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**Anisotropy in the optical properties of bulk and layered transition metal dichalcogenide  $\text{ReS}_2$**  SUVADIP DAS, NIHAR PRADHAN, CARLOS GARCIA, DANIEL RHODES, STEPHEN MCGILL, LUIS BALICAS, EFSTRATIOS MANOUSAKIS, National High Magnetic Field Lab. & Dept. Physics, Florida State Univ. — Unlike most transition metal dichalcogenides,  $\text{ReS}_2$  in the distorted  $1T'$  phase, is a direct gap semiconductor. We measured the temperature dependent photoluminescence in both bulk and layered  $\text{ReS}_2$  and examined the evolution of the peaks with the number of layers. We obtained strong signatures of optical anisotropy in the absorption spectroscopy and photocurrent response which makes this material a potential candidate for optoelectronic applications. Many body calculations including electron-hole interactions as implemented in the GW+BSE approach, agrees with the strong anisotropy in the optical properties of bulk and monolayer  $\text{ReS}_2$ . A shift in the excitonic peaks by about 0.8 eV introduced by solving the Bethe-Salpeter equation indicates strong contribution from excitonic bound states in this transition metal dichalcogenide.

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