2-D Materials: A New Frontier in Energy Storage and Electronics

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http://graphene.nus.edu.sg/content/graphene



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- Unique electrical, mechanical, and chemical properties

Table 1. Summary of the Band Gaps of Typical Layered TMDs and h-BN Materials

2D sheets	theoretical E_{g} (eV)	experimental E_{g} (eV)
graphene	0	0
bilayer graphene	0	0
bulk h-BN		5.97 [ref 52]
monolayer <i>h</i> -BN		6.07 [ref 65]
fully hydrogenized <i>h</i> -BN	3.05 [ref 66]	
2–5 layers h-BN		5.92 [ref 105.]
bulk MoS ₂	1.20 (indirect ^b) [refs 35, 139]	1.0–1.29 (indirect) [refs 35, 139]
monolayer MoS2 ^{<i>a</i>}	~1.90 (direct ^b) [ref 140]	~1.90 (direct) [ref 140]
bulk WS ₂	~1.30 (indirect ^b) [refs 35, 147]	~1.35 (indirect) [refs 35, 147]
(a) MoS ₂	bulk MoS	monolayer
0.2		0.2
0 0	Δ= 1.9 €	°
-0.2		-0.2
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- 2-D materials have found applications in:
 - Optoelectronics
 - Spintronics
 - Catalysts
 - Chemical and biological sensors
 - Supercapacitors
 - Solar cells
 - Field-effect Transistors
 - Lithium ion batteries



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TiS₂ and TiS₃ TMD Synthesis

- Challenging to synthesize large scale mono- to few-layered systems
 - Thin film synthesis
 - Electrochemical synthesis
 - Solid-state synthesis





TiS₂ and TiS₃ TMD Structural Analysis



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Questions?

