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Controlled growth, growth mechanism, and device applications of two-dimensional WSe₂ BILU LIU, CHONGWU ZHOU, University of Southern California — Atomically thin 2D transition metal dichalcogenides have attracted lots of attention recently. Here we will present our progress on the controlled growth of 2D WSe₂. Vapor phase methods for the growth of large single crystalline WSe₂ with lateral sizes up to tens of micrometers will be discussed. Substrate atomic-step-guided nucleation and growth of aligned WSe₂ on single crystalline sapphire substrate will also be presented. In addition, by reducing the supply of source materials, we observed a novel screw-dislocation-driven growth of 2D few layer and pyramid-like WSe₂ flakes. Then, we will discuss device applications of CVD WSe₂. We show that the device characteristics of CVD WSe₂ can be tuned into either p-type or ambipolar behavior, by changing the types of contact metals. We further developed an efficient method to convert as-grown semiconducting 2H-phase WSe₂ into metallic 1T-phase WSe₂, by controlled reacting with n-butyl lithium (n-BuLi). By using metallic WSe₂ as contact regimes and intact semiconducting WSe₂ as channel regimes, we successfully made ohmic contacted WSe₂ transistors and achieved a hole mobility of 66 cm²/V.s and on/off ratio of 10⁷ for monolayer CVD WSe₂.

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