

## Electronic Supplementary Information.

### Ultrafast charge transfer dynamics pathways in two dimensional MoS<sub>2</sub>-graphene heterostructures: A core hole clock approach.

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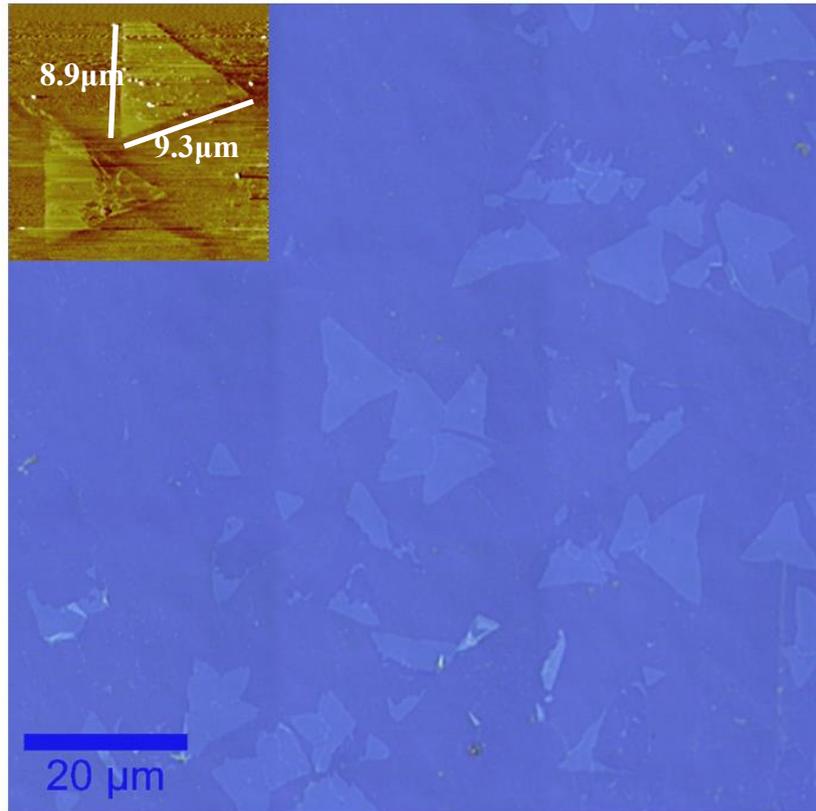
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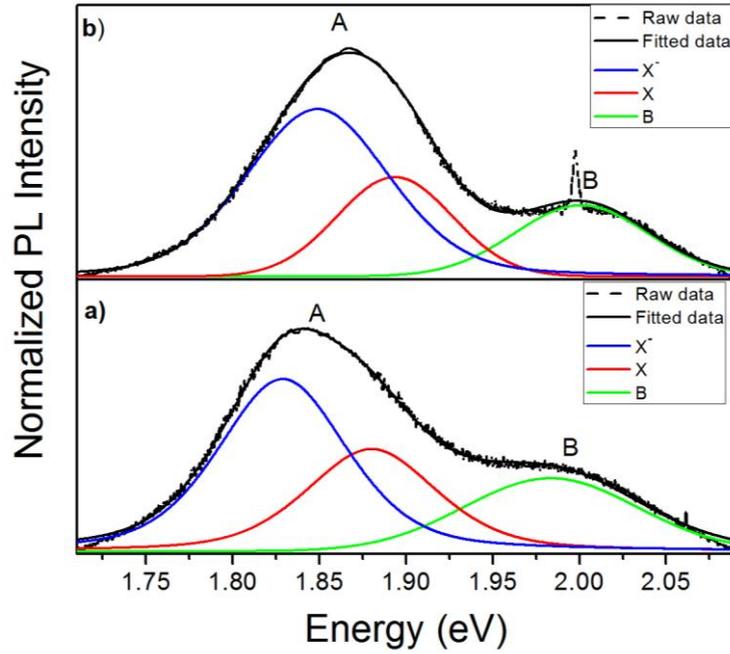
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**Fig. S1** Optical micrograph of the  $\text{MoS}_2/\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$  heterostructure. The inset shows the corresponding AFM image.



**Fig. S2** PL spectra fitting of the: a) MoS<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si and b) MoS<sub>2</sub>/graphene/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si heterostructures. The A peak was deconvoluted by two contributions labelled as X (blue line) and X<sup>-</sup> (red line), while the peak B (green line) was deconvoluted by only one contribution. The fitting was performed using a linear combination of 50% of Gaussian (G) and 50 % of Lorentzian (L) functions.

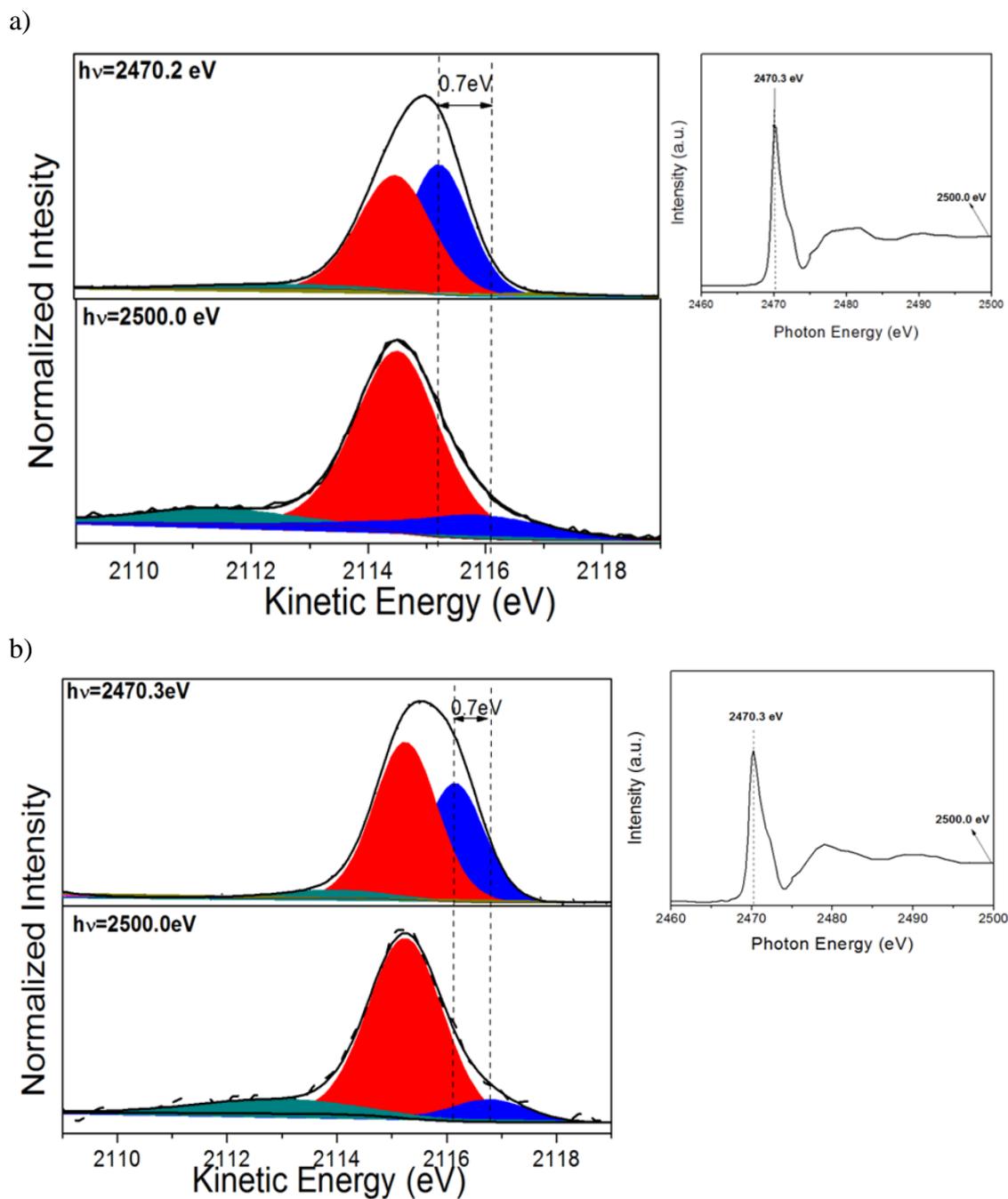
PL spectra were fitted using a linear combination of Gaussian (G) and Lorentzian (L) functions and showed in figure S2. The quantitative parameters of these fitting were presented in Table S1. The peak A was decomposed in two contributions, which are associated to the exciton (X~ 1.88 eV) and the trion (X<sup>-</sup>~ 1.82 eV) excited species, while peak B was fitted by only one contribution<sup>1</sup>. The peak A in both samples is dominated by the trion (electron-coupled to exciton) excited species. From the parameters reported in the table S1 is possible to calculate the relative concentration of the exciton species contributing to A PL peak from the following equation used by Buscema *et al.*<sup>2</sup> :

$\gamma = (I_X / (I_X + I_{X^-}) * 100)$ , where  $I_X$  and  $I_{X^-}$  represent the intensity of exciton and trion excited species, respectively.

The exciton X percentage in peak A decrease from 39% in MoS<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si to 31% in MoS<sub>2</sub>/graphene/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si sample, while for the contribution of the trion, the percentage increase from 61% in the MoS<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si to 69% in the MoS<sub>2</sub>/graphene/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si. The last results means that PL quenching observed for the peak A in the MoS<sub>2</sub>/graphene/SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si heterostructure is mainly due to the neutral exciton (X) dissociation on MoS<sub>2</sub>-graphene interface. Specifically, the exciton dissociation is associated to electron transfer from MoS<sub>2</sub> conduction band to graphene<sup>3</sup>.

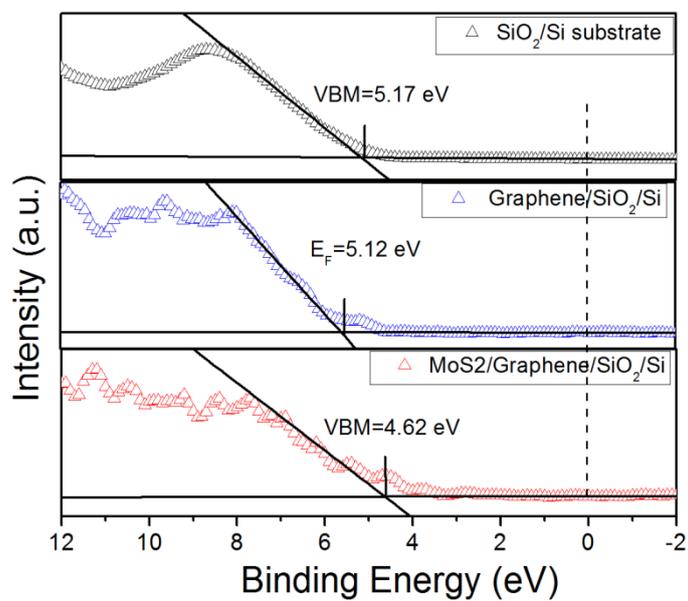
**Table S1** – Fitting parameters of the PL spectra of MoS<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub> and MoS<sub>2</sub>/graphene/SiO<sub>2</sub> heterostructures.

Peak	MoS <sub>2</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub>			MoS <sub>2</sub> /graphene/SiO <sub>2</sub>		
	Position (eV)	FWHM (eV)	Area (%)	Position (eV)	FWHM (eV)	Area (%)
X <sup>-</sup>	1.82	0.09	48	1.85	0.10	55
X	1.88	0.14	30	1.89	0.08	25
B	1.98	0.09	22	2.00	0.09	20

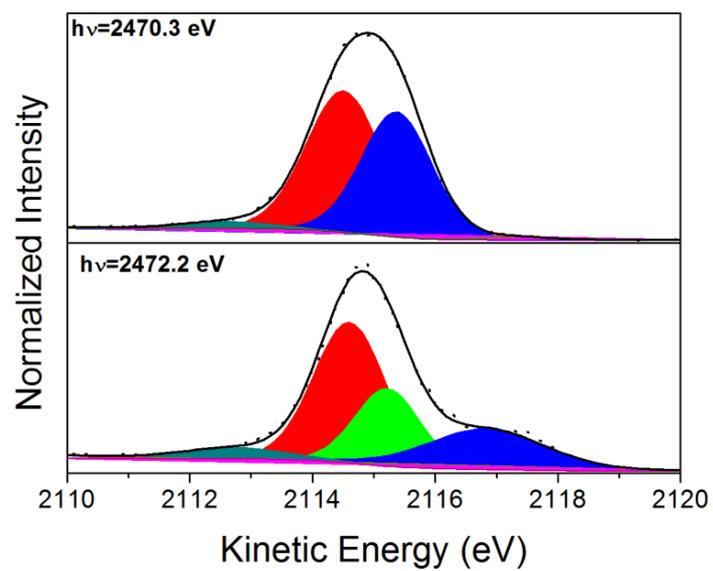


**Fig. S3** Determination of spectator shift from S-K  $L_{2,3}L_{2,3}$  RAS spectra measured at resonance maximum (2470.3 eV photon energies) and above  $S_{1s}$  ionization potential (2500 eV). a)  $\text{MoS}_2/\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$  and b)  $\text{MoS}_2/\text{graphene}/\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$  heterostructures. The inset shows the respective S K edge NEXAFS spectra with photon energies selected to measure the S-K  $L_{2,3}L_{2,3}$  RAS spectra.

The graphene  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$  fermi level and  $\text{MoS}_2/\text{graphene}/\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$  VBM were determined from the intersection of the linear extrapolation of the leading edge of their respective valence band spectra with the base line.



**Fig. S4** XPS valence band spectra for  $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$ , graphene/ $\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$ ,  $\text{MoS}_2/\text{graphene}/\text{SiO}_2/\text{Si}$  samples.



**Fig. S5** MoS<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub> S-K L<sub>2,3</sub>L<sub>2,3</sub> RAS spectra deconvolution in resonant spectator SP1 (blue feature), SP2 (green) and non-resonant NA (red curve) decay channels measured for S1s-3p<sub>x,y</sub> (2070.3 eV) and S1s-3p<sub>z</sub> (2472.2 eV) transitions, respectively.

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