

The World of 2D: It's All About Interfaces

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The last decade has seen nearly exponential growth in the science and technology of two-dimensional materials. Beyond graphene, there is a huge variety of layered materials that range in properties from insulating to superconducting. Furthermore, heterogeneous stacking of 2D materials also allows for additional “dimensionality” for band structure engineering. In this talk, I will discuss recent breakthroughs in two-dimensional atomic layer synthesis and properties, including novel 2D heterostructures and novel 2D nitrides. Our recent works demonstrate that the properties of 2D materials, especially those grown via CVD, are extremely sensitive to the substrate choice. I will discuss substrate impact on 2D layer growth and properties, doping of 2D materials with magnetic elements, selective area synthesis of 2D materials, and the first demonstration of 2D gallium nitride (2D-GaN). Our work and the work of our collaborators has led to a better understanding of how substrate not only impacts 2D crystal quality, but also doping efficiency in 2D materials, and stabilization of nitrides at their quantum limit.

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