

Supplementary Information:-

Similar Structure but Different Thermodynamic, Dielectric, and Frictional Properties of Confined Water in Twisted 2D Materials: MoS₂ vs. Graphene

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Order Parameter Values

Table 1S: The Ψ_4 and \diamond order parameter values for MoS₂ systems with respect to twist angle

Twist [degree]	Ψ_4	pcd(\diamond)
0.0	0.76 ± 0.01	0.85 ± 0.01
9.4	0.75 ± 0.01	0.86 ± 0.01
21.8	0.72 ± 0.01	0.87 ± 0.01
29.4	0.73 ± 0.02	0.81 ± 0.03

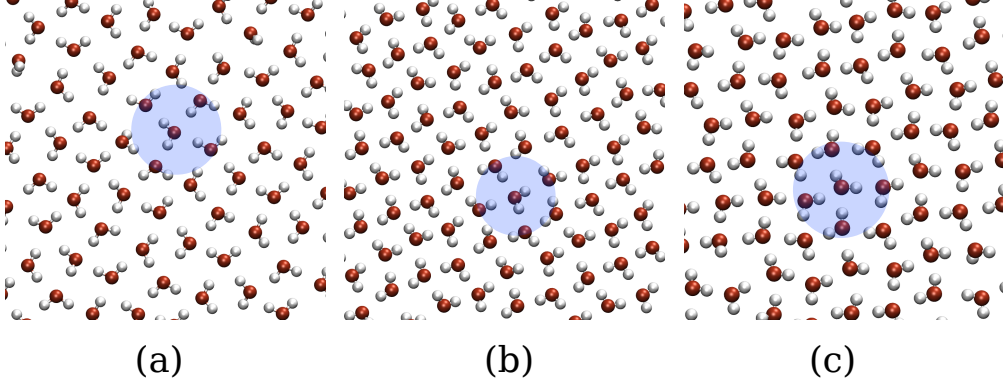


Figure 1S: The confined water structure inside (a) 0.0° , (b) 9.4° , (c) 21.8° twisted bilayer graphene system. These final structures show a regularly ordered water structure, which is described as square like ordering. (d) Shaded region denotes the radius of first nearest neighbors that determine the quartic order parameter.

Table 2S: The Ψ_4 and \diamond order parameter values for graphene systems with respect to twist angle

Twist [degree]	Ψ_4	pcd(\diamond)
0.0	0.73 ± 0.03	0.85 ± 0.01
9.4	0.72 ± 0.03	0.86 ± 0.01
21.8	0.72 ± 0.03	0.91 ± 0.01
29.4	0.74 ± 0.01	0.89 ± 0.01

Synthetic structure formulation

A square is a special rhombus whose diagonal lengths are equal because the rhombus, in that case, will be constrained to have all its angles as 90° . Hence, we start laying out the problem from a general rhombic structure and control the difference of diagonal lengths to get a square. Fig. 3S shows the unit rhombus of side length l that we consider to find the constrained relation between a diagonal (p) and diagonal length difference with the other diagonal (d). Thus, the other diagonal is $p + d$.

From the geometry of a rhombus and the above definition, we can write,

$$\sqrt{l^2 - \frac{p^2}{4}} - \frac{p}{2} = \frac{d}{2} \quad (1)$$

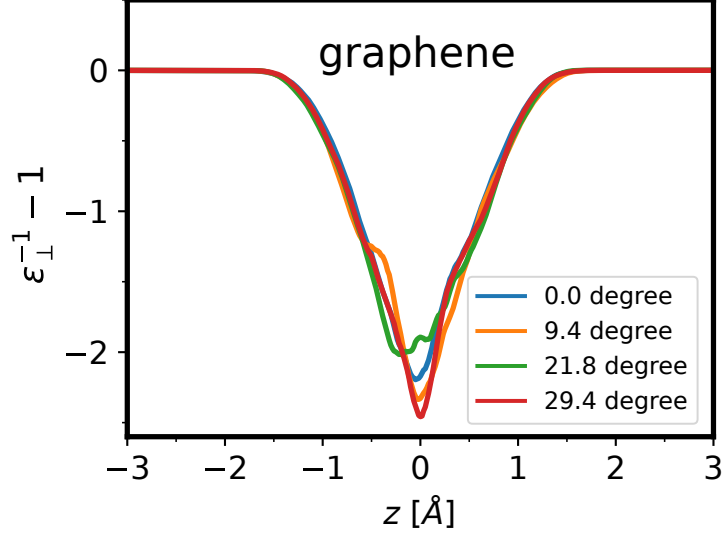


Figure 2S: Confined water dielectric profile inside bilayer graphene for various twist angles.

The solution to the above equation is,

$$\frac{p}{2l} = -\frac{d}{4l} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{8 - \frac{d^2}{l^2}} \quad (2)$$

Writing d as a fraction of l , *i.e.* $d = kl$ where $0 \leq k \leq 1$,

$$p = \frac{l}{2}(\sqrt{8 - k^2} - k) \quad (3)$$

We can use this value of p to construct a synthetic lattice that can be tuned between a square and rhombic ordered structure depending on the value of k used. Fig. 4S shows the representation of such a construction based on the lattice constant that can be written as,

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{a} &= \left(\frac{(p + kl)}{2}, \frac{p}{2} \right) \\ \vec{b} &= (p + kl, 0) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

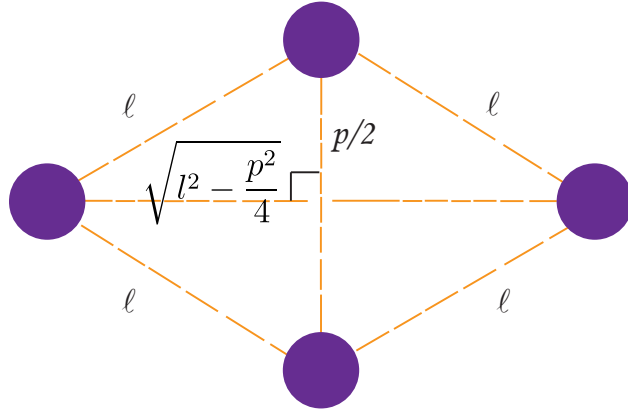


Figure 3S: A unit structure of rhombus. One diagonal of the rhombus is of length p , and all the sides of the rhombus are of length l . When $p = \sqrt{2}l$, both the diagonals will be of equal length, and it will be a perfect square.

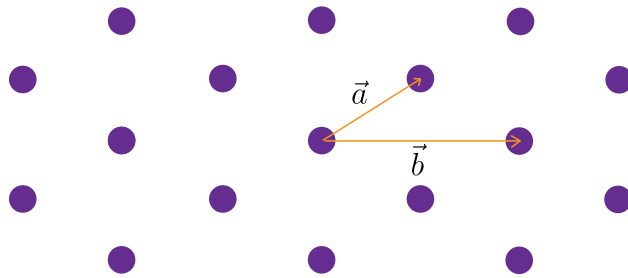


Figure 4S: A rhombic lattice with lattice vectors \vec{a} and \vec{b} , constructed from small rhombus units. The structure can be smoothly turned to square and back to any general rhombus by varying k in the evaluation of \vec{a} and \vec{b} .