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Optical study of WS₂/ReS₂ heterostructure

The heterostructures of transition-metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) are attracting much interest owing to the possibility of modulating the physical properties by varying the combinations. Tungsten disulfide (WS₂) and Rhenium disulfide (ReS₂) are widely studied materials. WS₂ has a hexagonal isotropic structure whereas ReS₂ has a distorted 1T structure with strong anisotropic properties. Although those materials are intensely studied, the heterostructure of the two materials has not been studied yet. We studied the heterostructure of WS₂ and ReS₂, which is a combination of isotropic and anisotropic materials.

We prepared WS₂/ReS₂ heterostructure samples by stacking two monolayers of WS₂ and ReS₂ using the dry-transfer technique [3]. The interface quality of the heterostructure was inspected with low-frequency Raman measurement because the low-frequency signal is sensitive to the interlayer coupling. The Raman spectrum measured from the monolayer region and heterostructure region are compared and analyzed with respect to the polarization directions of the incident light. We found that the layer-breathing-mode (LBM) appeared in some samples and shows a weak anisotropy.

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Figures

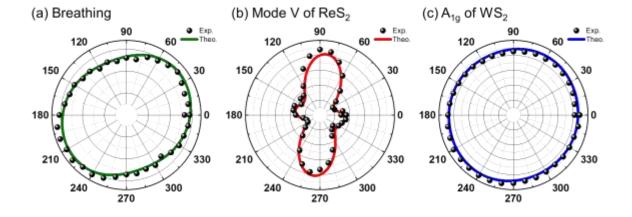


Figure 1: Polarization dependence of Raman modes of (a) Breathing mode (b) Mode V of ReS₂ (c) A_{1g} mode of WS₂