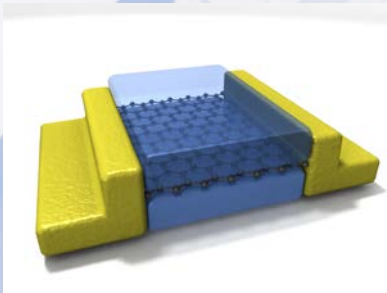


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Putting things on top of other things: Fabrication and applications of van der Waals heterostructures

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Two-dimensional materials such as graphene can achieve spectacular performance but are highly sensitive to disorder from the environment. We have developed techniques to controllably ‘stack’ graphene on insulating hexagonal boron nitride, which dramatically reduces disorder and increases performance. In addition, these heterostructures can display novel behavior due to the presence of ‘superlattice’ potentials arising from the graphene-BN stacking. In recent work, we have extended these techniques to create fully encapsulated devices whose performance approaches the ideal behavior of sgraphene. These techniques can be used to create heterostructures of other 2D materials such as MoS₂ and WSe₂. I will describe our studies of basic science and applications of these devices.

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