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#### **Abstract: A27.00001 : Electric Field-Induced Metal-to-Insulator Phase Transition in Few-Layered MoSe<sub>2</sub>\***

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The Metal-Insulator phase transition (MIT) is one of the most interesting phenomena to study particularly in two-dimensional transition-metal dichalcogenides (TMDCs). A few recent studies<sup>1,2</sup> have indicated a possible MIT on MoS<sub>2</sub> and ReS<sub>2</sub>, but the nature of the MIT is still enigmatic due to the interplay between charge carriers and disorder in 2D systems. We will present a potential MIT in few-layered MoSe<sub>2</sub> FETs based on four-terminal conductivity measurements. Conductivities measured in multiple samples strongly demonstrate the insulating-to-metallic-like phase transition when the charge carrier density increased above a critical threshold. The nature of the phase transition will be discussed with an existing theoretical model.

<sup>1</sup>B. H. Moon et al, Nat Commun. **2018**; 9: 2052. <sup>2</sup>N. R. Pradhan et al, Nano Lett. **2015**, 15, 12, 8377

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