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In Lösung exfoliierte anorganische Schichtmaterialien (z.B. MoS₂, GaS, schw. P) als Bausteine für funktionale Architekturen

Themengebiete:

- Prozessoptmierung der Exfoliierung
- Größenselektion (Zentrifugation...)
- Spektroskopische Eigenschaften
 → Quantitative Größenbestimmung!
- Funktionalisierung, chemische Dotierung
- Hierarchische Strukturen: "mix and match"



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2D-materials



 \rightarrow Exciting physics and spectroscopy due to quantum confinement in 2D

- \rightarrow Huge surface area: Old materials with new chemistry!
- \rightarrow Application potential in diverse areas (electronics, catalysis, energy)

Spectroscopic metrics library



2D-Transition metal dichalcogenides

Quantum confinement in 2D materials



Splendiani et al., Nano Lett. 2010, 10, 1271; Mak et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 2010, 105, 136805.

Liquid exfoliation

Liquid exfoliation: bulk quantities



Coleman *et al.*, *Science* **2011**, 331, 568. Bonaccorso *et al.*, *Adv. Mater.* **2016**, 28, 6136. Backes *et al. JOVE* **2016** Backes *et al. Chem. Mater.* **2016**

Process chain 2D-materials





Hybrid & composite preparation



(Opto)electronics Energy storage & conversion

Catalysis

Challenges example



- 1. High quality samples (monolayers!)
- 2. Prevent restacking in films
- 3. Improve charge transport in layer
- 4. Tune emission properties (doping, quantum yield)
- 5. Understand and avoid degradation

Challenges example



Size selection and measurement

Liquid cascade centrifugation



- Advantages
 - Universally applicable (solvent, surfactant, any material)
 - Scalable and simple
 - No wastage of material
 - Depending on design, either size selection or monolayer enrichment

Size selection and measurement

Liquid cascade centrifugation: WS₂

Size and thickness measured by statistical microscopy



Backes et al., ACS Nano 2016, 10, 1589

Spectroscopic metrics



High monolayer content



Spectroscopic metrics

Extinction/absorbance spectra various 2D-materials



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Functionalisation of TMDs

Edge decoration with Au nanoparticles

- Spontaneous reaction of WS₂ with AuCl₃
- \rightarrow Formation of covalently bound Au nanoparticles predom. at edges
- Tuning of reaction conditions possible to change Au decoration density









Dunklin, J.Backes, C., Nature 2D Mater. App. 2017, accepted.

Functionalisation of TMDs

Edge decoration with Au nanoparticles

- Heavily Au decorated WS₂ removed by centrifugation
- Likeliness of NPs to merge higher on few-layer nanosheets
 → monolayer enrichment (tuneable lateral size)
- Optical properties of "pristine" WS₂









Functionalisation of TMDs

Defect passivation

- TMD monolayer degrade in ambient conditions at elevated temp.
- Can be followed by decay of photoluminescence
- Measurements at different temperatures yield activation energies in the range of 30 kJ/mol for WS₂
- → Defect passivation for example by cysteine can improve stability!



HS

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 NH_2



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Helping hands are always welcome!

Thank you for your attention!

Spectroscopic metrics

Metrics from extinction spectra

- Changes in extinction peak intensity ratios due to edge effects → metrics for lateral size
- A-exciton shift due to confinement \rightarrow thickness metric



Backes et al., Nat. Commun. 2014, 5, 4576.

Backes et al., ACS Nano 2016, 10, 1589.

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