

2D VAN DER WAALS HETEROSTRUCTURES FOR EMERGING DEVICE APPLICATIONS

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Van der Waals (vdW) heterostructures are formed by stacking layers of different 2D materials and offer the possibilities to design new structures with atomic-level precision. In this talk, I will show how these heterostructures provide unprecedented opportunities to realize emerging device applications, especially in the fields of memory, computing and advanced optoelectronics.

I will first show that robust memristors with good thermal stability, which is lacking in traditional memristors, can be created from a vdW heterostructure composed of graphene/MoS_{2-x}O_x/graphene. The devices exhibit excellent memory performance with an endurance of up to 10⁷ and a high operating temperature of up to 340 °C. With the help of *in situ* electron microscopy, we revealed the origin of good thermal stability and a possible switching mechanism.[1] We also observed ballistic avalanche phenomena in a thin vdW heterostructure made of black phosphorus and Indium Selenide (InSe). Such phenomena can be utilized to realize efficient carrier manipulation and develop advanced optoelectronic devices. [2] Our latest results on a gate-tunable vdW heterostructure for reconfigurable neural network vision sensor, as well as an electrically tunable homojunction for reconfigurable logic and neuromorphic circuits will also be presented. [3, 4]

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