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High Resolution X-ray investigation of few-layer Molybdenum Disulfide (MoS₂) Based Heterostructures HASSANA SAMASSEKOU, RICHARD PETERSON, SAIKAT TALAPATRA, DIPANJAN MAZUMDAR, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale — Due to its favorable band gap, few-layer MoS₂ can play an important role in optoelectronics and magneto-optics applications. Device applications necessitate a heterostructure combination of MoS₂ with other compatible materials. Here we report the growth and characterization of structural properties of few-layer MoS₂ based prototypes on Si substrates deposited by means of magnetron sputtering. A number of heterostructure combinations such as MoS₂/BN, MoS₂/SiO₂ shall be analyzed using high resolution X-ray reflectivity, scattering and diffraction methods. Our preliminary work already indicates that MoS₂ deposited on BN is quite favorable for optoelectronic applications [1]. But substantial work remains in order to obtain abrupt interfaces and atomic-level control. High resolution X-ray analysis can provide the essential understanding into the various structural aspects (crystal structure, interface roughness, density thickness) which could be valuable for developing a diversity of optoelectronic applications using MoS₂ or other *transition metal dichalcogenides*. Ref 1: Wasala, Samassekou, et al. (under review).

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