Magnetotransport studies in hybrid 2D/0D nanostructures

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We introduce a device fabrication strategy that takes advantage of stacking techniques developed for van der Waals heterostructures to construct hybrid 2D/0D composite magnetic nanostructures, with potential application in the study of spin and charge disorder as well as magnetic-proximity effects. The structures in this study are comprised of superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles (SPIONs) and monolayer graphene. The SPIONs are deposited first using a Langmuir-Blodgett technique, yielding rafts of highly ordered nanoparticles (Fig.1b). Characterization via magnetic force microscopy (MFM) reveals magnetic order at multiple length scales and SQUID magnetometry identifies both glassy antiferromagnetic and ferromagnetic response. Single graphene monolayers are mechanically stacked on the SPIONs layer, and characterized via low temperature magneto-transport. Initial measurements show good electron mobility in the graphene layer and indications of exchange coupling between the graphene and the SPIONs layer.

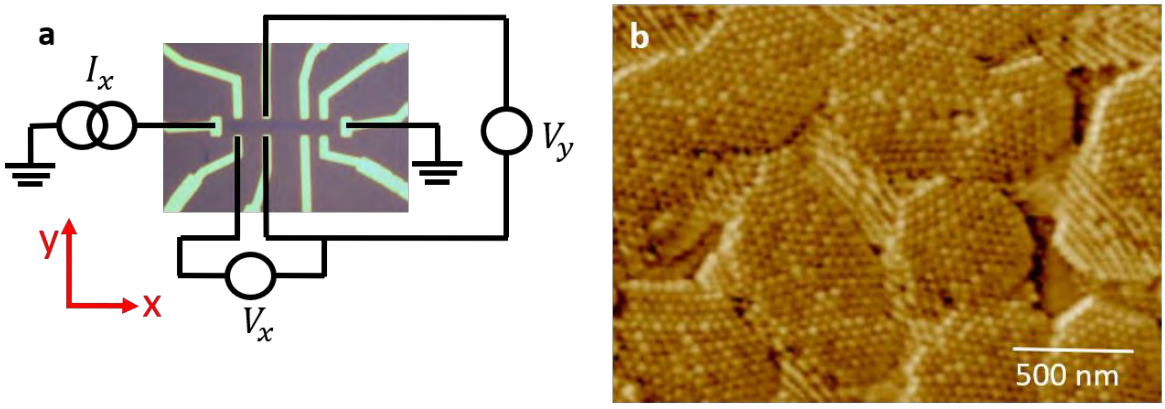

Figure 1 (a) geometry of the measurement. (b) MFM showing the SPIONs rafts.