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Direct growth of single- and few-layer MoS₂ on h-BN by CVD method¹ AIMING YAN, JAIRO VELASCO, JR., SALMAN KAHN, Univ of California - Berkeley, KENJI WATANABE, TAKASHI TANIGUCHI, National Institute for Materials Science, Japan, FENG WANG, MICHAEL CROMMIE, Univ of California - Berkeley, ALEX ZETTL, Univ of California - Berkeley; Materials Sciences Division, LBNL; Kavli Energy NanoSciences Institute at the Univ of California, Berkeley and LBNL — As a promising candidate for the next-generation electronics, large-scale single- and few-layer molybdenum disulfide (MoS₂) grown by CVD method is an important advancement towards technological implementation of this material. However, the choice of substrate can significantly affect the performance of MoS₂ based devices. An attractive insulating substrate or mate for MoS₂ (and related materials such as graphene) is hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN). Stacked heterostructures of MoS₂ and h-BN have been produced by manual transfer methods, but a more efficient and scalable assembly method is needed. Here we demonstrate the direct growth of single- and few-layer MoS₂ on h-BN by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) method. The growth mechanisms for single- and few-layer samples are found to be distinct, and for single-layer samples low relative rotation angles (<5) between the MoS₂ and h-BN lattices prevail. In addition, MoS₂ directly grown on h-BN maintains its intrinsic 1.89 eV bandgap. Our CVD synthesis method presents a viable path towards high-quality MoS₂ based field effect transistors in a controllable and scalable fashion.

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