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Ionic-Liquid Gated Few-layer MoS_2 Field-Effect Transistors¹ MEEGHAGE PERERA, MING-WEI LIN, HSUN-JEN CHUANG, BHIM CHAM-LAGAIN, CHONGYU WANG, XUEBIN TAN, MARK MING-CHENG CHENG, ZHIXIAN ZHOU, Wayne State University — We report the electrical characterization of ionic-liquid-gated bilayer and few-layer MoS₂ field-effect transistors. The extrinsic mobility of our ionic-liquid-gated devices exceeds 70 $\text{cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{S}^{-1}$ at 250 K. which is 1-2 orders of magnitude higher than that measured in the Si back-gate configuration (without ionic liquid). These devices also show ambipolar behavior with a high ON-OFF current ratio of $> 10^7$ for electrons and $> 10^6$ for holes, and a near ideal subthreshold swing (SS) of $\sim 50 \text{ mV/decade}$ at 250 K for the electron channel. More significantly, we show that the mobility increases from $\sim 100 \text{ cm}^2 \text{V}^{-1} \text{S}^{-1}$ at 180 K to ~ 220 cm²V⁻¹S⁻¹ at 77K as the temperature decreases following a $\mu \sim$ $T^{-\gamma}$ dependence with $\gamma \approx 1$, indicating that the intrinsic phonon-limited mobility can be achieved in few-layer MoS_2 FETs. We attribute the enhanced device performance to the drastic reduction of the Schottky barrier width (thus higher tunneling efficiency) via highly efficient band bending at the MoS_2 /metal interface afforded by the extremely large electrical double layer capacitance of the ionic liquid.

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