

Supplementary Information for

“Charge-tuneable biexciton complexes in monolayer WSe₂”

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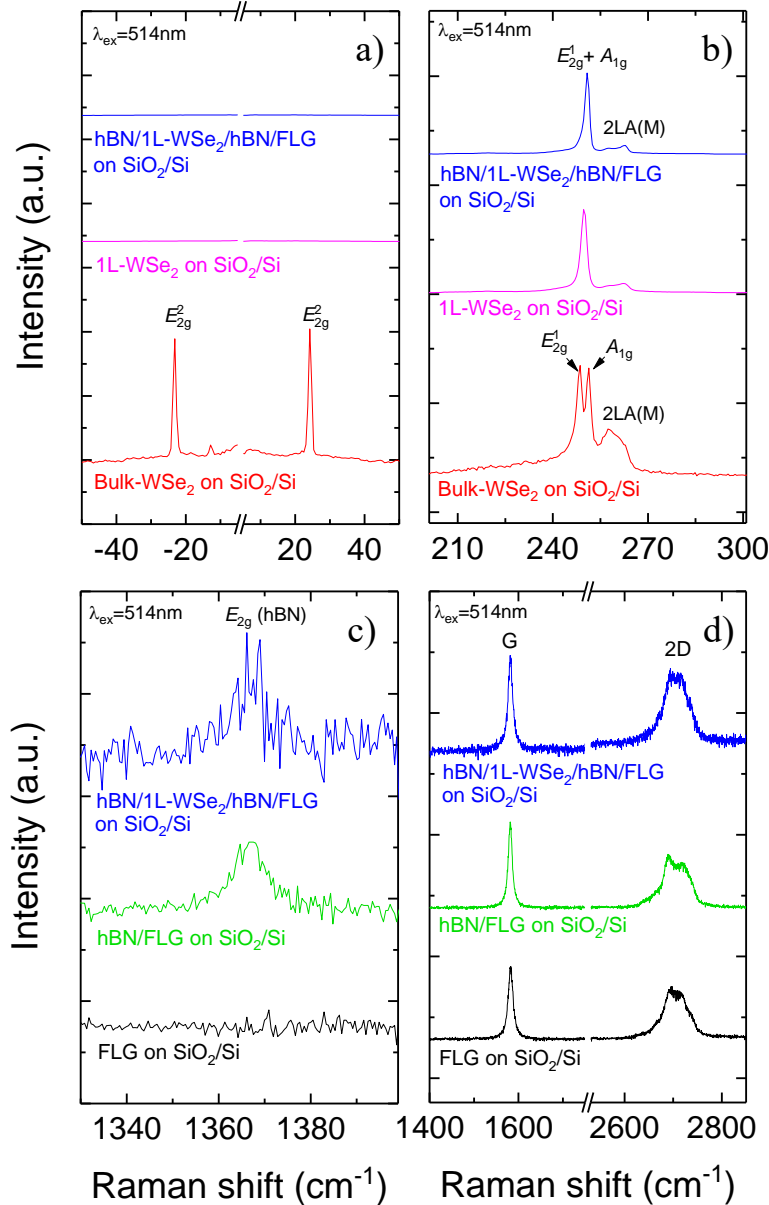
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Supplementary Note 1: Growth of bulk WSe₂

W and Se pellets with ultra-high purity (Puratronic 99.9999% or higher) are sealed in a quartz ampoule at 10⁻⁶ Torr pressure. We adopt a two-step growth approach: in the first step, W and Se pellets are sealed at stoichiometric ratios (~500 mg total weight) in a quartz ampoule. The pressure is kept at 10⁻⁶ Torr and the temperature at 1050 °C, slightly below the actual growth temperature of 1065 °C. Before sealing in vacuum, T~300 °C is applied to remove any residual molecules adsorbed on the precursors as well as on the quartz reactor walls. After sealing, the ampoule is at 1050 °C for 1 week to produce polycrystalline WSe₂ powders. The WSe₂ powders are checked with scanning electron microscope-energy dispersive spectroscopy (SEM-EDS) to determine the amount of Se vacancies. In the second step, ~5 mg extra Se is sealed with the WSe₂ powders in a quartz ampoule at 10⁻⁶ Torr. The excess Se is added to help reduce potential Se vacancies. The sealed ampoule is then heated to 1090 °C over 3 days. The side without precursors is cooled by 25 °C to 1065 °C within an hour to create the thermodynamic flux to initiate the growth¹. This process typically leads to crystalline WSe₂ flakes that are a few mm in size.

Supplementary Note 2: Room-temperature optical characterization

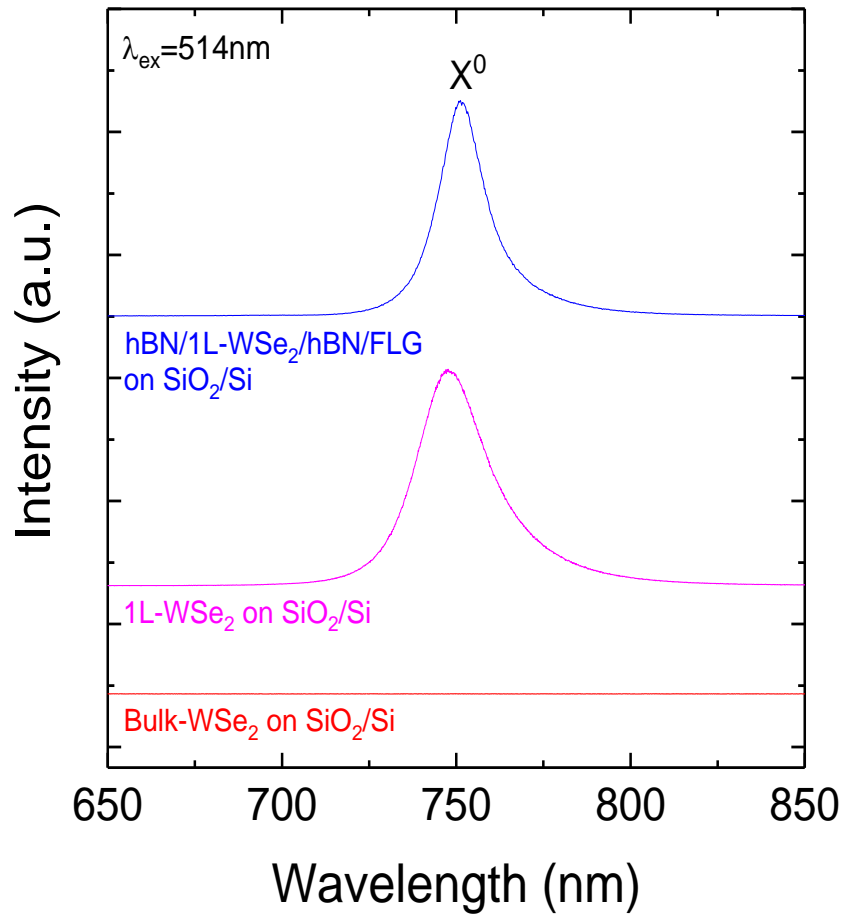
The LMHs are characterized by Raman spectroscopy and PL using a Horiba LabRAM Evolution spectrometer equipped with a 100x objective (N.A. 0.6). Supplementary Figure 1 (a,b) plot the spectrum of bulk (red curve) and 1L-WSe₂ (magenta curve). In 1L-WSe₂, the E_{2g}^1 and A_{1g} modes² are merged in a single band at ~250 cm⁻¹ and the shear mode C, due to relative motion of atoms in adjacent planes, is not present³. Bulk WSe₂ shows split E_{2g}^1 and A_{1g} modes at ~249 cm⁻¹ and at ~251 cm⁻¹ (Supplementary Reference 2). The C mode is detected at ~24 cm⁻¹ (Supplementary Reference 3). Supplementary Figure 1c,d plots the Raman spectra of the resulting layered material heterostructures, corresponding to Fig. 2 in the main text. The black curve in Supplementary Figure 1c,d is the spectrum of FLG on SiO₂/Si with the characteristic G peak at ~1580 cm⁻¹ and the 2D band at ~2720 cm⁻¹ (Supplementary Reference 4). The green curve is the spectrum of hBN on FLG. The peak at ~1366 cm⁻¹ belongs to the E_{2g} mode of hBN^{5,6}. The blue curve is the spectrum of ML-hBN/1L-WSe₂/ML-hBN/FLG. This shows that all the features of the forming individual layers are preserved.



Supplementary Figure 1: Raman spectra of layered material heterostructure. **a** Low frequency and **b** high frequency Raman spectra of Bulk WSe₂ (red), 1L-WSe₂ (magenta) on Si/SiO₂ and ML-hBN/1L-WSe₂/ML-hBN/FLG (blue). **c** E_{2g} peak of hBN and D peak spectral regions and **d**) G and 2D peaks of FLG spectral region in FLG on SiO₂ (black); ML-hBN/FLG (green) on Si/SiO₂ and ML-hBN/1L-WSe₂/ML-hBN/FLG (blue).

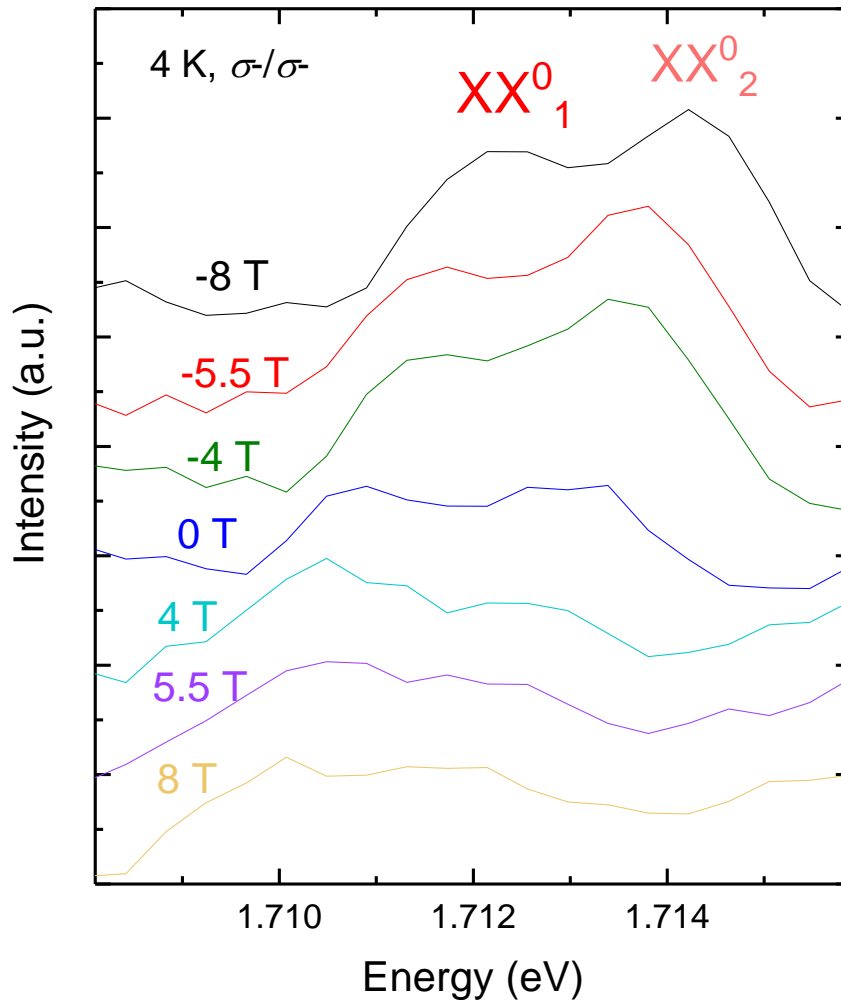
PL (Supplementary Figure 2) is collected to confirm the monolayer nature of the WSe₂ crystal. The peak at ~750 nm corresponds to the neutral X⁰ exciton². Supplementary Figure 2 compares the PL spectrum of 1L-WSe₂ on SiO₂ (magenta) and in the layered material heterostructure (blue) with that of bulk WSe₂ (red) keeping the same measurement conditions. The PL intensity

drastically decreases in bulk WSe₂ with respect to 1L-WSe₂ due to a direct-to-indirect bandgap transition⁷. The shape of the 1L-WSe₂ PL is preserved in the layered material heterostructure.



Supplementary Figure 2: PL spectra at RT. Blue curve shows the X⁰ exciton at ~750 nm, which confirms the presence of 1L-WSe₂. The red curve is the PL spectrum of bulk WSe₂ on SiO₂/Si measured keeping the same laser power as that of 1L-WSe₂ (magenta curve). The blue curve is the PL spectrum of the layered material heterostructure.

Supplementary Figure 3: Spectra of the fine structure of XX^0



Supplementary Figure 3: Line-cut spectra of XX^0 as function of applied magnetic field.

Spectra are taken at 4 K and different magnetic fields with a circular co-polarized scheme and σ helicity, showing the double peak formed by XX^0_1 and XX^0_2 , after linear background subtraction.

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