

Efficient spin-to-charge conversion and charge transfer dynamics in graphene/WS₂ heterostructures at room temperature

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Abstract

The use of graphene in spintronic devices depends, among other things, on its ability to convert a spin excitation into an electric charge signal, a phenomenon that requires a spin-orbit coupling (SOC). We have already reported an investigation of the spin-to-charge current conversion in single-layer graphene deposited on a single crystal film of the ferrimagnetic insulator yttrium iron garnet (YIG-Y₃Fe₅O₁₂).^[1,2] Here we report an investigation of the combination of WS₂ flakes with a single-layer graphene for spin-to-charge current conversion. We report an investigation of the combination of WS₂ flakes with a graphene layer for spin-to-charge current conversion. The pure spin current was produced by the spin precession in microwave driven ferromagnetic resonance of permalloy film (Py-Ni₈₁Fe₁₉) and injected into the WS₂/graphene heterostructure by the spin pumping process. The spin-to-charge current conversion that occurs in the heterostructure is attributed to Inverse spin Hall effects (ISHE) in WS₂ and inverse Rashba-Edelstein (IREE) at the interface of WS₂ flakes and the graphene film. The results show that the presence of WS₂ flakes improves the current conversion efficiency. Understanding how the interfacial charge transfer and spin-charge conversion process between layered TMDs materials and graphene occur is important for improving the optoelectronic and spintronic device performance. For this purpose, the electron dynamic delocalization and spin-charge conversion in the interface of graphene/WS₂ heterostructure was investigated combining the synchrotron-based core hole clock approach and spin pumping process. The results obtained from these methods were supported by density functional theory (DFT) calculations.

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