

Large-area ultrathin Te films with substrate-tunable orientation

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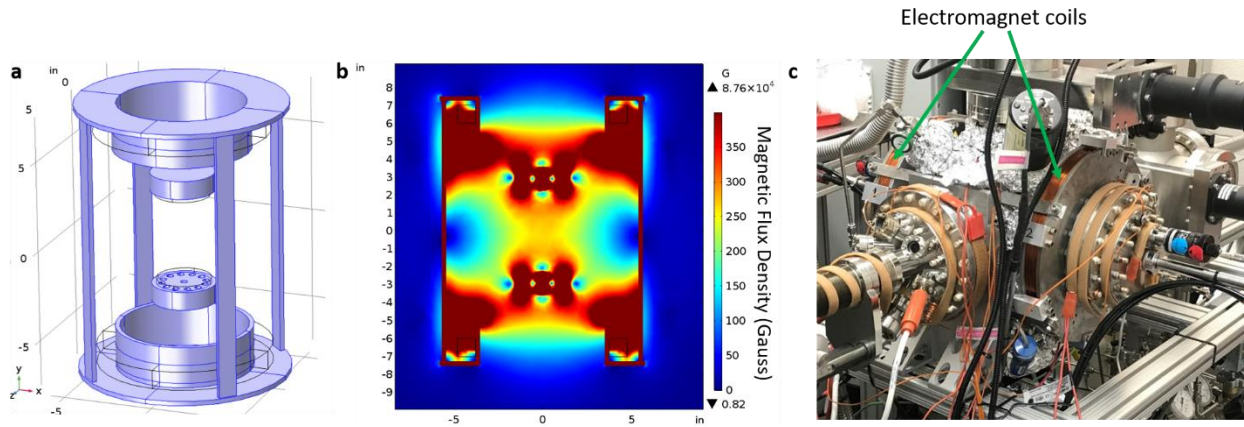


Figure S1. a) CAD drawing of the external electromagnet and magnetron geometries used in the finite element method (FEM) model in **b**. The outer confinement structure/flanges are soft Fe. b) 2D slice of the norm of the magnetic flux density in the sputtering chamber when equipped with 200-wire-turn electromagnets on either end (black boxes). FEM simulations were done in COMSOL. c) Photograph of the sputtering setup. External Helmholtz coils on either side of the deposition chamber are highlighted by green arrows.

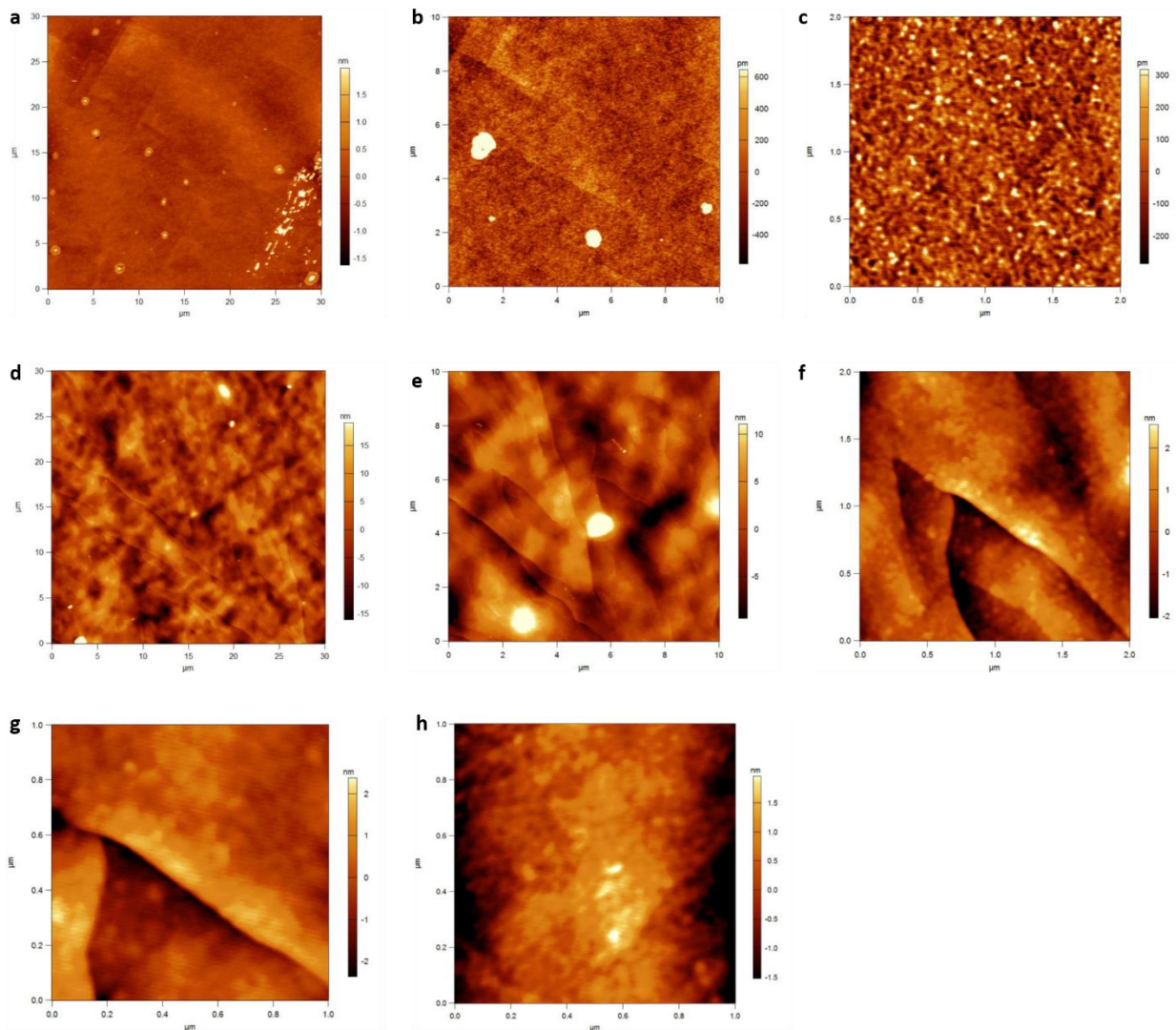


Figure S2. AFM topographical images at various fields of view of ultrathin Te grown on MgO (a-c) and HOPG (d-h).

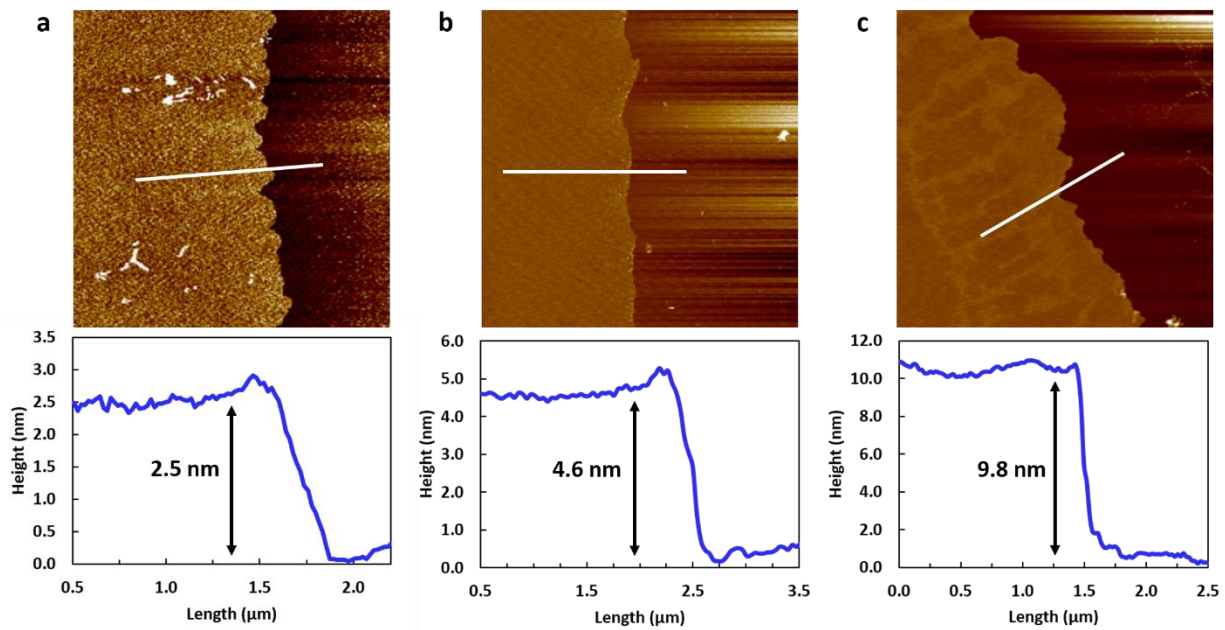
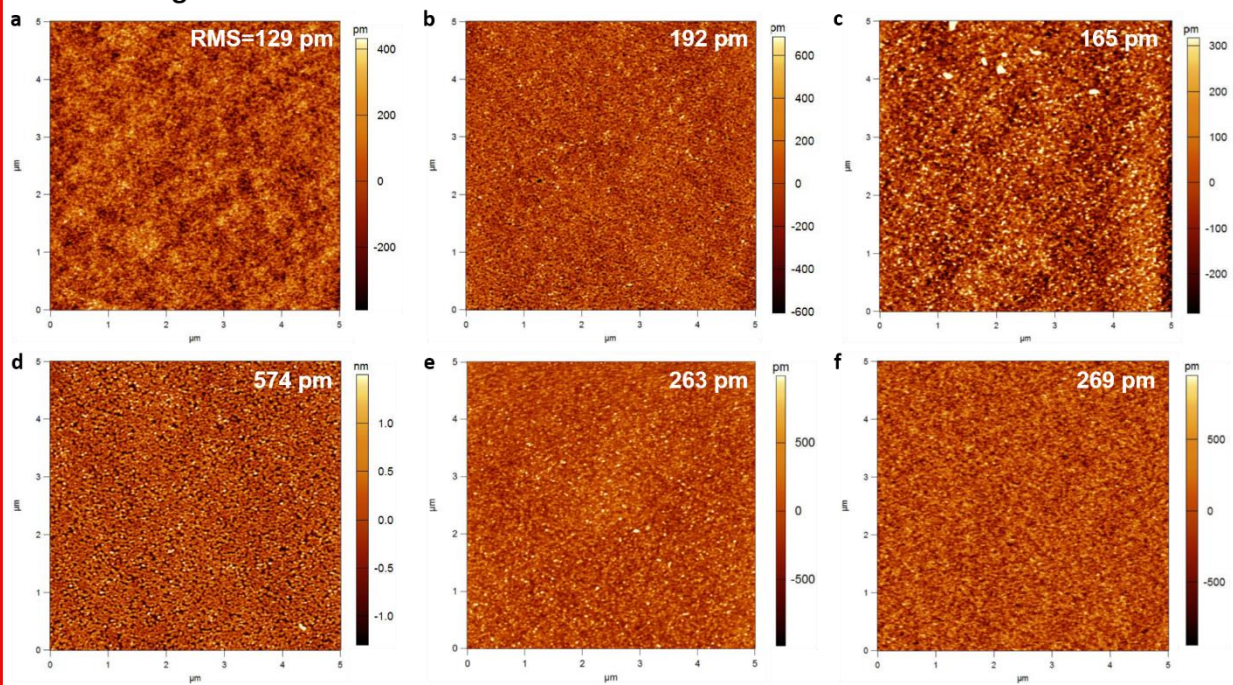
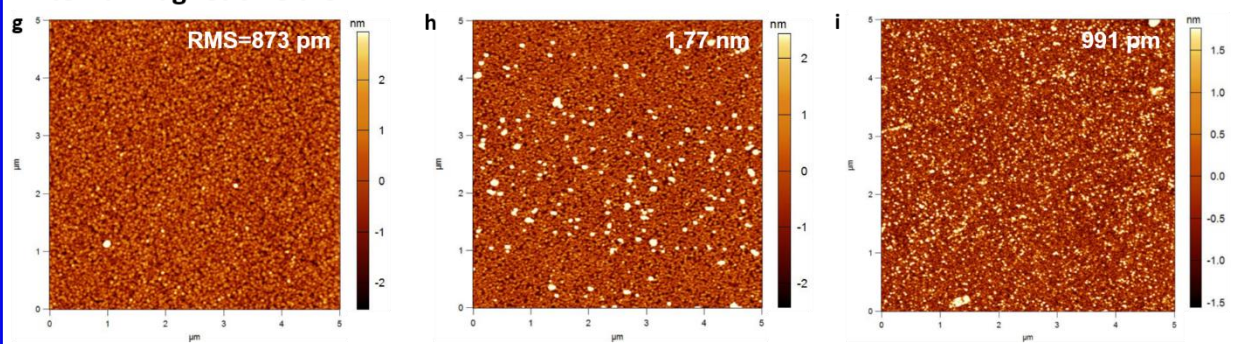


Figure S3. AFM images (top) and thickness profiles (bottom) of ultrathin Te with thickness of a) 2.5 nm, b) 4.6 nm, and c) 9.8 nm.

External magnetic field ON



External magnetic field OFF



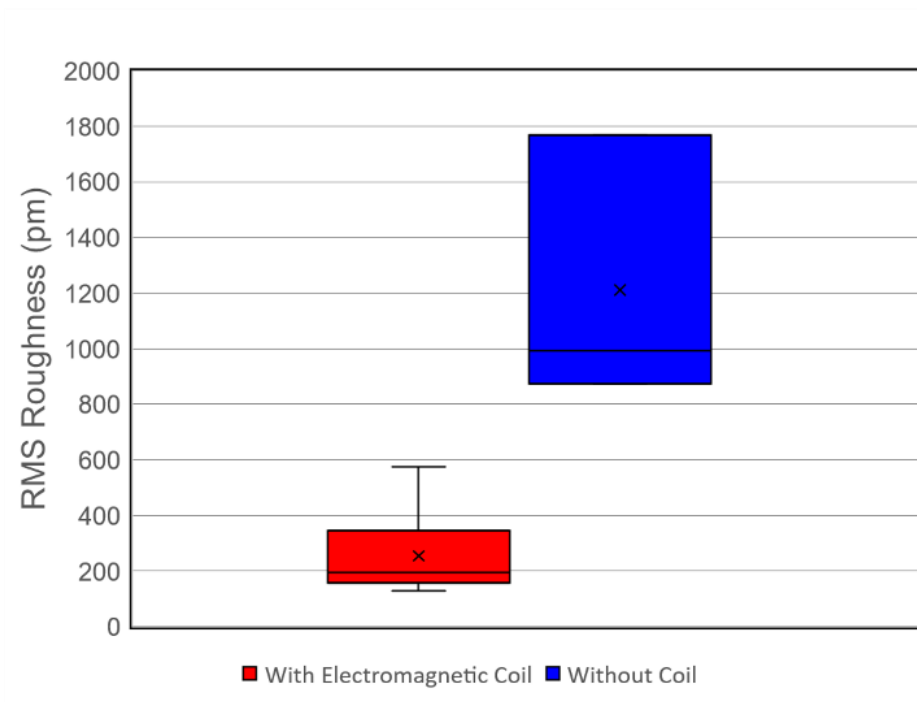


Figure S4. AFM topographical maps (top) from ultrathin Te grown with electromagnetic coils on (a-f) and electromagnetic coils off (g-i). Bottom) Statistical bar and whisker plot of images (a-g). Mean (x) and median (horizontal line) values are marked.

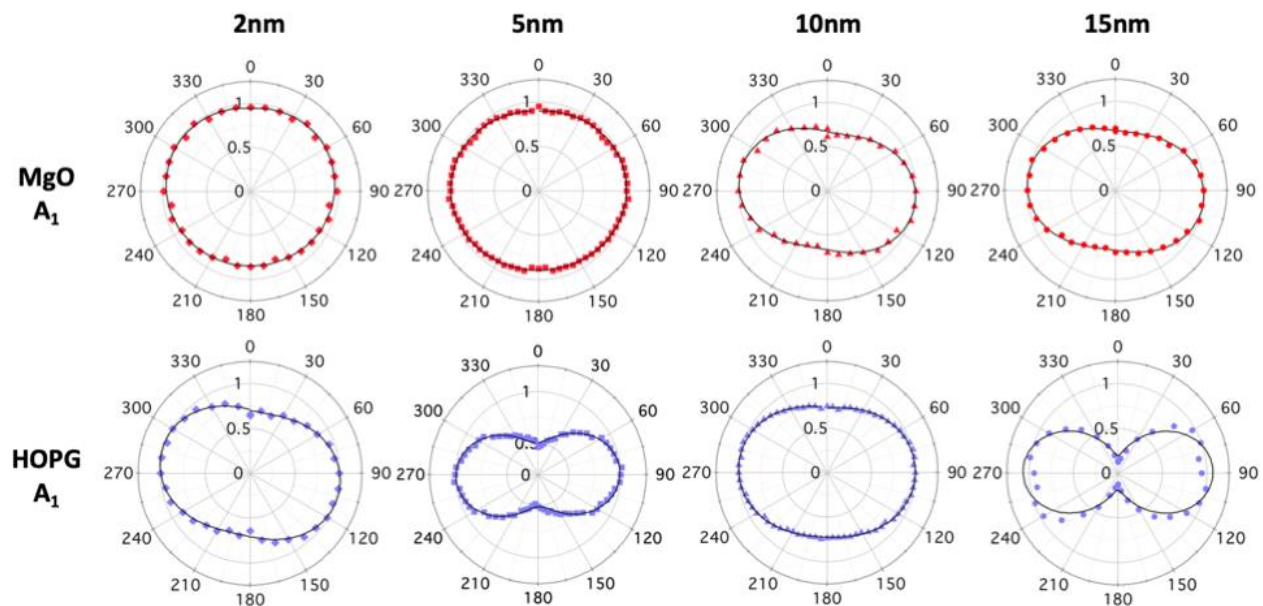


Figure S5. Radial Raman intensity profiles of the A_1 mode from MgO (top row) and HOPG (bottom row) for various Te film thicknesses.

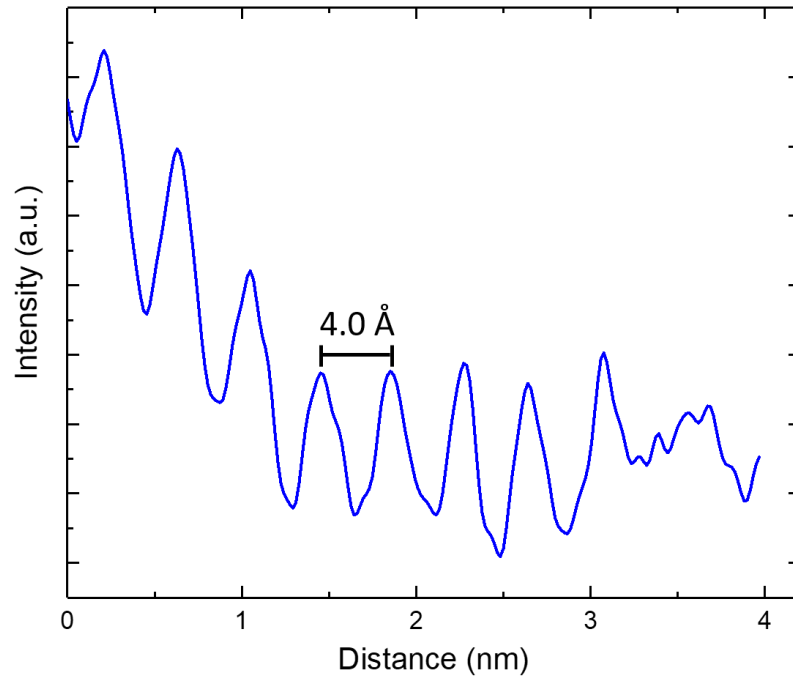


Figure S6. Line profile of the layer spacing of ultrathin Te from HRTEM in Figure 4.

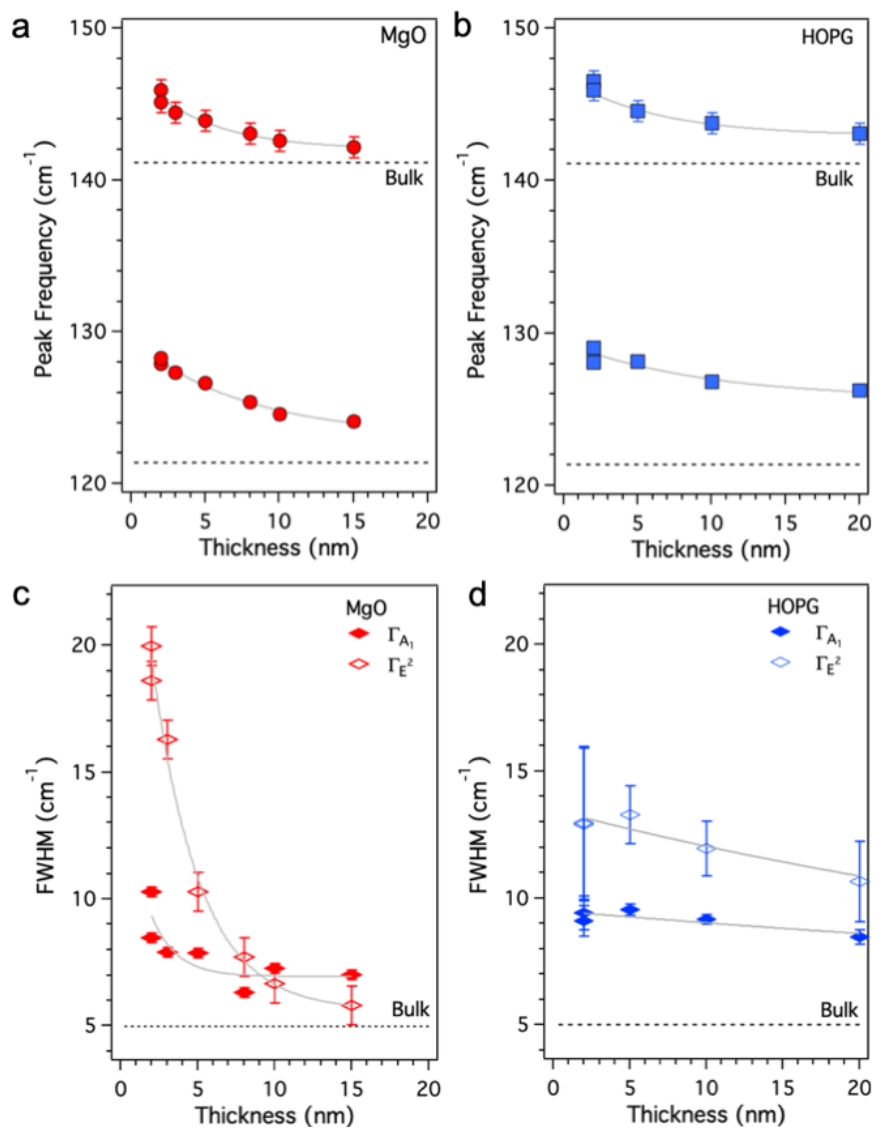
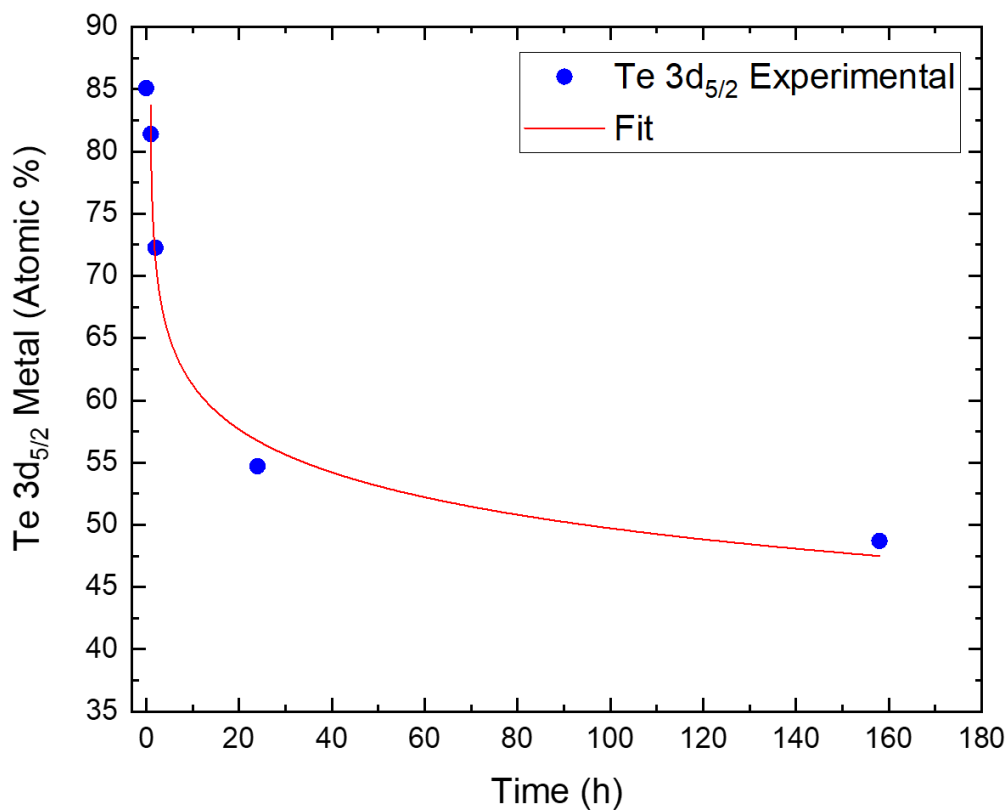


Figure S7. Raman peak frequencies as a function of film thickness from ultrathin Te films on (a) MgO and (b) HOPG. Peak linewidths (full width at half maximum intensity, FWHM) as a function of film thickness from Te films on (c) MgO and (d) HOPG.



Equation	$y = a - b \cdot \ln(x+c)$
a	71.9 ± 3.0
b	4.84 ± 0.84
c	-0.86 ± 0.16
R-Square (COD)	0.990

Figure S8. XPS data of the change in atomic % of the $\text{Te}^0 3d_{5/2}$ metal peak (573.0 eV) as a function of time in ambient conditions. Experimental data (blue) was fitted to a logarithmic decay (red).