



#### Wei Li, Gautam Jha, Thomas Brumme, Thomas Heine

Chair of Theoretical Chemistry, TU Dresden

# Modulation of optical selection rules in twisted transition metal dichalcogenide heterobilayer

Mar 06, 2024 // Minneapolis

# Why TMDC heterostructures?



(a) Different types of vdWH band structures.<sup>[1]</sup> (b) Excitonic behavior in Type-II alignment vdWH.<sup>[2]</sup>



[1] Nat. Phys. **2021**, 17, 92. [2] J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys. **2021**, 54, 053001.



# How: Multiscale approach



- Geometry optimization performed by Force-Field<sup>[1][2]</sup>
- Electronic properties calculated by DFTB<sup>[3]</sup>

- Lattice size: 10<sup>1</sup> 10<sup>3</sup> Å
- Number of atoms: 50 5×10<sup>5</sup>

[1] J. Appl. Phys. 2013, 114, 064307.
[2] J. Phys. Chem. C 2019, 123, 9770.
[3] J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2022, 18, 4472.





#### **R-type stackings – MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub> at 0°**







# **R-type stackings – MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub> at 0°**







# MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub> at different twist angles



(a) Magnitude of corrugation of each layer. (b) Area of domains and node







# MoS<sub>2</sub>/WS<sub>2</sub> at different twist angles



(a) Magnitude of corrugation of each layer. (b) Area of domains and node





# **Theory vs experiment**







# MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub> flake systems



The effects of flake size on (a) twist angles and (b,c) moiré superlattice constant upon relaxation



W Li, T Brumme, T Heine. Relaxation effects in transition metal dichalcogenide bilayer heterostructures. *npj 2D Mater. Appl.* (under revision)

9 DRESDEN concept

# MoS<sub>2</sub>/WS<sub>2</sub> at 3°: Spin, angular momentum and g-factors





10 DRESDEN concept

# MoS<sub>2</sub>/WS<sub>2</sub> at 3° : Spin, angular momentum and g-factors



R-type stacking		
g <sup>HS</sup>	-1.2	2.78
transition	$V \rightarrow C$	$V \rightarrow C+1$
spin	↑↓	$\uparrow\uparrow$
ΔL	1.39	1.39





# MoS<sub>2</sub>/WS<sub>2</sub> at 57° : Spin, angular momentum and g-factors



H-type stacking		
g <sup>HS</sup>	-2.28	1.7
transition	$V \rightarrow C$	$V \rightarrow C+1$
spin	↑↓	$\uparrow\uparrow$
ΔL	-1.14	-1.14





### **Summary**

- Significant lattice reconstruction
  - Domain formation
  - Out-of-plane corrugation



Commensurate vs incommensurate model



• Spin orbital coupling effect and exciton g-factor





# Acknowledgement









- Dr. Gautam Jha
- Dr. Thomas Brumme
- Prof. Dr. Thomas Heine





This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 956813

14 DRESDEN Concept





# **THANK YOU**

# R-type stackings – Relaxed $MoS_2/MoSe_2$ at 0° and 6.6 °









# Backup: MoS<sub>2</sub>/MoSe<sub>2</sub> and MoS<sub>2</sub>/WS<sub>2</sub> at small twist angles









#### **Backup: Force-field method**







#### **Backup: DFTB**

# 

# $E_{\rm DFTB}[\rho_0 + \delta\rho] = E^0[\rho_0] + E^1[\rho_0, \delta\rho] + E^2[\rho_0, (\delta\rho)^2]$ $+ E^3[\rho_0, (\delta\rho)^3]$





#### Backup: MoS<sub>2</sub>/WS<sub>2</sub> at 2.5°





