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Interface exciton at lateral heterojunction of monolayer semiconductors¹ KA WAI LAU, The Univ of Hong Kong, ZHIRUI GONG, Shenzhen University, HONGYI YU, WANG YAO, The Univ of Hong Kong — Heterostructures based on 2D transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) have attracted extensive research interest recently due to the appealing physical properties of TMDs and new geometries for forming heterostructures. One such heterostructure is the lateral heterojunctions seamlessly formed in a monolayer crystal between two different types of TMDs, e.g. WSe₂ and MoSe₂. Such heterojunction exhibits a type II band alignment, with electrons (holes) having lower energy on the MoSe₂ (WSe₂) region. Here we present the study of an interface exciton at the 1D lateral junction of monolayer TMDs. With the distance dependent screening, we find that the interface exciton can have strong binding even though the electron-hole separation is much larger compare to the 2D excitons in TMDs. Neutral excitons are studied using two different approaches: the solution based on a real-space tight binding model, and the perturbation expansion in a hydrogen-like basis in an effective mass model. We have also used the latter method to study charged excitons at a MoSe₂-WSe₂-MoSe₂ nanoscale junction.

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