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Elemental 2D Materials Beyond Graphene

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Abstract: Two-dimensional (2D) materials, which possess atomic or molecular thickness and infinite planar lengths, are regarded as a novel family of materials that have a great potential to transform modern electronics. In this talk, I will review our recent work on silicene and germanene. The atomic honeycomb structures have been clearly demonstrated by scanning tunneling microscopy (STM). Their phonon properties and distinct electronphonon coupling effects have been revealed by in-situ Raman spectroscopy. Dirac fermion characteristics of silicene and germanene were demonstrated by scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STS) and angle-revolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES). The electronic dispersion, band gap, Fermi velocity, and surface reactive sites at the nano scale and atomic scale on the surfaces of the silicene and germanene have been studied in details. We also successfully modulated their electronic properties by tuning interlayer interaction.



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