

## Supporting Information For:

### Thermodynamics and Kinetics in van der Waals Epitaxial Growth of Te

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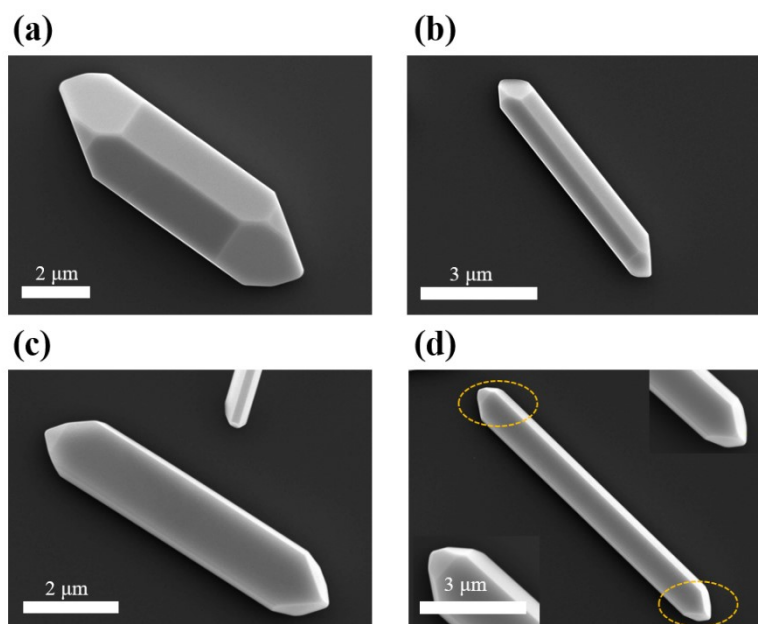
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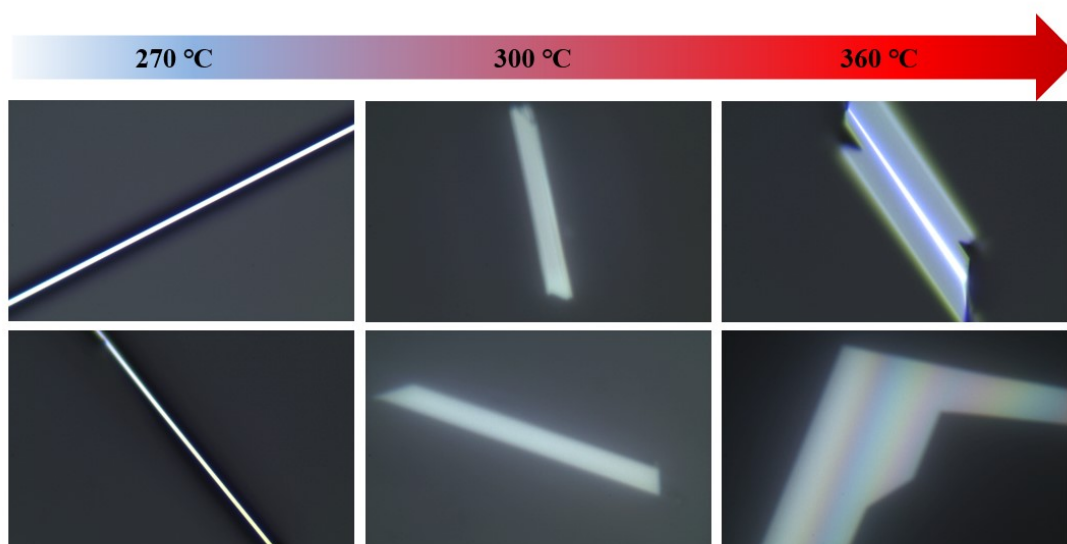
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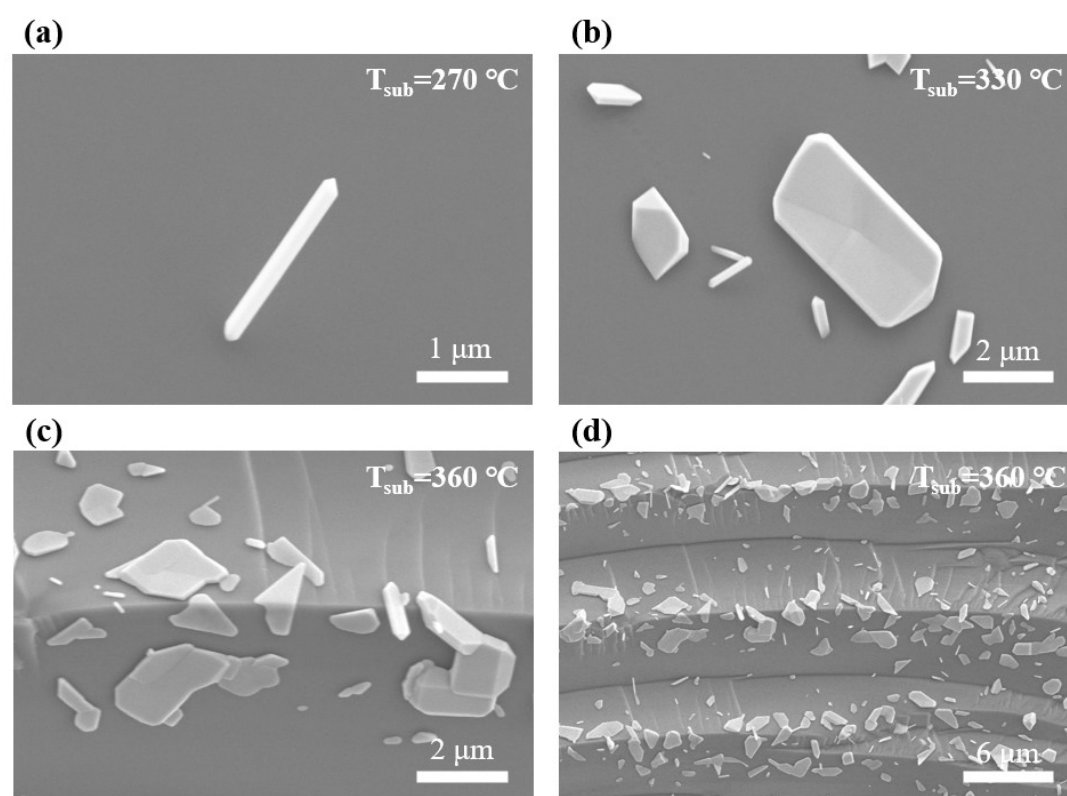
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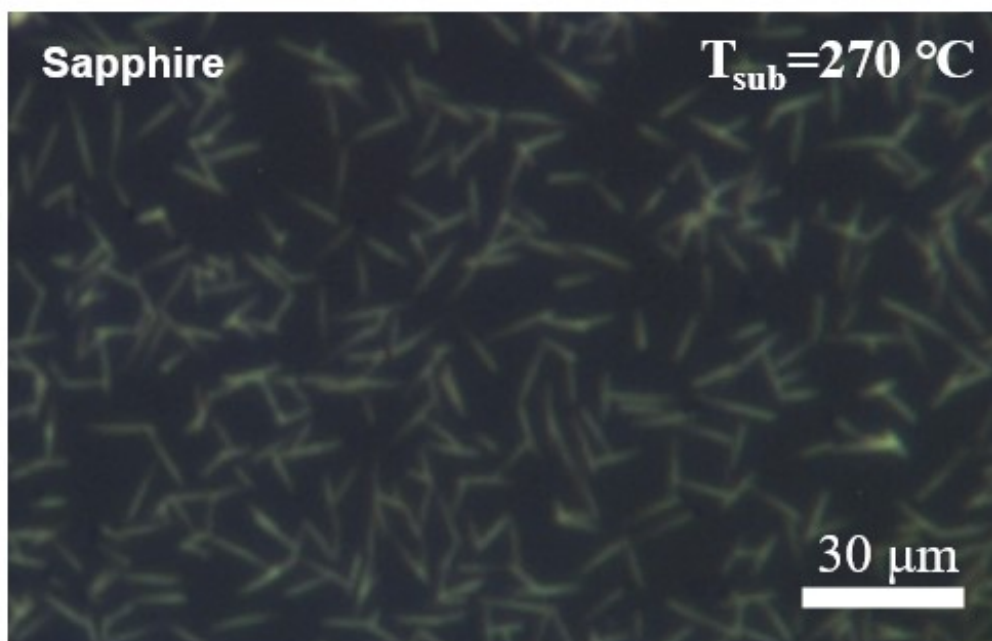
**Figure S1.** SEM images of CVD Te nanorods.



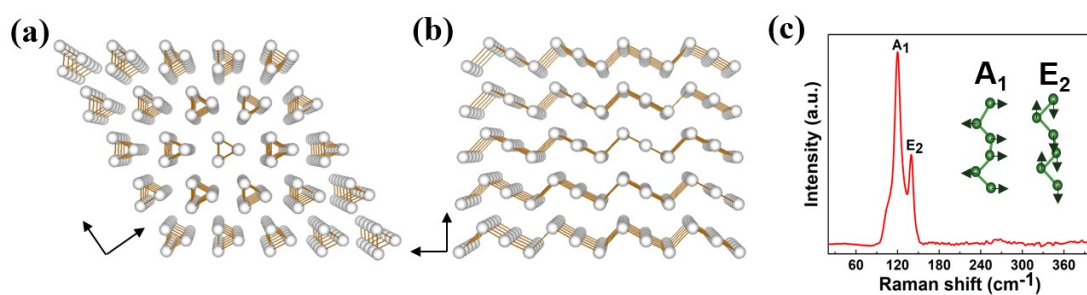
**Figure S2.** Optical images of CVD 1D and 2D Te crystals grown at different temperature on mica substrate.



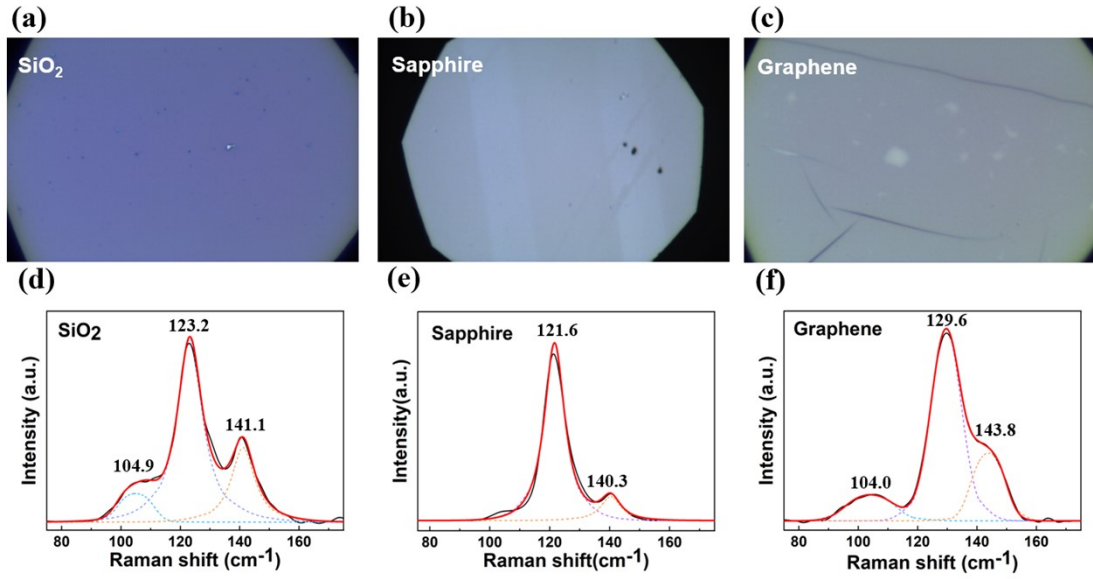
**Figure S3.** SEM images of CVD (a) 1D and (b-d) 2D Te crystals grown at different temperature on Si substrate.



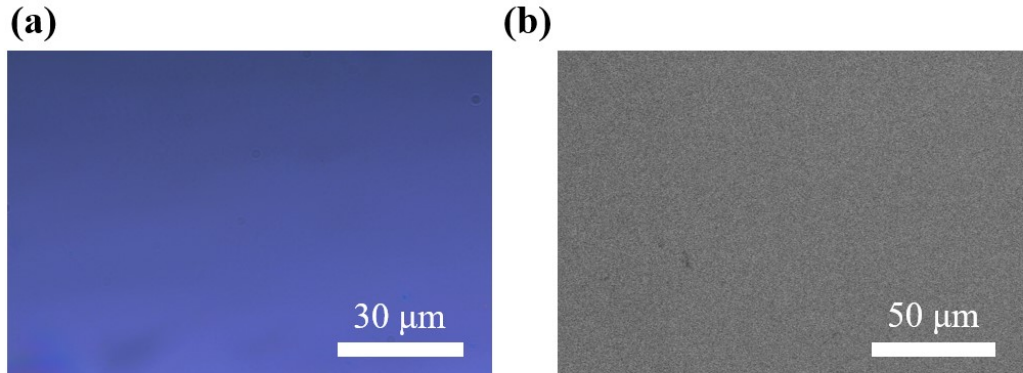
**Figure S4.** Optical image of CVD Te nanowires grown at 270 °C on sapphire substrate.



**Figure S5.** (a-b) Schematic illustration of Te crystal structure. (c) Raman spectrum of bulk Te synthesized via CVD on mica substrate. Inset is the A<sub>1</sub> and E<sub>2</sub> vibrational modes.



**Figure S6.** (a-c) Optical images of MBE Te films grown at 120 K on SiO<sub>2</sub>, sapphire, graphene substrate. (d-f) The corresponding Raman spectra are shown below. The original Raman data is represented by the black solid line. The fitted data is represented by the red solid line. The E<sub>1</sub>-LO peak is shown as the blue dashed line, the A<sub>1</sub> peak as the purple dashed line, and the E<sub>2</sub> peak as the yellow line.



**Figure S7.** (a) Optical and (b) SEM images of the sample grown in MBE at T<sub>sub</sub>=523 K on SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate.