## Supporting Information

Chemical vapor deposition of bilayer graphene with layer-resolved growth through dynamic pressure control

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# **S1.** Experiment conditions of VPCVD growth

Experiment number (#)	The flow rate ratio of CH <sub>4</sub> to H <sub>2</sub> ( )	Growth time (min)	Variation rate of pressure (KPa/min)	Growth temperature (°C)
1	1:200	5.5	18.36	
2	1:150	7.5	13.47	
3	1:100	10	10.1	
4	1:75	15	6.73	
5	1:50	21	4.81	1020
6	1:40	27	3.74	
7	1:30	37	2.73	
8	1:20	45	2.24	

**Table S1**. The experiment parameters of as-grown graphene by VPCVD method.

S2. Supplementary SEM, optical, and Raman microscope characterizations



Fig. S1 SEM images of as-grown graphene on copper foils by VPCVD with 1 sccm  $CH_4$  and different  $H_2$  flow rates [a) 150, b) 75, and c) 30 sccm, also see Table S1].



Fig. S2 SEM and optical images of as-grown graphene by VPCVD with 1:10 flow rate ratio of  $CH_4/H_2$ , showing the formation of tri- even tetra-layer graphene.



**Fig. S3** SEM images of as-grown graphene at different intermediate states of end pressure (10, 15, 20, 30, 70, 101 KPa) in the VPCVD using 1:20 flow rate ratio of  $CH_4/H_2$  gas flow.



**Fig. S4** a) Optical image of single-layer graphene grains. b) The corresponding intensity mapping of G Raman band for the single-layer graphene grains.



#### S3. AFM characterization of bilayer graphene patches

**Fig. S5** a) Optical image of a bilayer graphene patch transferred onto  $SiO_2/Si$  substrate. b) The AFM height image of lobes of bilayer graphene patch transferred onto  $SiO_2/Si$  substrate. c) The corresponding step height profile between the second layer and the first layer graphene along the line in (b).

S4. TEM characterizations of the bilayer graphene with disoriented order



**Fig. S6** a) TEM image of bilayer graphene with disoriented stacking order produced during the sample fabrications. b) Its corresponding diffraction patterns.

#### **S5**. Method for the theoretical calculation

We perform molecular dynamics (MD) simulations using the large-scale atomic/molecular massively parallel simulator (LAMMPS) package<sup>[1]</sup>. The adaptive intermolecular reactive empirical bond-order (AIREBO) potential function is employed to calculate interaction between carbon atoms in graphene<sup>[2]</sup>. Copper substrates are modeled using the embedded atom method (EAM), where the graphene and Cu (111) surface are aligned in the *top-fcc* configuration<sup>[3]</sup>. In additional to the van der Waals interactions between graphene layers, a pairwise interaction in the Lennard-Jones form  $V(r) = 4\varepsilon[(\sigma/r)^{12} - (\sigma/r)^6]$  is introduced for the carbon-copper interactions, where the parameters  $\varepsilon = 0.02578$  eV and  $\sigma = 0.30825$  are obtained by mixing the parameters for carbon (in graphite form) and copper (in face-centered crystal) using the Lorentz-Berthelot rule<sup>[3]</sup>. The stacked graphene-metal hybrids with different mis-orienated angles are constructed and relaxed afterwards using the conjugated-gradient (CG) algorithm to obtain the total energies.

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S6. Supplementary electronic properties of the dual-gate devices



**Fig. S7** R *vs.* top-gate voltage  $(V_{lg})$  at different back-gate voltage  $(V_{bg})$  ranging from 120 V to -120 V with 20 V steps for the dual-gate device measured in the air atmosphere.