IRG2-Seed: Room-temperature 2D Magnets

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Achievement: Employing quantum sensors based on nitrogenvacancy (NV) center in diamond, we studied the two-dimensional (2D) magnets Fe_5GeTe_2 (FGT) and co-substituted FGT (CFGT). Our studies reveal that magnetism persists in thin flakes of these materials, down to 16 nm thick, at room temperature and above.

Importance of the achievement: 2D magnetic materials present a promising platform for novel spintronics and hybrid quantum materials. However, the vast majority of 2D magnets have Curie temperature T_c much below room temperature. Hence, this result paves the way towards practical application of 2D magnets.

Relation to IRG2: Our result identifies 2D magnets as a promising platform for THz devices and magnon-based hybrid quantum systems.

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a) NV quantum sensors are used to image the magnetic field generated by a 2D magnet. b) Lattice structure of FGT and CFGT 2D magnet studied. c) Magnetic field from several thin flakes of CFGT (flake thickness indicated).



