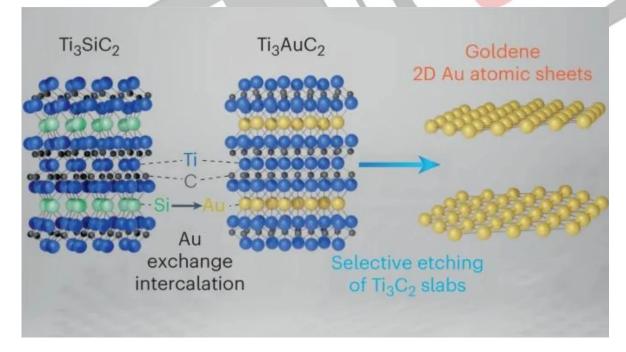
Goldene

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Recently, researchers in Sweden have created **'Goldene' - a** <u>single-atom layer</u> **of gold** that can be used in a variety of applications like **hydrogen production, and water purification, production of valueadded chemicals,** communication, and much more.

- They used a modified version of Murakami's reagent, inspired by an ancient Japanese smithing (forging art) technique, to selectively remove carbon in darkness and prevent cyanide formation, which dissolves gold.
- The researchers used a **three-dimensional base** material where gold is embedded between layers of **titanium and carbon to create Goldene**.
 - The manipulation of matter on atomic, molecular, and supramolecular scales, (about 1 to 100 nanometers) is termed as Nanotechnology. One nanometer (nm) is one-billionth or (10⁻⁹) of a meter.
- This new form of gold has different properties than regular gold similar to the case of graphene.
 - For example: Gold is usually a metal, but if a single atom layer thick gold can become a semiconductor instead.



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