
Polarity control of 2D TMDC via plasma doping

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? Doping method, which can change properties of materials, has been steadily developed and adapted very well in experiments. However, as atomically thin materials such as two-dimensional materials (2D) have been developed, some methods that can be applied to three-dimensional materials such as ion implantation face limitations. Thus a new method for effectively doping 2D materials is required and plasma doping has been studied as a feasible method. If plasma is applied to treat 2D materials, it has advantages as a uniform, large-scaled and nondestructive treatment at room temperature. Particularly, it is found that plasma doping of semiconducting transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDC) enables its polarity control.

Therefore, in this work, we carried out plasma doping using nitrogen and oxygen gas on 2D TMDC such as tungsten diselenide (WSe_2) and molybdenum ditelluride (MoTe_2) and investigated their polarity change by comparing their work functions between Kelvin probe force microscopy (KPFM) and field effect transistor (FET) I-V curve characteristics. In conclusion, we observed tendency for matched KPFM and FET characteristics result by getting work function and Fermi energy from the two results. This study will be effectively utilized to controlling potential value and polarity control on 2D TMDC in the future.

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