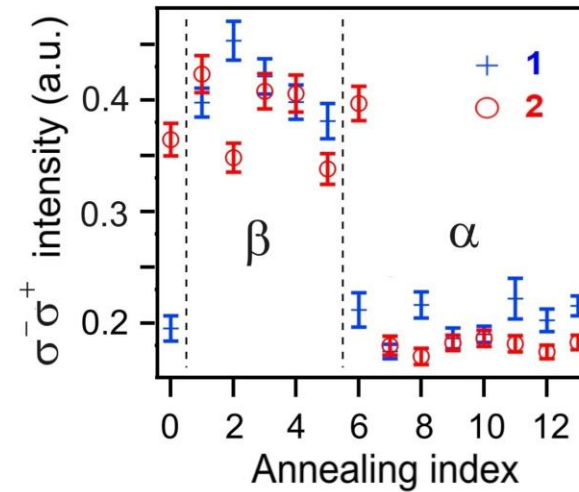
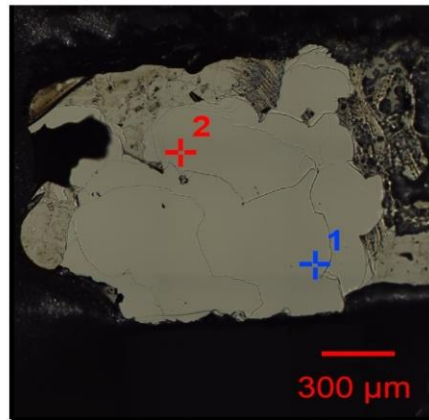
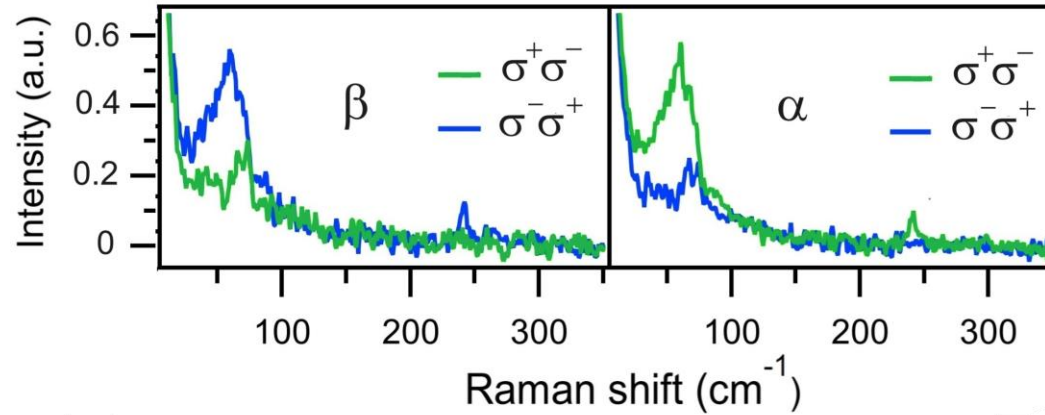
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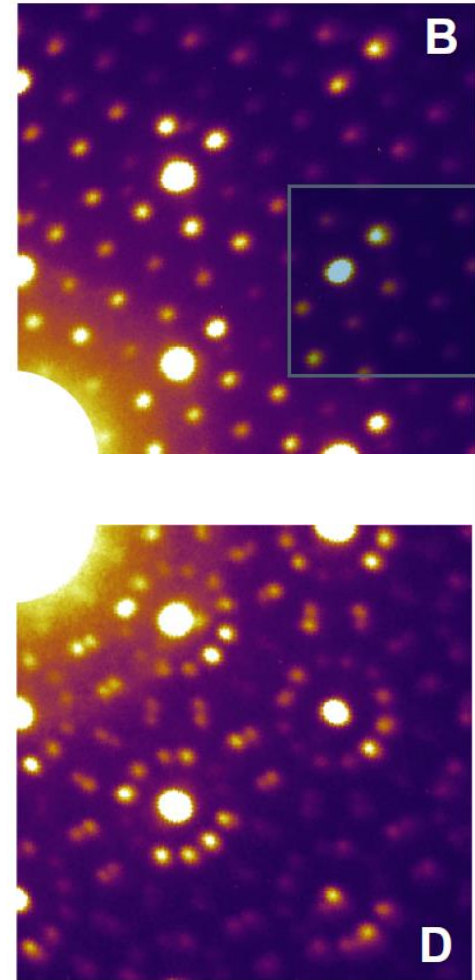
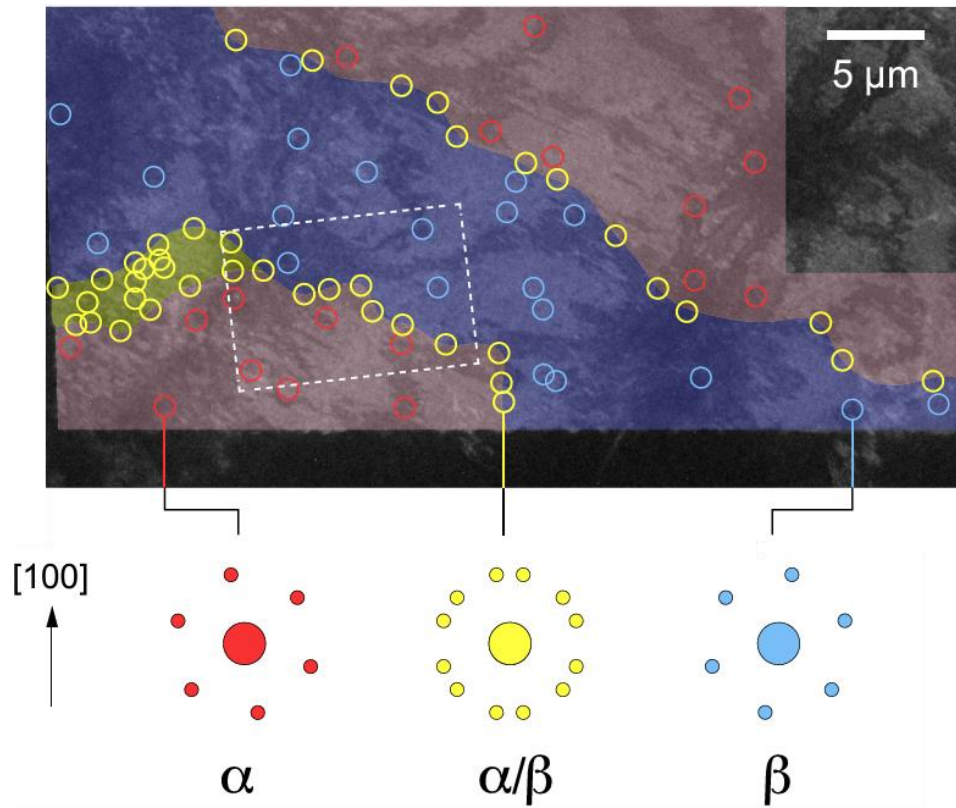
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# Control by torque and Raman



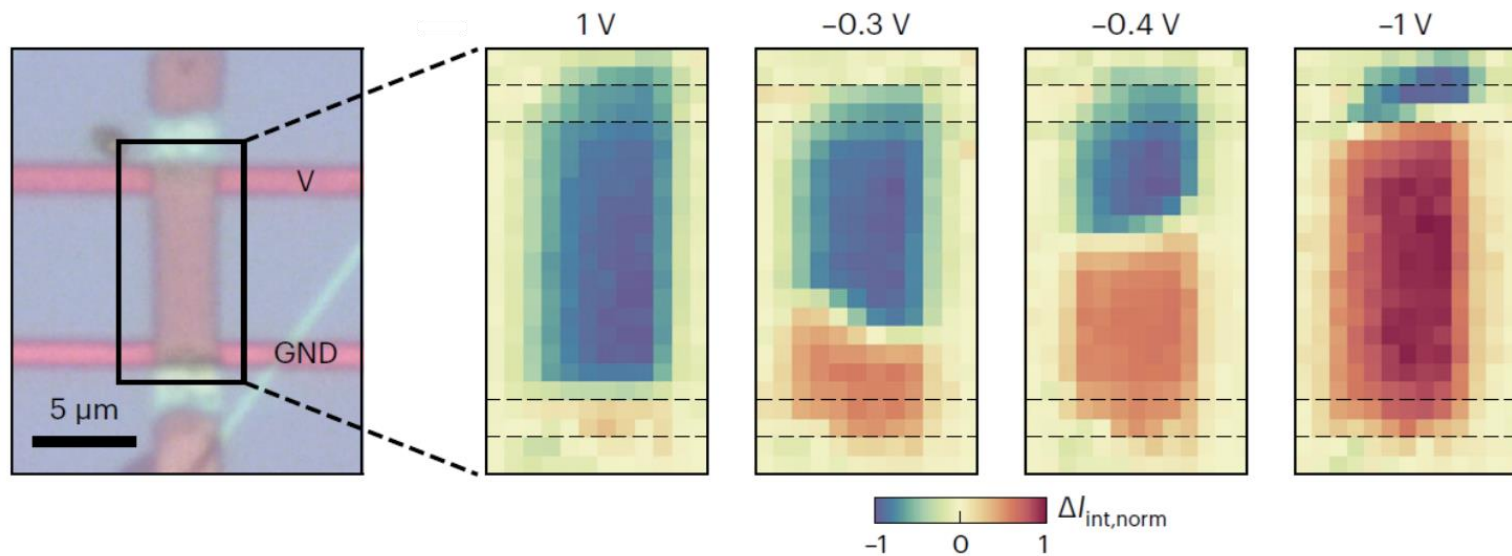
# Partial switching via Laser pulse



A Zong et al., *Sci Adv.* 4, eaau5501 (2005)

# Control by Electric field and Raman

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Chirality switching by means of applied electric field

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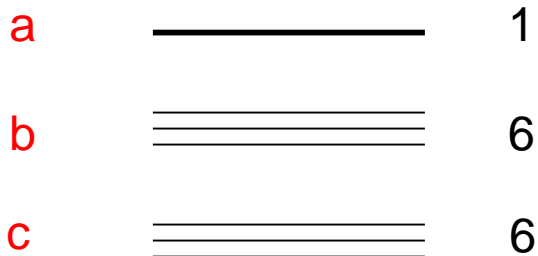
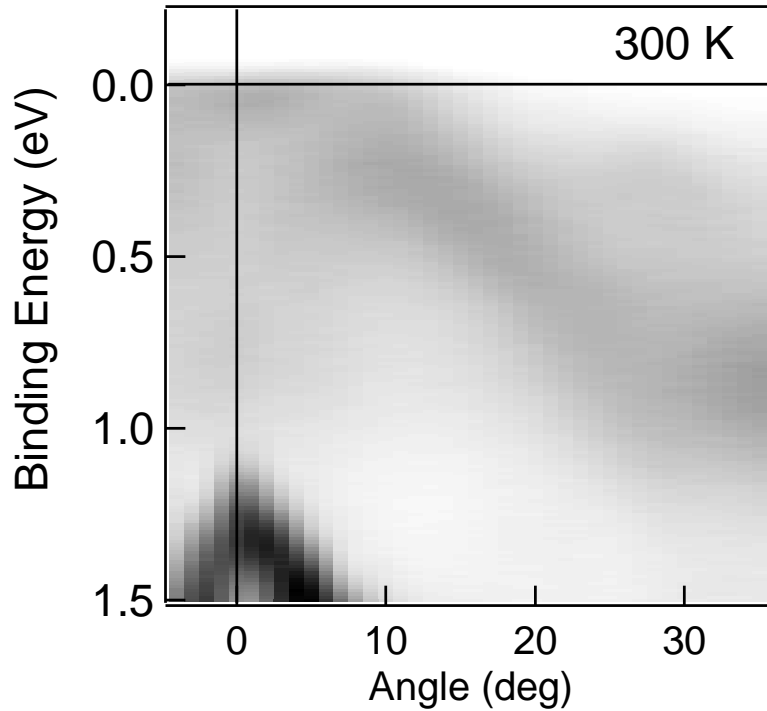
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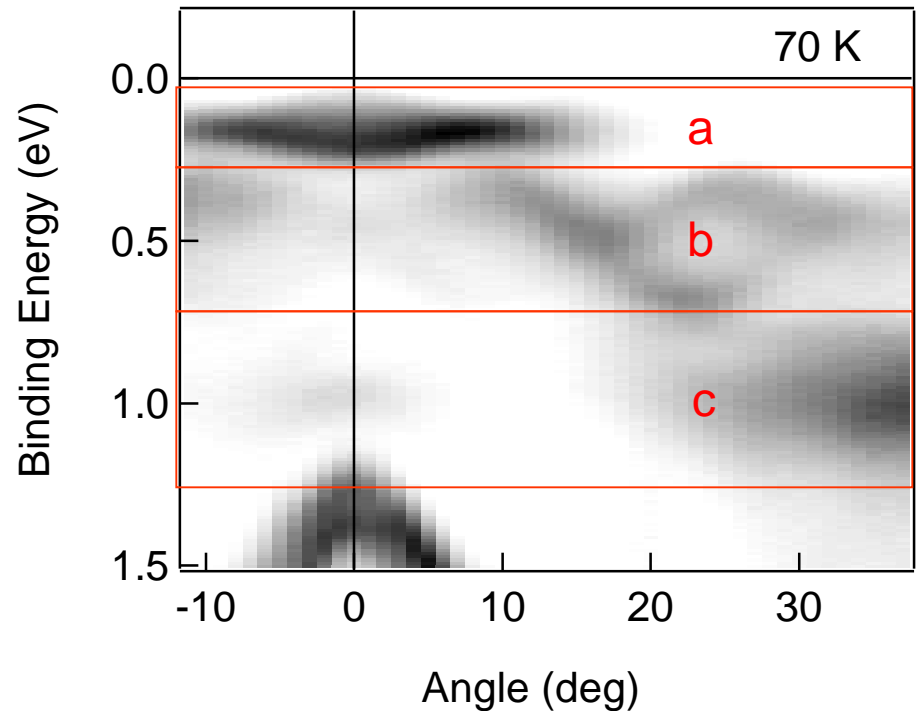
# Electronic states at the phase transition



3 many-folds induced by the CDW.

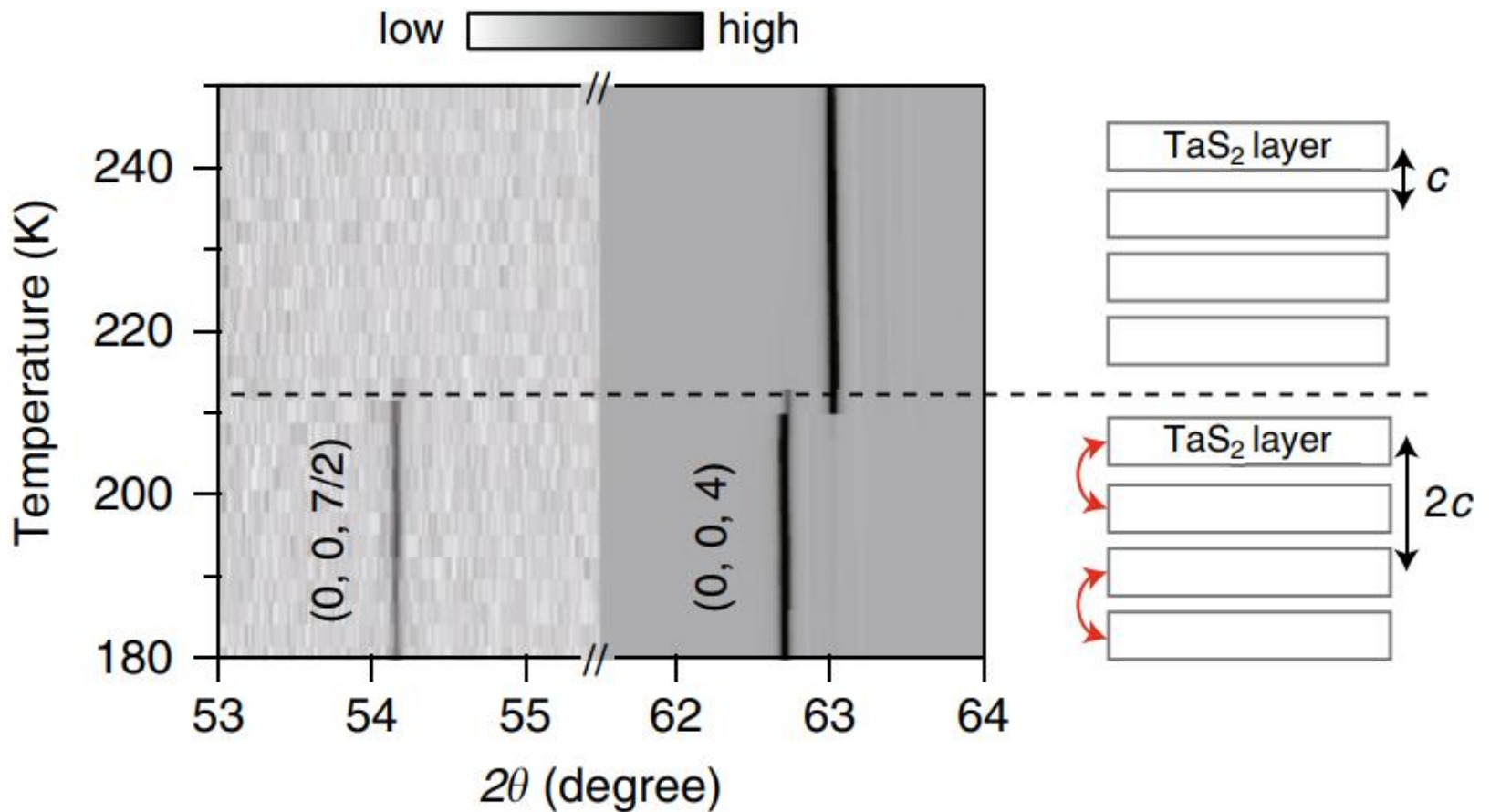
Gapped groundstate

*L. Perfetti et al., Phys. Rev. B 71, 153101 (2005)*



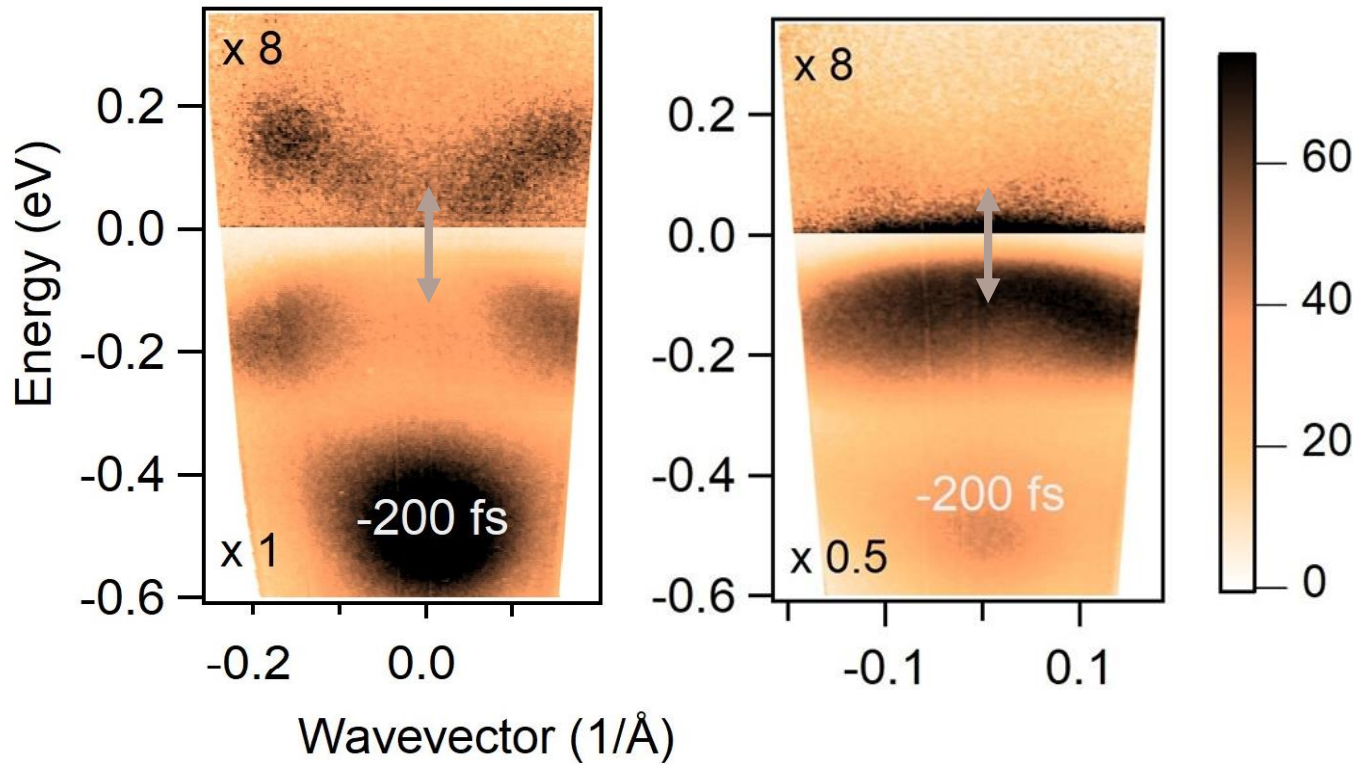
# Stacking Order and ARPES

Y. D. Wang *et al.*, *Nature Comm.* 11, 4215 (2020)



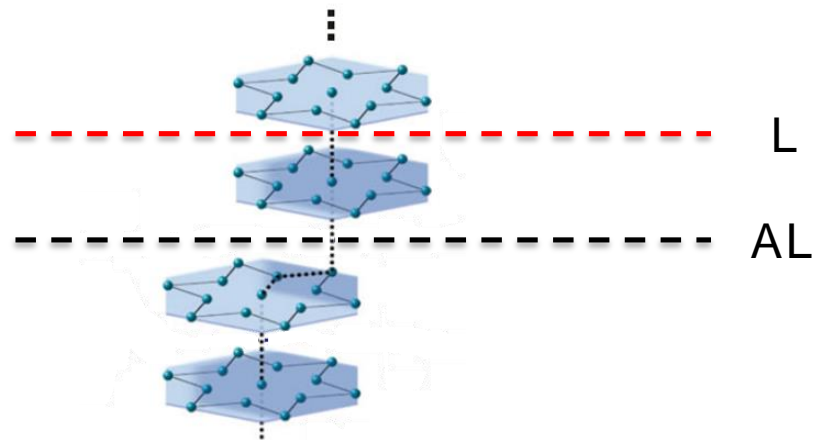
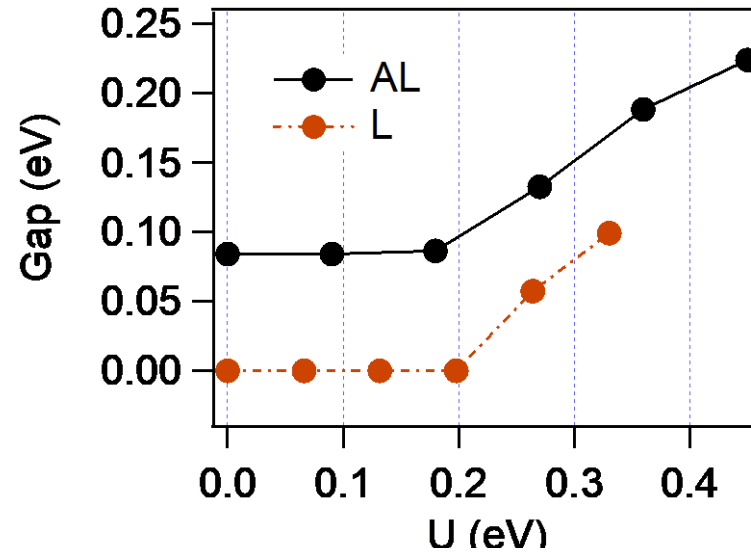
# S Polarization

Gap 0.15 eV

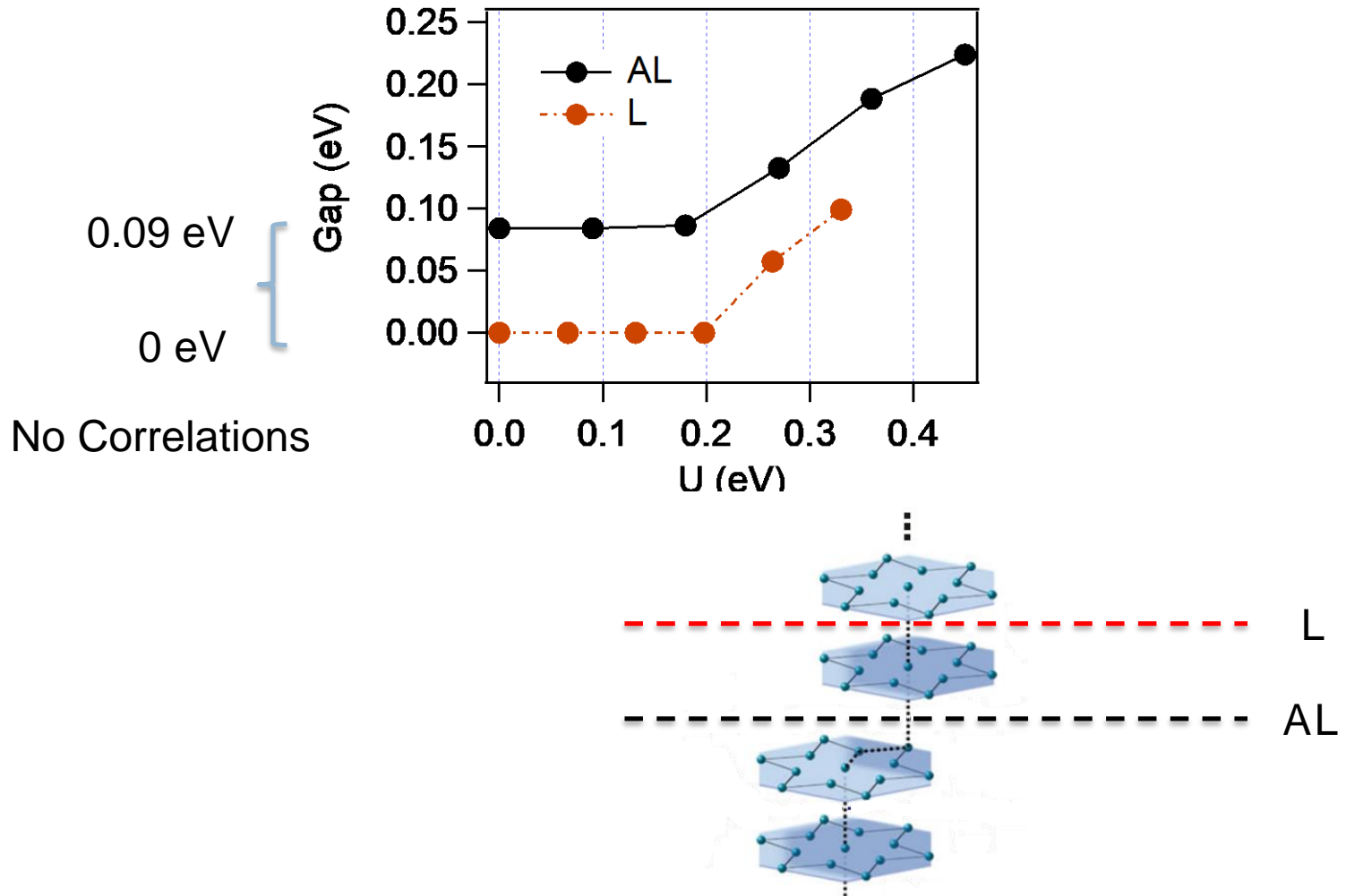


Polarization dependence questions a simple Mott scenario

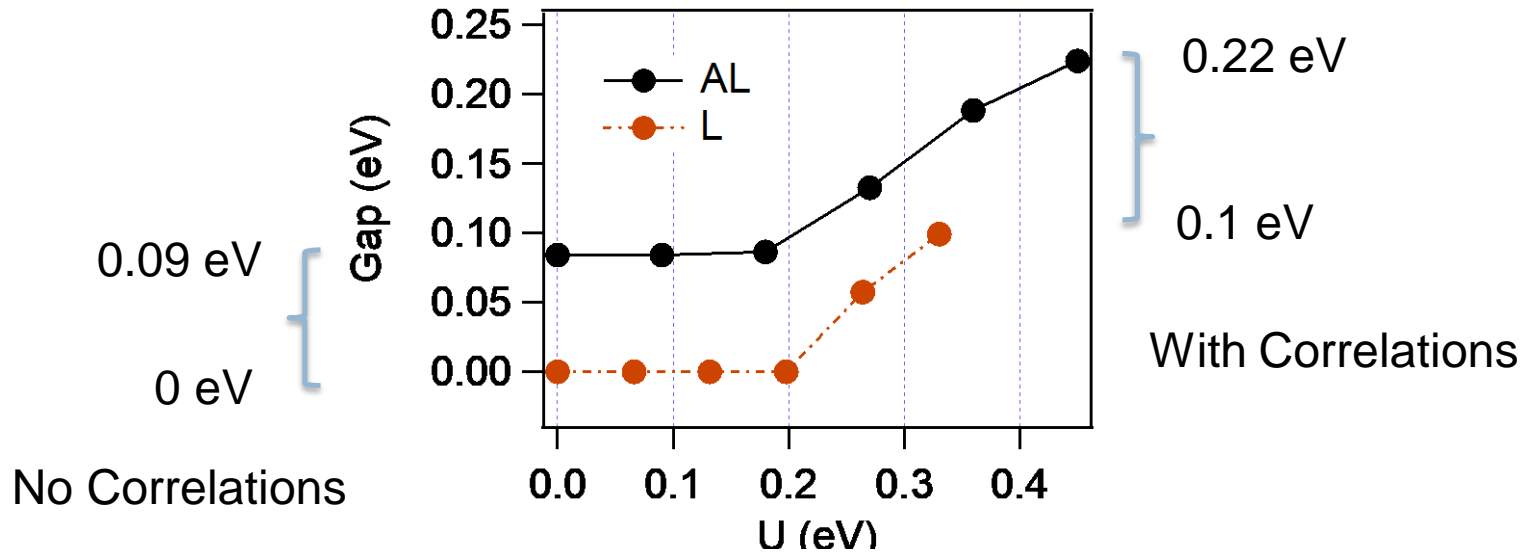
# Dimerization and correlations



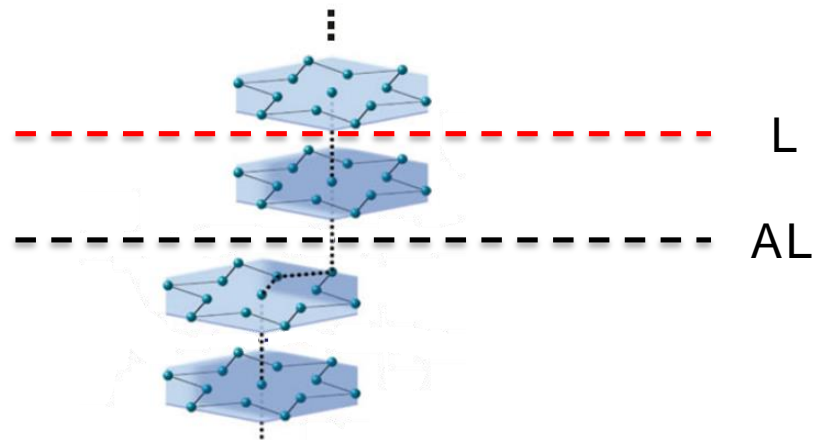
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No Correlations



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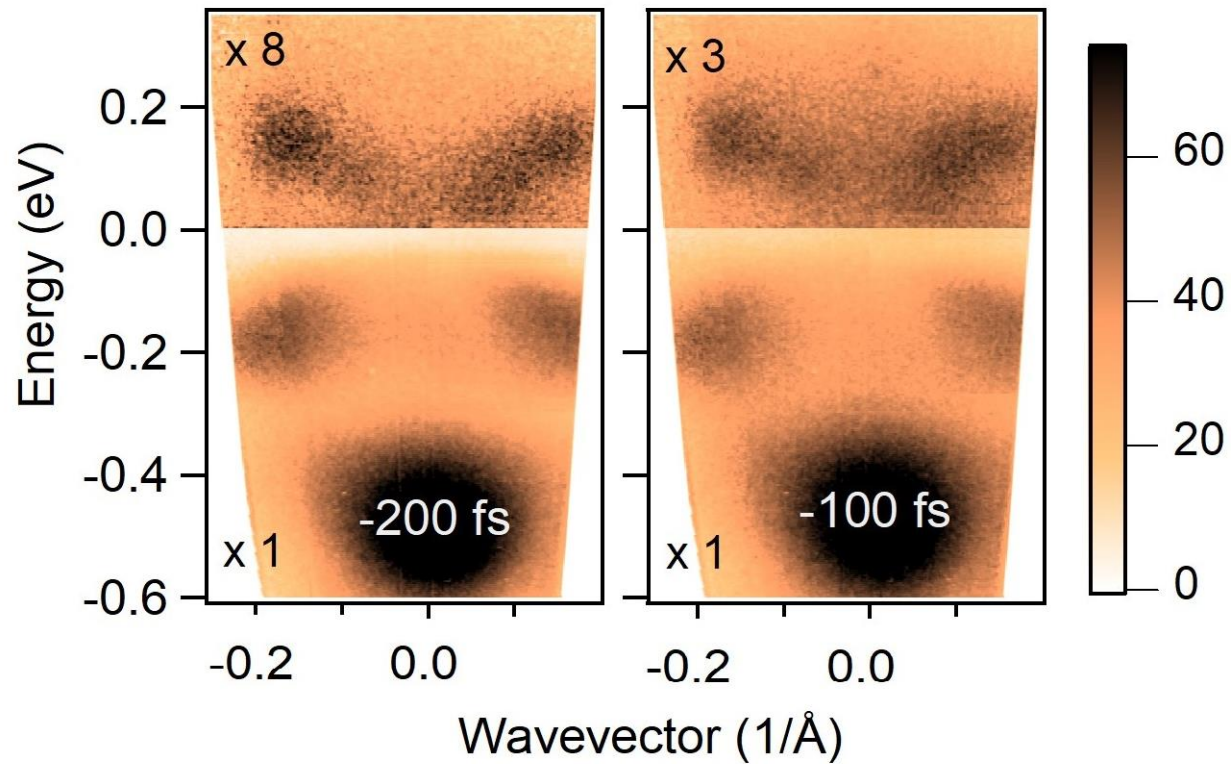
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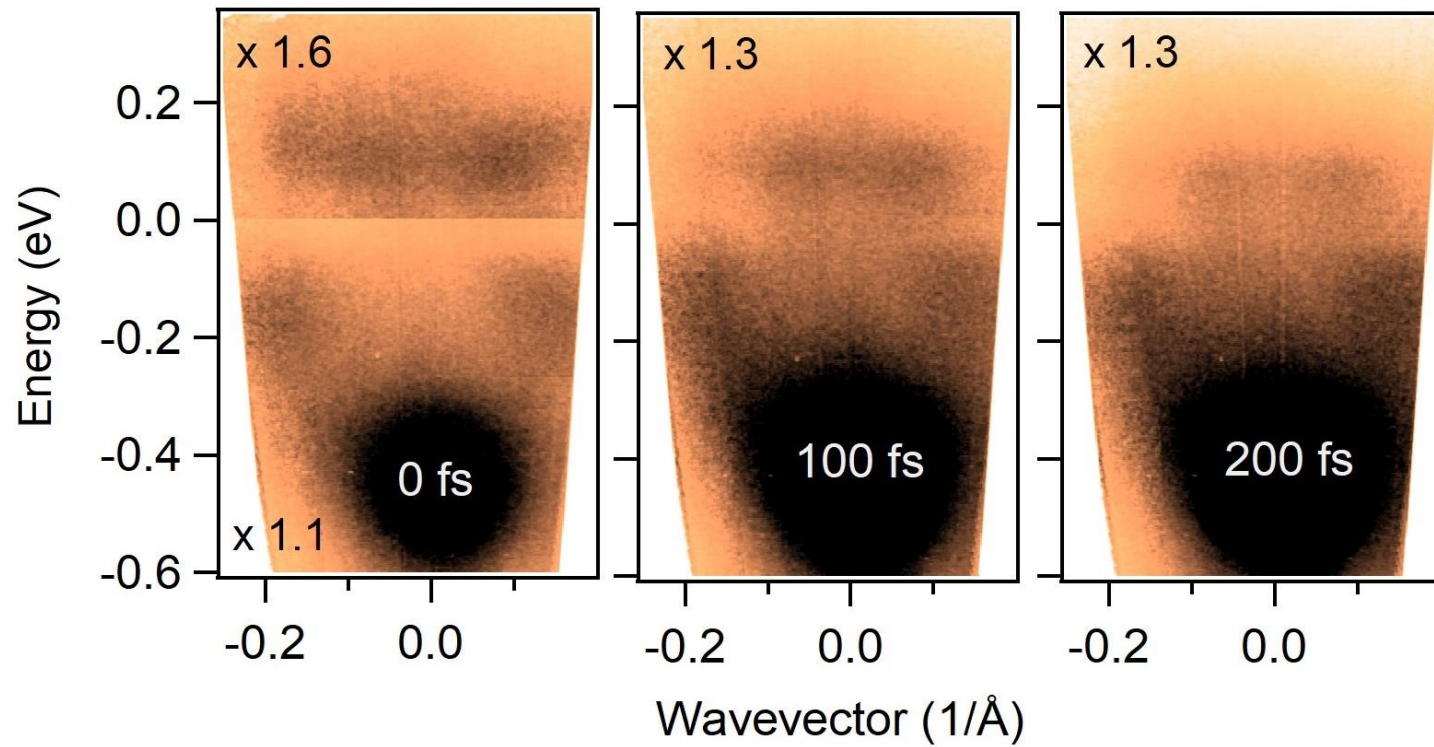
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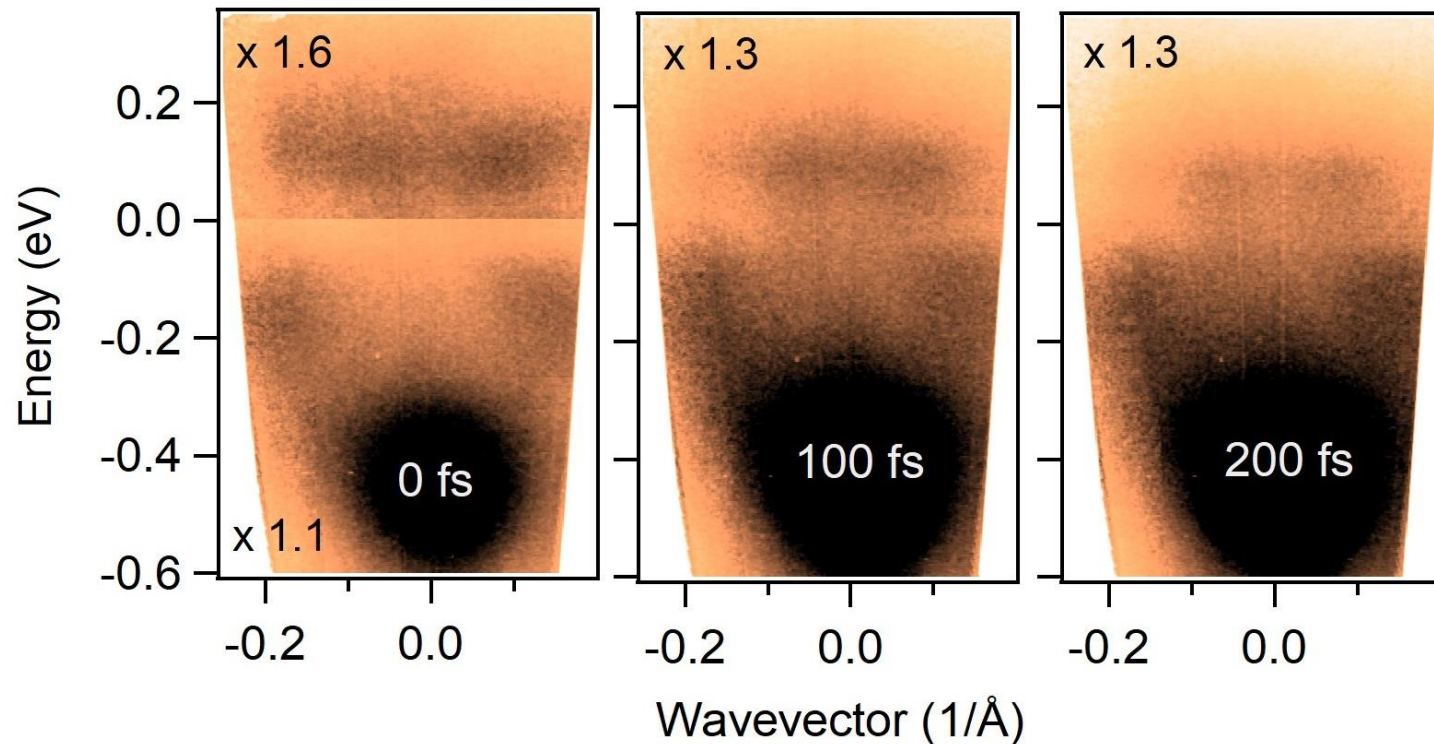


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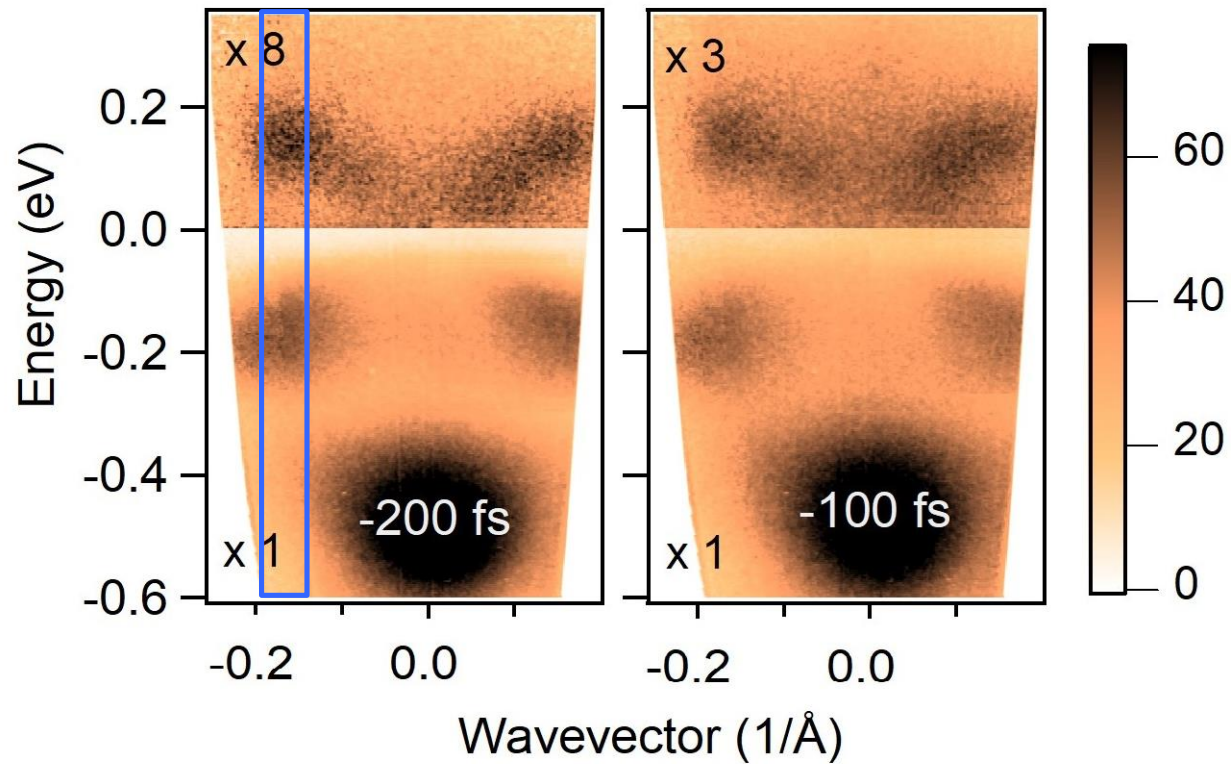
# Collapse of the CDW

Photoexcitation flattens the dispersion of electronic states near to the Fermi Level

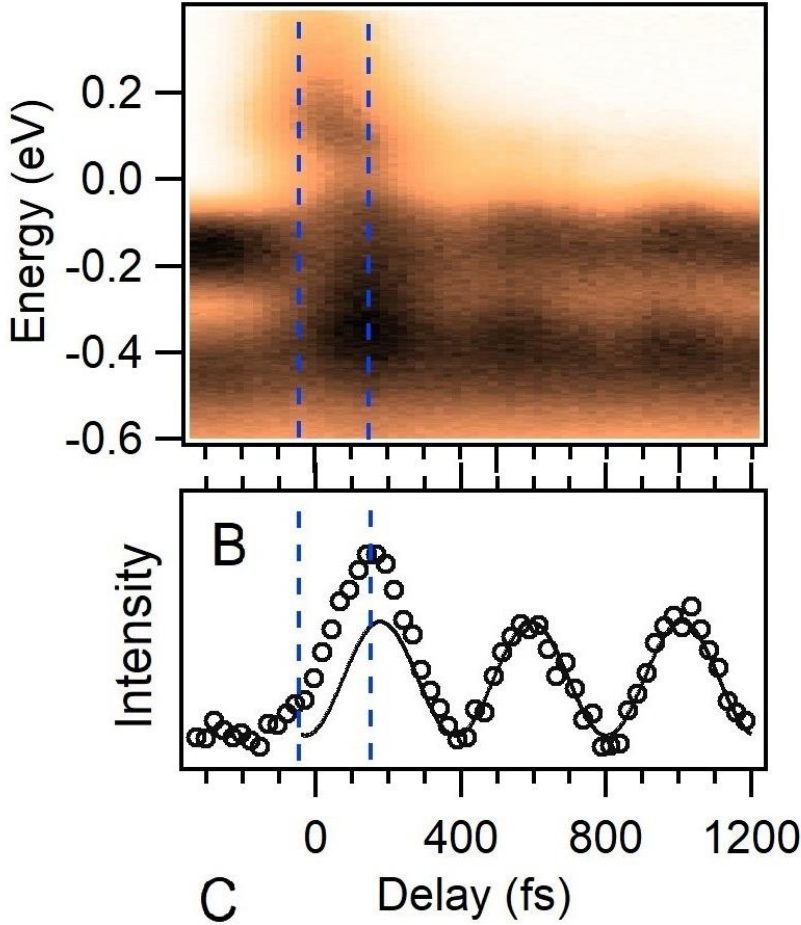


CDW fluctuations localize electronic states in nanodomains

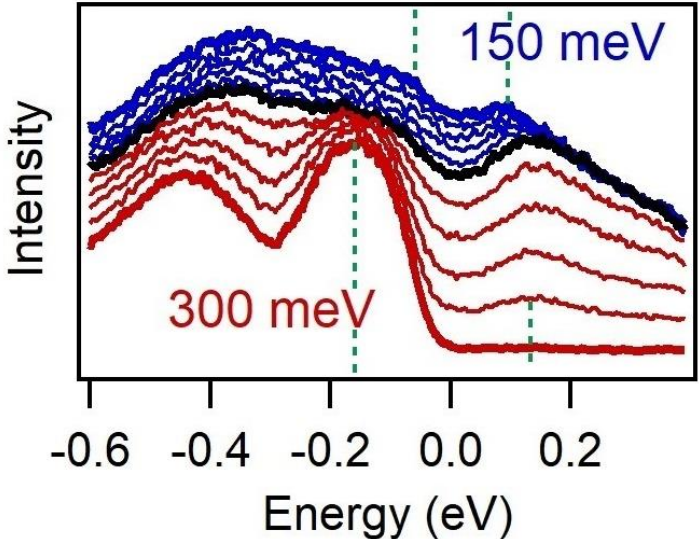
# Collapse of the CDW



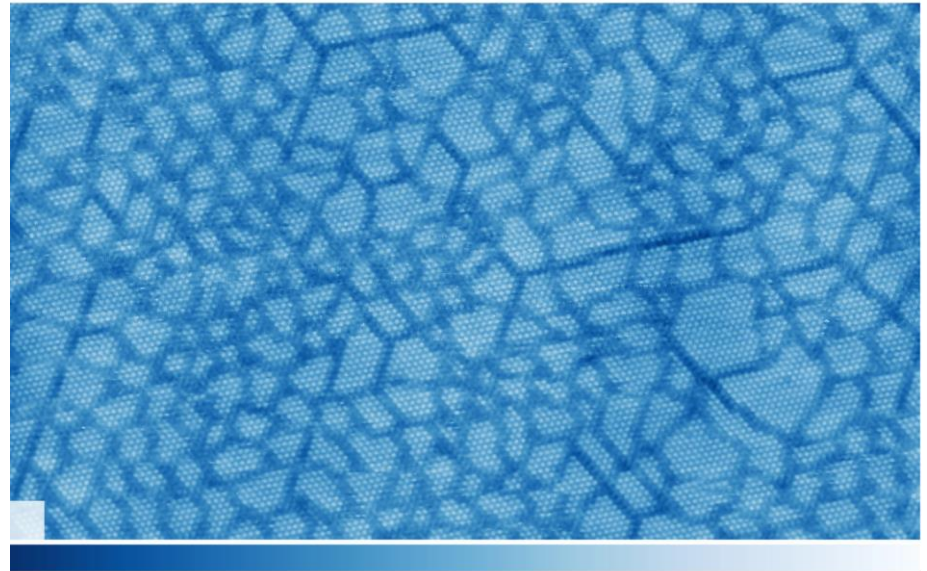
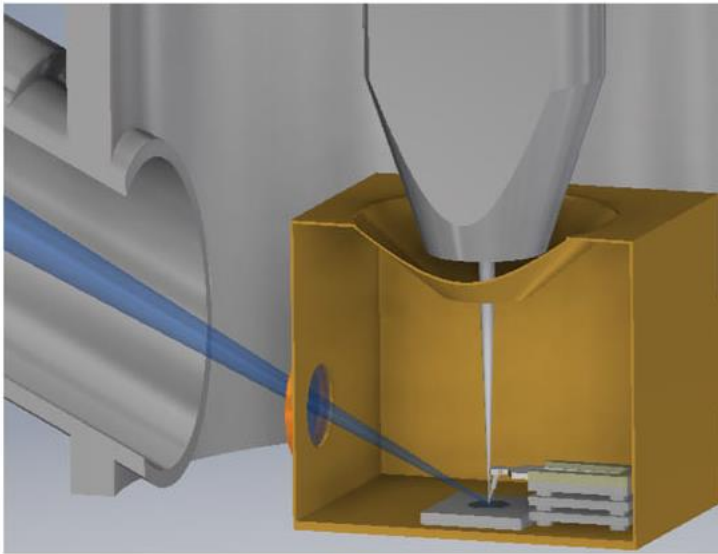
# Gap dynamics



Coherent: shrinking of LMPB-UMPB distance in  $\frac{1}{2}$  period of the CDW mode



# The Hidden phase



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# Conclusions

In plane chirality switch at the metal insulator transition

Control by laser beams and applied stress

Interplay of Coulomb repulsion and dimerization.

Electron localization during the photoinduced phase transition.

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