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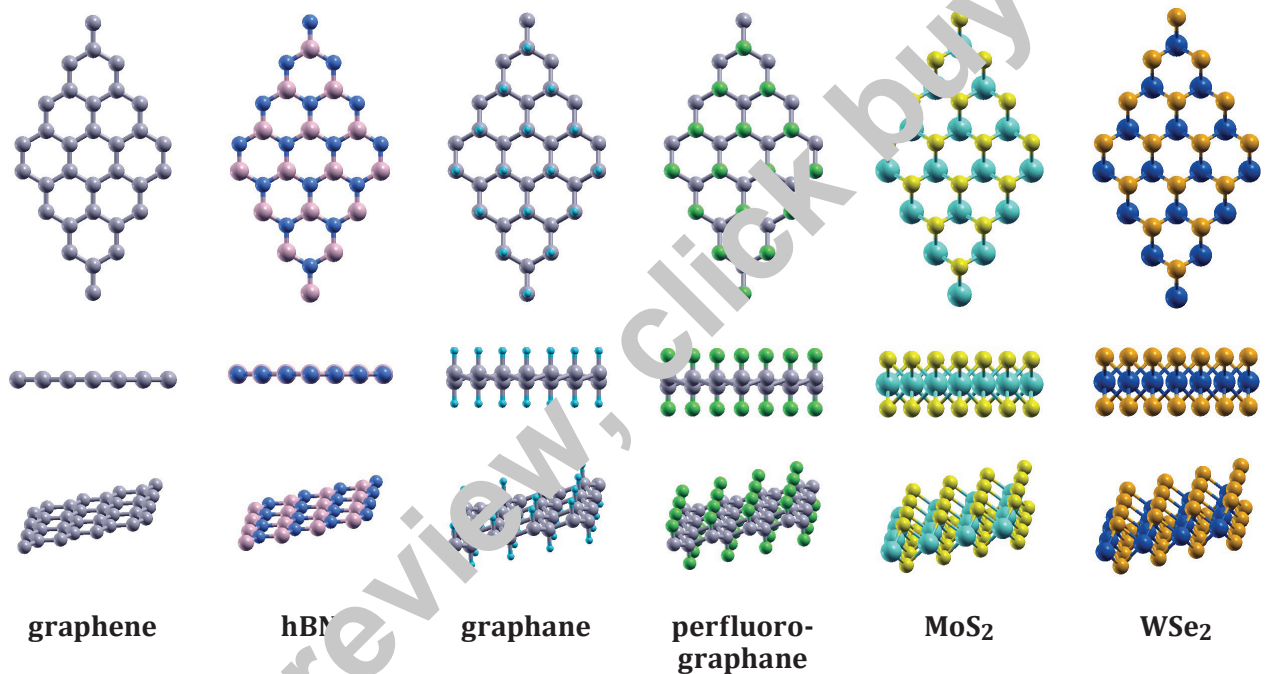
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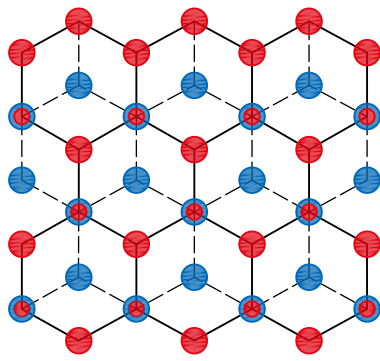
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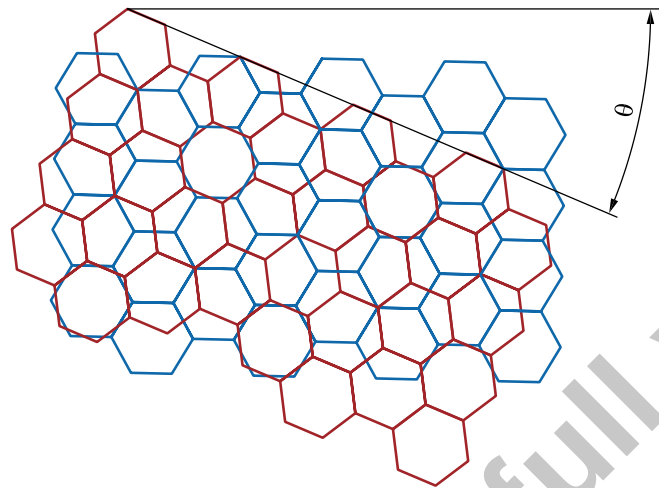
Over the last decade, huge interest has arisen in graphene both scientifically and commercially, due to the many exceptional properties associated with this material, properties such as the electrical and thermal conductivity. More recently, other materials with a structure similar to that of graphene have also shown promising properties including monolayer and few-layer versions of hexagonal boron nitride (hBN), molybdenum disulphide (MoS_2), tungsten diselenide (WSe_2), silicene and germanene and layered assemblies of mixtures of these materials. These materials have their thickness constrained within the nanoscale or smaller and consist of between one and several layers. These materials are thus termed two-dimensional (2D) materials as they have one dimension at the nanoscale or smaller, with the other two dimensions generally at scales larger than the nanoscale. A layered material consists of two-dimensional layers weakly stacked or bound to form three-dimensional structure. Examples of 2D materials and the different stacking configurations in graphene are shown in Figure 1. It should be noted that 2D materials are not necessarily topographically flat in reality and can have a buckled structure. They can also form aggregates and agglomerates which can have different morphologies. Two-dimensional materials are an important subset of nanomaterials.



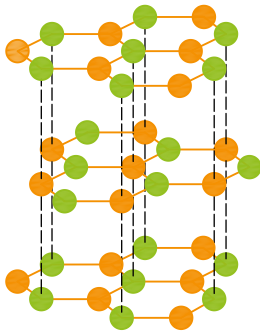
a) Examples of different two-dimensional materials consisting of different elements and structures, as shown by the different coloured orbs and top-down and side views



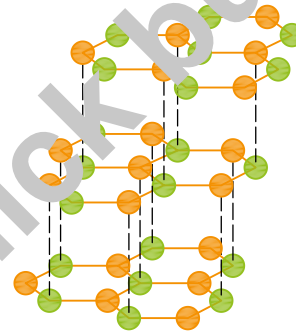
b) Bernal stacked bilayer graphene (3.1.2.6)



c) turbostratic bilayer or twisted bilayer graphene with relative stacking angle, θ , (3.1.2.7)



ABA trilayer



ABC trilayer

d) Bernal stacked (AB) (3.4.1.10) trilayer graphene (3.1.2.9) and Rhombohedral (ABC) (3.4.1.11) stacked trilayer graphene (3.1.2.9)

Figure 1 — Examples of 2D materials and the different stacking configurations in graphene layers

It is important to standardize the terminology for graphene, graphene-derived and related 2D materials at the international level, as the number of publications, patents and organizations is increasing rapidly. Thus, these materials need an associated vocabulary as they become commercialized and sold throughout the world.

This document belongs to a multi-part vocabulary covering the different aspects of nanotechnologies. It builds upon ISO/TS 80004-3, ISO/TS 80004-11 and ISO/TS 80004-6 and uses existing definitions where possible.

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Part 13:

Graphene and related two-dimensional (2D) materials

1 Scope

This document lists terms and definitions for graphene and related two-dimensional (2D) materials, and includes related terms naming production methods, properties and their characterization.

It is intended to facilitate communication between organizations and individuals in research, industry and other interested parties and those who interact with them.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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3.1 Terms related to materials

3.1.1 General terms related to 2D materials

3.1.1.1

two-dimensional material **2D material**

material, consisting of one or several *layers* (3.1.1.5) with the atoms in each layer strongly bonded to neighbouring atoms in the same layer, which has one dimension, its thickness, in the nanoscale or smaller and the other two dimensions generally at larger scales

Note 1 to entry: The number of layers when a two-dimensional material becomes a bulk material varies depending on both the material being measured and its properties. In the case of *graphene layers* (3.1.2.1), it is a two-dimensional material up to 10 layers thick for electrical measurements^[10], beyond which the electrical properties of the material are not distinct from those for the bulk [also known as *graphite* (3.1.2.2)].

Note 2 to entry: Interlayer bonding is distinct from and weaker than intralayer bonding.

Note 3 to entry: Each layer may contain more than one element.

Note 4 to entry: A two-dimensional material can be a *nanoplate* (3.1.1.2).