

Gate tuning of polarization of anisotropic excitons in ReS₂

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Anisotropic two-dimensional materials provide promising platforms for polarization-driven optoelectronic and photonic devices. In particular, ReS₂ offers rich anisotropic electrical and optical properties due to low symmetry triclinic structure. Due to in plane anisotropy, the photoluminescence of ReS₂ is dominated by excitons with different polarization orientation. Herein, we have studied the polarization resolved and gate voltage dependent photoluminescence (PL) from few layer ReS₂ at cryogenic temperature (5K). The relative oscillator strength of two excitons of ReS₂ is tuned by changing the detection polarization and we are able to see the relative orientation of two dipole $\sim 60^\circ$ as shown in Figure 1 (a). With the rotation of polarizer the relative intensity of two excitons gradually change such that at particular polarization angles only one (X_1 or X_2) exciton is dominating over another. We observed that same effect as rotation of polarization can be accomplished by using the back gate voltage with un-polarized detection of PL as shown in Figure 1 (b). At a particular gate bias, one of the exciton (X_1) is quenched and the PL from ReS₂ becomes highly directional. This tuning of polarization using gate voltage, opens up avenue for on demand polarization of emitted light.

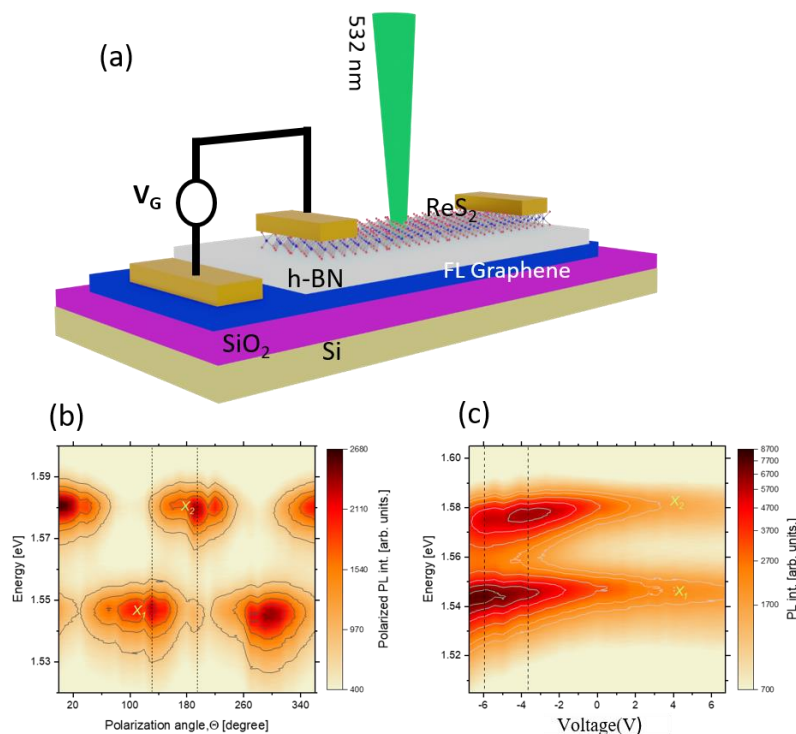


Figure 1 (a) Schematic of device used for gate voltage dependent polarization studies of ReS₂. (b) Polarization dependent PL of ReS₂ at 5K. (c) Gate tunable PL of ReS₂ shows that at large negative bias, X_1 quenches and emission becomes dominated by X_2