

Resonance effect on low frequency Raman spectrum of few-layer WS₂

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We investigated the Raman spectrum of few-layer WS₂ using seven different excitation energies in the range of 1.96 eV to 3.82 eV. Because of complicated excitonic band structures, transition metal dichalcogenides show anomalous resonance Raman behaviors. [1][2] Some peaks, including some second-order peaks, are enhanced when the excitation energy matches with exciton states. We found that the A_{1g} and 2LA modes of WS₂ are enhanced near resonance with the A, B and C exciton states whereas the E_{2g}¹ mode is enhanced only near the C exciton state.

Especially, in the low frequency region (<50 cm⁻¹), several new peaks appeared in addition to the breathing and shear modes. We observed a broad central peak and new peaks at 28 cm⁻¹ and 46 cm⁻¹ when the excitation energy matches the A and B exciton states. Also, a shear mode peak shows the Breit-Wigner-Fano (BWF) line shape at resonance with the A exciton.

Figures

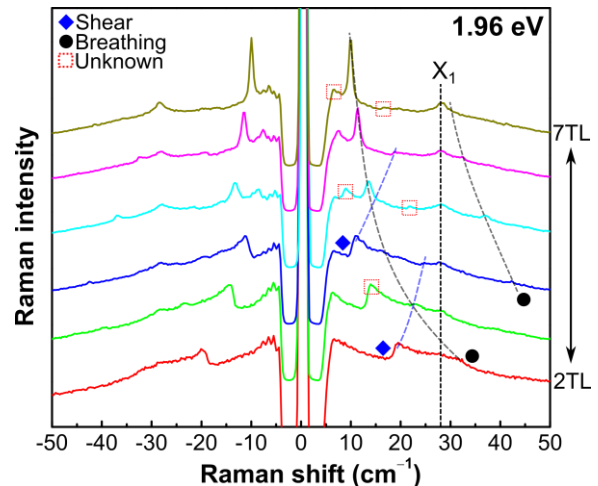


Figure 1: Raman spectra of 1.96 eV incident laser.

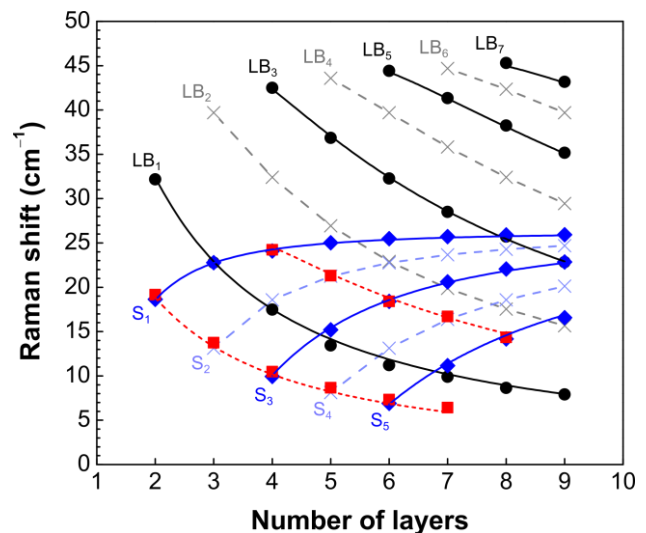


Figure 2: Peak position in low frequency region of few-layer WS₂.

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