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Physics Department Colloquium

Electronic Transport and Device Applications of 2D Materials

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During the last decade, tremendous research efforts have been focused on two-dimensional (2D) materials due to their rich physics and great potentials for many applications. Our group at Nanjing University is now focusing on electronic transport, electro-mechanical properties, optoelectronic properties, and related device applications of various 2D materials. The first part of my talk will focus on the electro-mechanical properties of suspended graphene, which is the thinnest flexible conductive material. I will present the positive piezoconductive effect we observed in suspended bi- and multi-layer graphene. The effect is highly layer-dependent, with the most pronounced response for tri-layer graphene. The effect, and its dependence on the layer number, can be understood as resulting from the strain-induced competition between interlayer coupling and intralayer hopping, as confirmed by the numerical calculation based on the non-equilibrium Green's function method. ^[1]

The second part of the talk will cover our recent studies on transition-metal dichalcogenides (TMD) with low lattice symmetry. In a predicted type-II Weyl semimetal (WSM) material, tungsten ditelluride (WTe_2), we observed notable angle-sensitive negative longitudinal

magnetoresistance (MR) and the strong planar orientation dependence which reveal important transport signatures of chiral anomaly. By applying a gate voltage, we further demonstrated that the Fermi energy can be tuned through the Weyl points via the electric field effect; this is the first report of controlling the unique transport properties *in situ* in a WSM system. [2] We also studied atomically thin rhenium disulfide (ReS₂) flakes exhibiting interesting in-plane anisotropic transport and mechanical properties, as well as excellent optoelectronic properties. We fabricated mono- and few-layer ReS₂ field effect transistors, which exhibit competitive performances and record-high anisotropic ratio. We further successfully demonstrated an integrated digital inverter with good performances by utilizing two ReS₂ anisotropic field effect transistors, suggesting the promising implementation of large-scale two-dimensional logic circuits. [3] Our latest results on the ultra-high responsivity phototransistors based on few-layer ReS₂ and broadband photovoltaic detectors based on an atomically thin heterostructure will also be presented. [4,5]

References:

[1] Xu, *et al.* “The positive piezoconductive effect in graphene”, *Nat. Comm.* 6, 8119 (2015).

[2] Wang, *et al.* “Gate-Tunable Negative Longitudinal Magnetoresistance in the Predicted Type-II Weyl Semimetal WTe₂”, *Nat. Comm.* (2016) (in press).

[3] Liu, *et al.* “Integrated Digital Inverters Based on Two-dimensional Anisotropic ReS₂ Field-effect Transistors”, *Nat. Comm.* 6, 6991 (2015).

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(Cookies and coffee are served from 1:30 pm)