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Electrically tunable light-emitting diodes based on monolayer WSe₂ p–n junctions MARIE SCOTT, JASON ROSS, XIAODONG XU, University of Washington, XU LAB TEAM — Following the discovery of graphene, other two-dimensional (2D) materials have been identified including a variety of truly 2D semiconductors. These new semiconductors are exciting candidates for next-generation optoelectronic devices because of their unique optical properties. Further, despite being atomically thin, techniques have recently been developed to transfer and stack these monolayer materials and produce arbitrarily complex heterostructures. Here, we present our adaptation of these transfer techniques in conjunction with electron beam lithography to produce the first monolayer LED using 2D crystals of tungsten diselenide (WSe₂). We stack monolayer WSe₂ along with boron nitride onto metal gates to form a lateral p–n junction. This structure allows effective injection of electrons and holes, and, combined with the high optical quality of WSe₂, yields bright electroluminescence with 1,000 times smaller injection current and 10 times smaller linewidth than seen in MoS₂ Schottky junction electroluminescence. By increasing the injection bias we can tune the electroluminescence between regimes of impurity-bound, charged and neutral excitons.

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