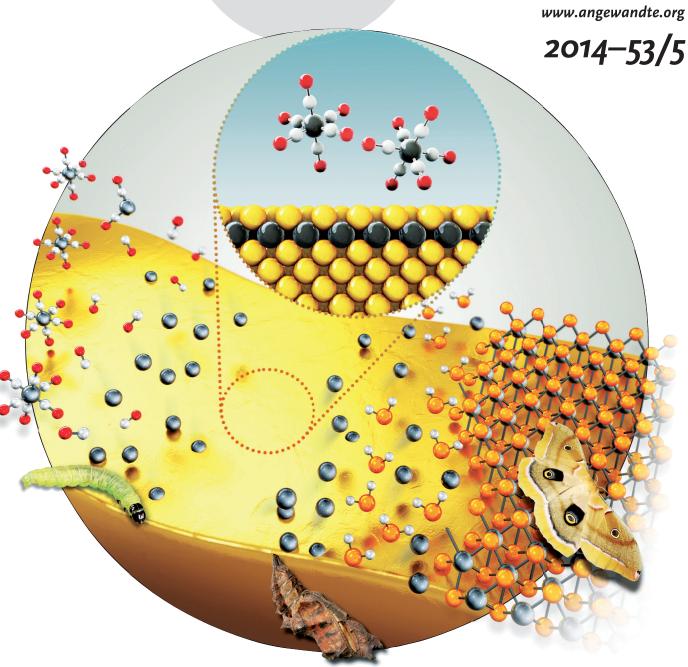
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Patternable growth ...

... of large-scale MoS_2 atomic layers is presented by H. C. Choi et al. in their Communication on page 1266 ff. The picture shows the analogy between the growth of MoS_2 and a moth. Losing CO ligands, Mo atoms roam like a caterpillar. They soon form a surface alloy, hiding from the outside like in a cocoon. Upon exposure to H_2S , they then come to the surface, as does a moth.

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