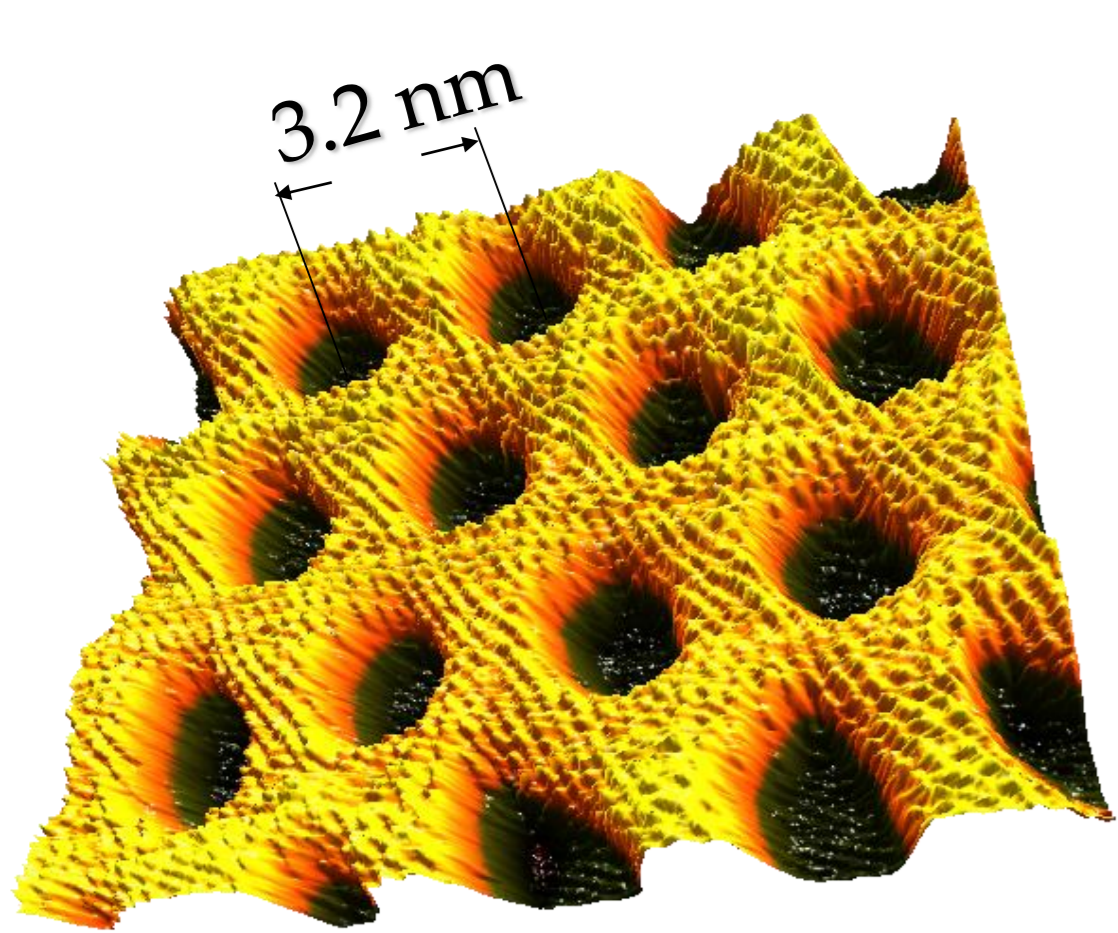


# Single Layer Boron Nitride Growth and Transfer on 4 Inch Wafers

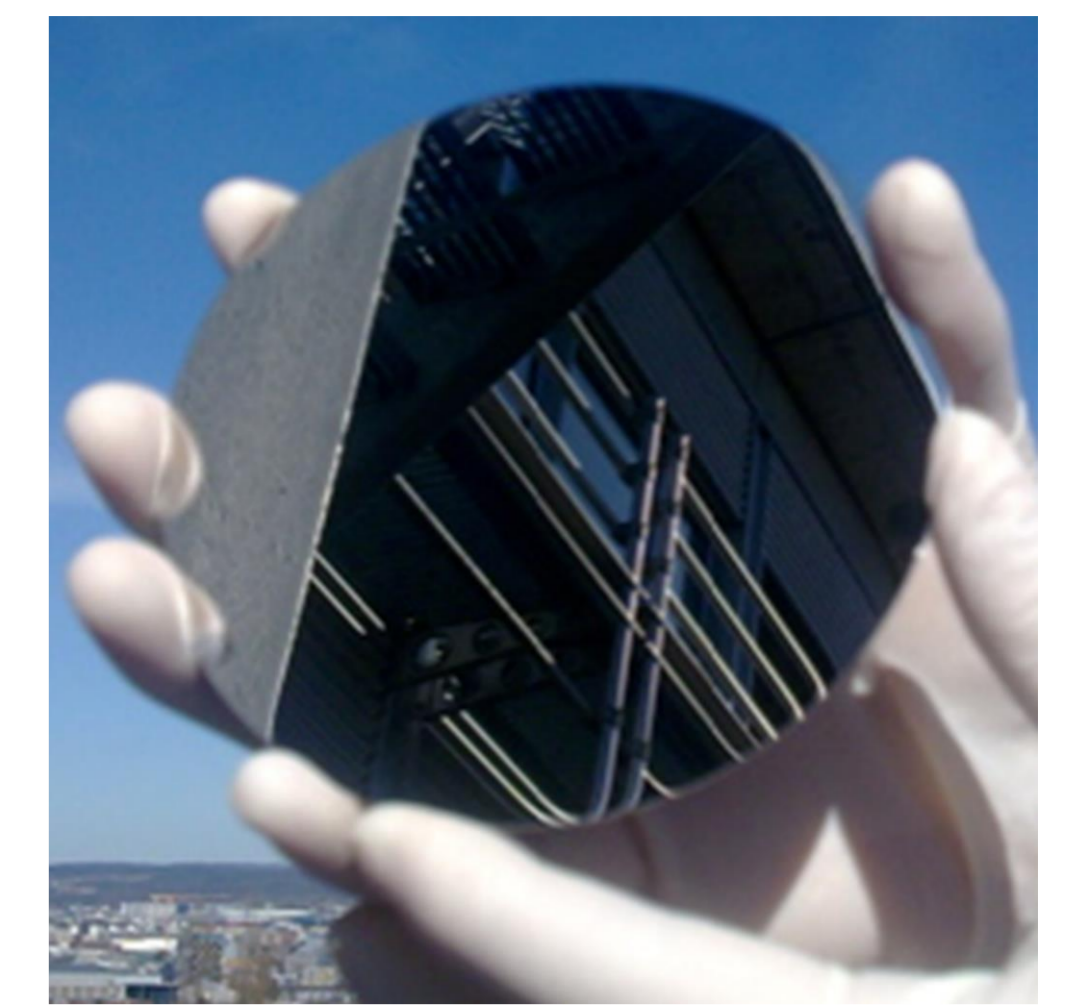
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**h-BN/Rh(111) nanomesh [1]**

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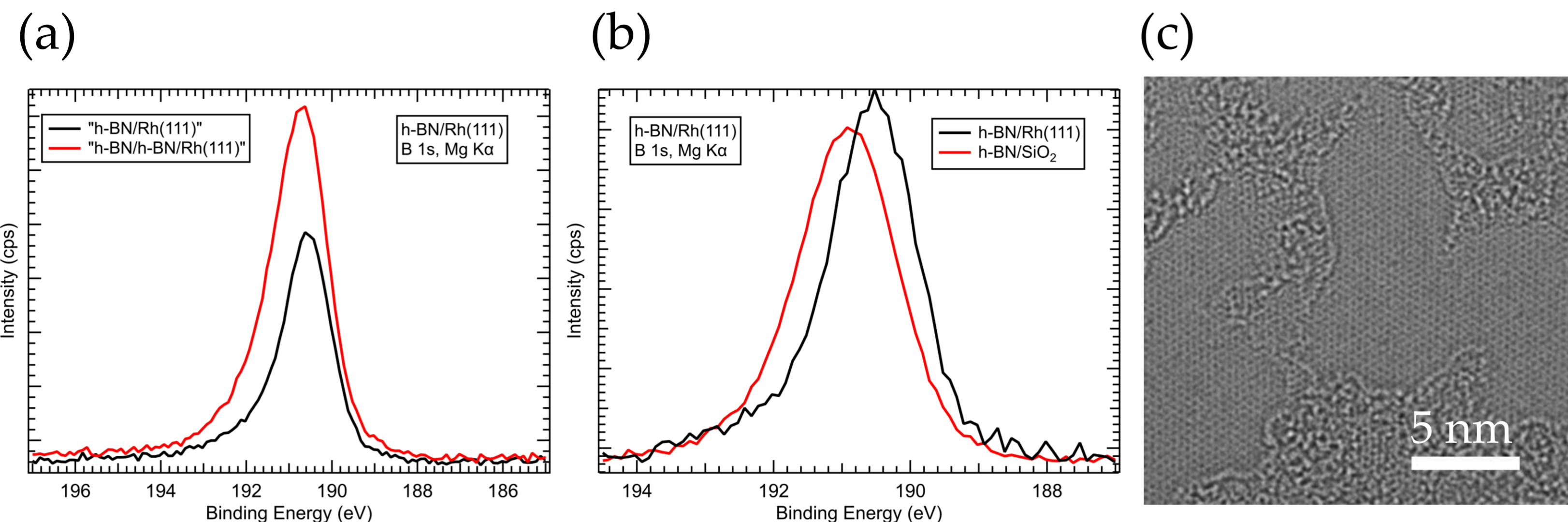


**h-BN/Rh(111) 4 inch wafer [2]**

## Introduction

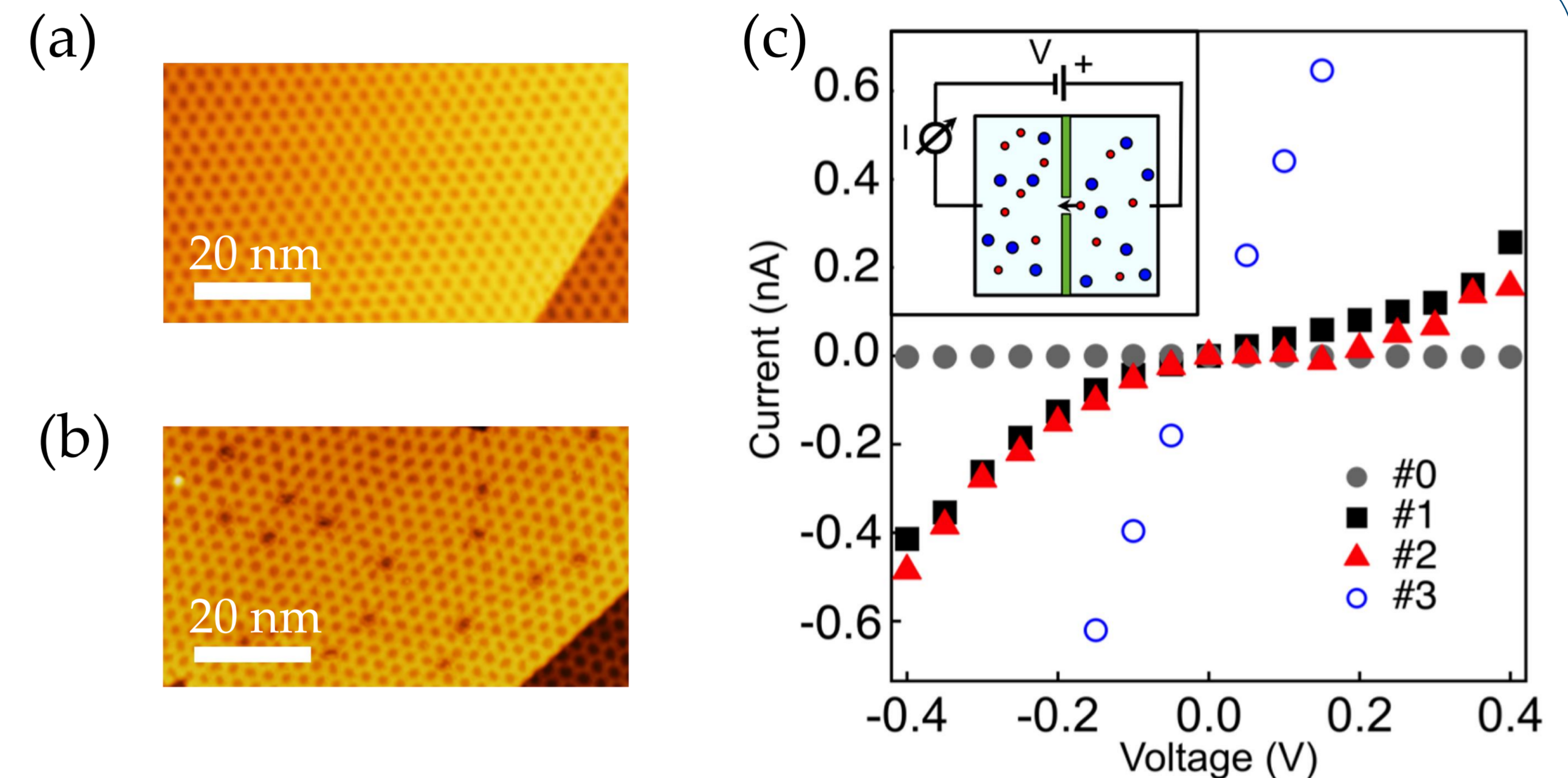
h-BN is a wide band gap insulating two-dimensional material, a promising candidate for substrates of graphene-based electronics and for ultimate thin membranes. On earth it has no natural abundance, we achieve single crystalline and single layer h-BN by UHV-CVD processes on 4 inch wafers. The vacuum facility is located in a cleanroom, which allows to fabricate state of the art h-BN devices with unmatched cleanliness. The high quality of the materials is fully determined by surface sensitive spectroscopic methods located in our lab.

## Delaminated h-BN



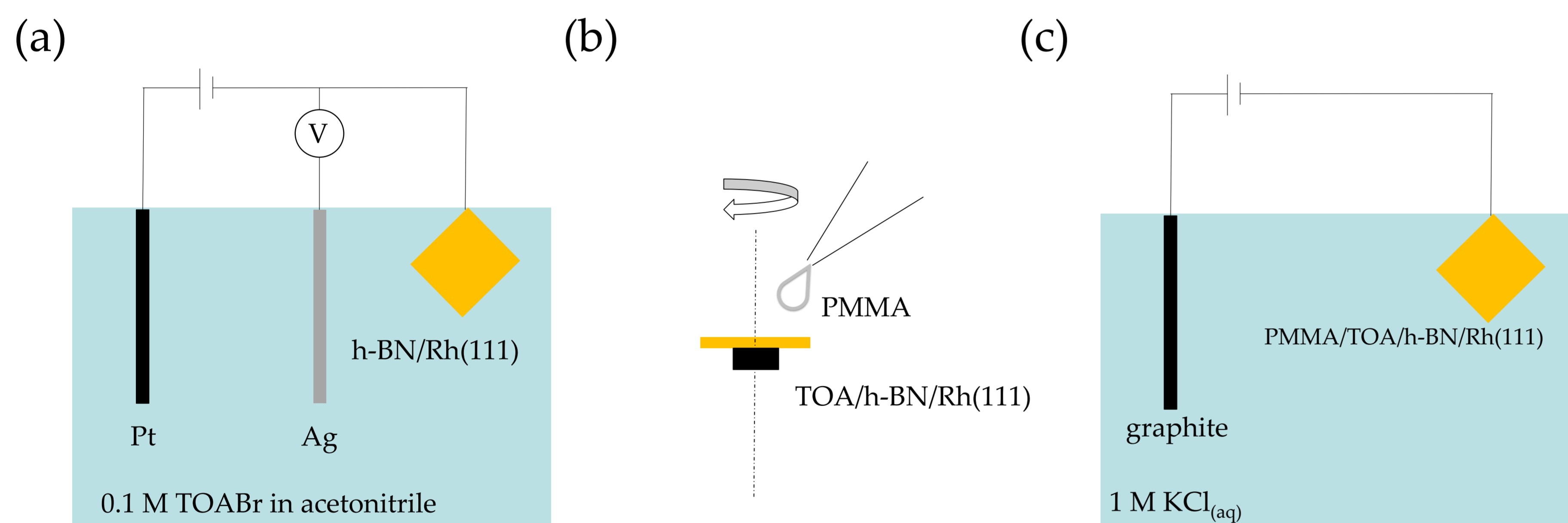
- (a) B1s core level XPS spectra before and after transfer to a pristine h-BN/Rh(111) sample. The increase of intensity indicates a successful transfer.  
(b) B1s core level XPS spectra before and after the transfer to a SiO<sub>2</sub>. The spectra, measured with the same parameters, demonstrate a transfer rate of 95%. [5]  
(c) Spherical aberration (Cs) corrected TEM of delaminated h-BN at 80 keV electron energy. [5]

## Ion Conductivity of h-BN Membranes



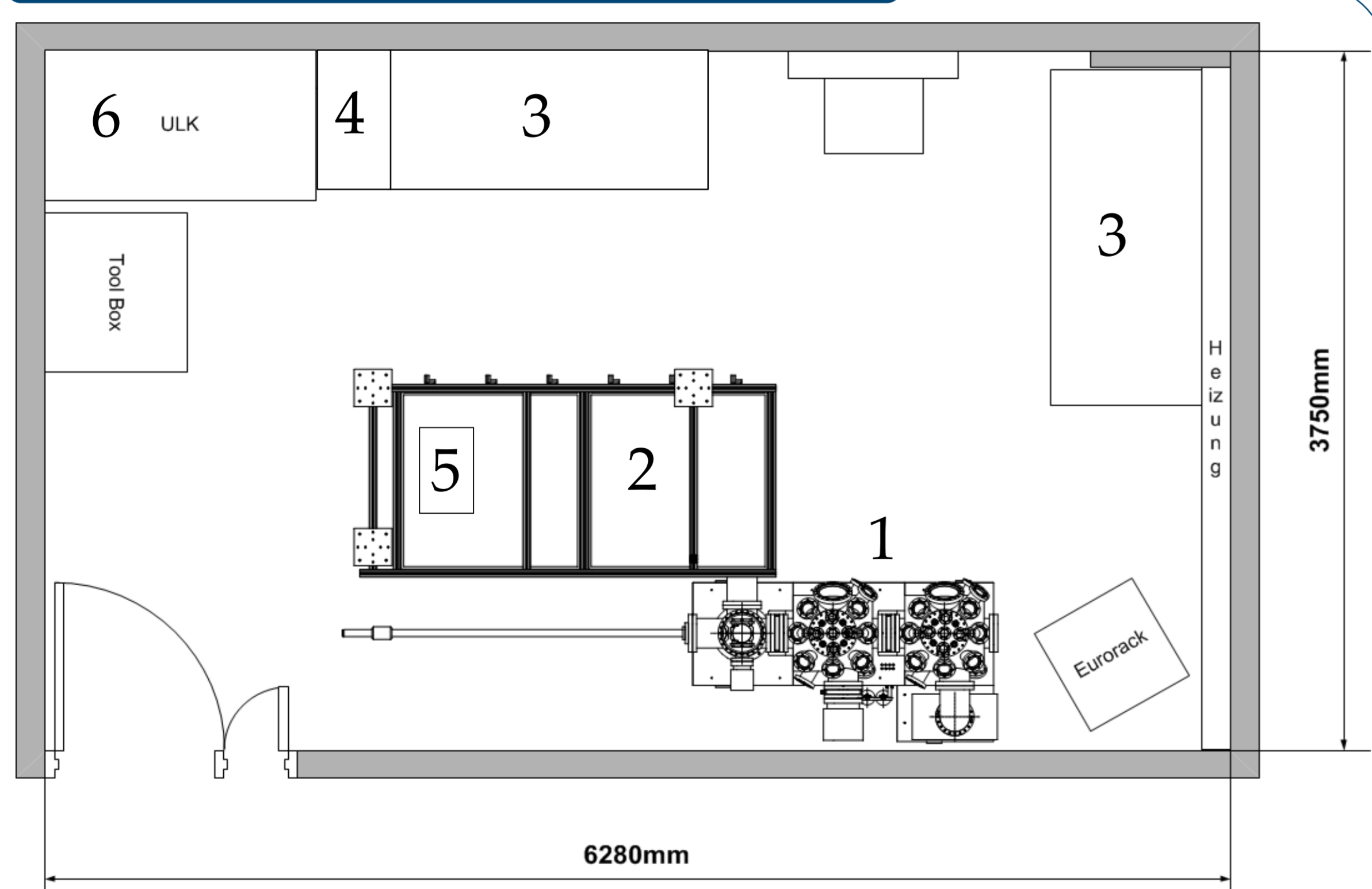
- (a) and (b) STM image of the h-BN/Rh(111) before and after "can-opener" treatment, which leads to 2nm voids in the h-BN. [6]  
(c) Ion conductivity in 10 mM KCl through a 50×50 nm<sup>2</sup> single layer h-BN membrane. The conductance of the KCl solution and the void dimensions allows to assign a discrete number of holes to each measured membrane. [5]

## Wet Chemical Transfer



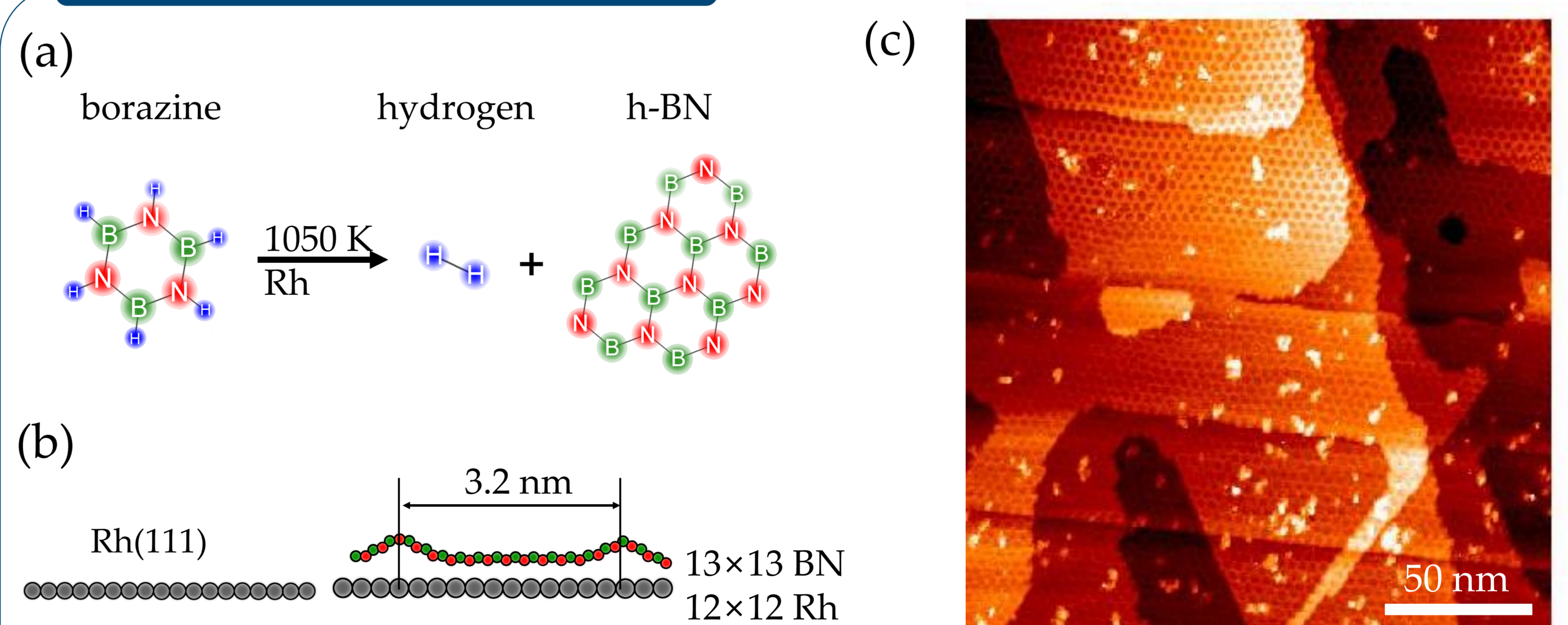
- (a) Tetraoctylammonium bromide (TOA Br) treatment of the h-BN/Rh(111) sample using a three-electrode setup. The sample is the working electrode, Pt acts as the counter electrode and the Ag wire is used as reference electrode. [4]  
(b) The TOA/h-BN/Rh(111) sample is spin coated with PMMA, which is needed as a support layer.  
(c) Electrolysis driven delamination of the PMMA supported h-BN single layer. The layer is lifted by the evolution of H<sub>2</sub> bubbles at the interface between h-BN and Rh(111).

## Sinergia Cleanroom



- Sinergia chamber
- Laminar flow
- Working tables
- Plasma cleaner
- Optical microscope
- Air conditioner

## h-BN Preparation



- (a) Decomposition of borazine to hydrogen and h-BN on the Rh(111) surface. [1,2]  
(b) Corrugation of the h-BN due to the lattice mismatch between Rh and BN. [1,3]  
(c) Scanning tunnel microscopy image of a h-BN/Rh(111) sample.

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