**Title:** Ferroelectric 2D semiconductors

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## **Abstract:**

This work investigates the ferroelectric properties of  $\gamma - In_2Se_3$ , a material that uniquely retains its spontaneous polarization at the nano-scale, making it resistant to depolarizing fields. With a direct band gap of 1.8 eV and the ability to switch between insulating and semiconducting phases at room temperature,  $\gamma - In_2Se_3$  holds promise for next-gen memory devices, where its stable ferroelectricity could revolutionize data storage and processing.

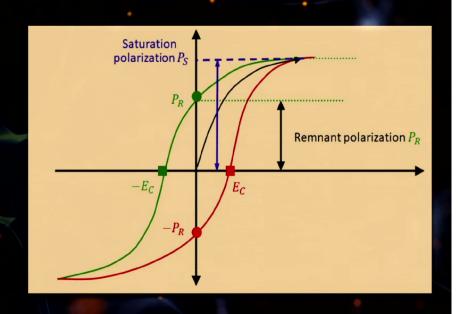
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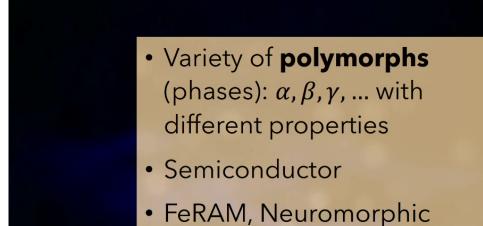
## Nano Ferroelectrics

- Centro-symmetry breaking
- $N \ge 2$  spontaneous states of the polarization,  $\underline{P} \longrightarrow \text{Multiple Logic states}$
- $\underline{P}$  adjusted with an electric field,  $\underline{\underline{E}}$



**Synaptic learning** 

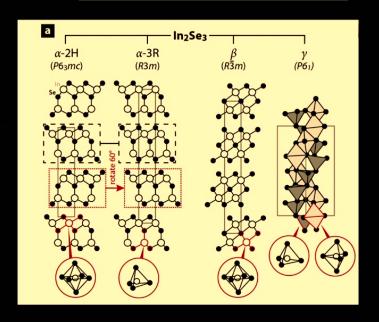
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memory, PRAM

Non-volatile memory and fast processing in a single nano-device

 $In_2Se_3$ 



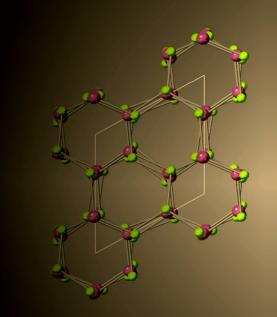
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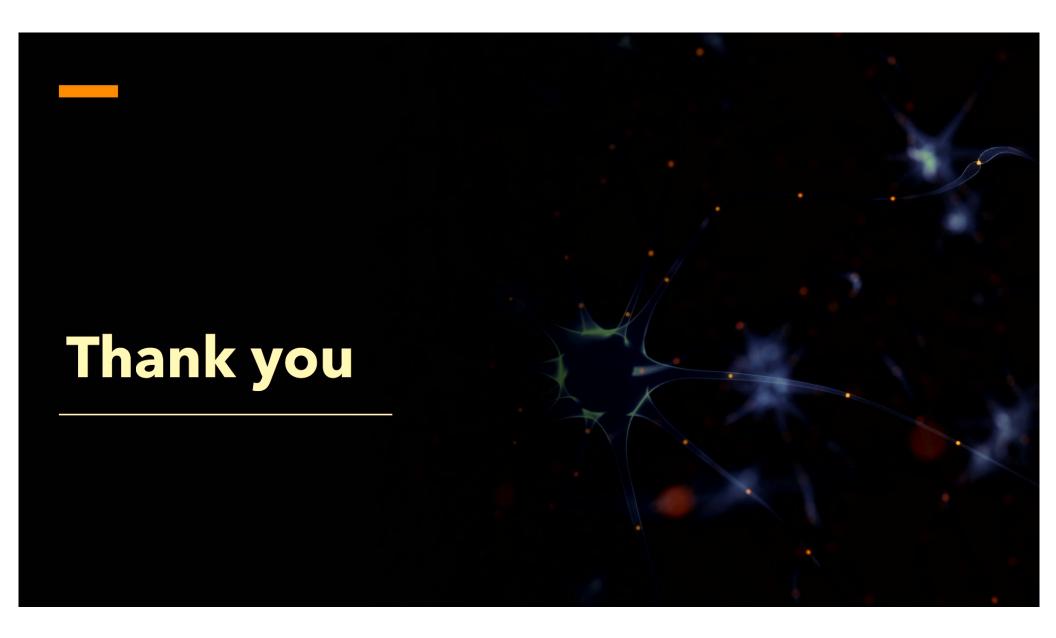
- Direct bandgap semiconductor
- Ferroelectric FeRAM
- Inter-phase → PRAM transitions



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γ-In<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>3</sub>

Energy (eV)



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