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## **Supplementary Information**

## Unveiling exceptional valley contrast in AA- and AB-stacked bilayer WS<sub>2</sub>

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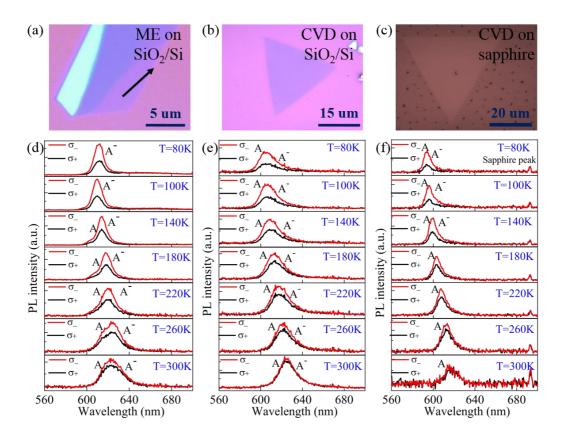
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**Fig. S1** Optical images of (a) ME and (b) CVD-grown monolayer WS $_2$  on SiO $_2$ /Si substrate and (c) CVD-grown monolayer WS $_2$  on sapphire substrate. (d) - (f) show circularly polarized PL spectra as a function of temperature corresponding to (a) - (c), respectively. The excitation light is left-circularly polarized in all the measurements.

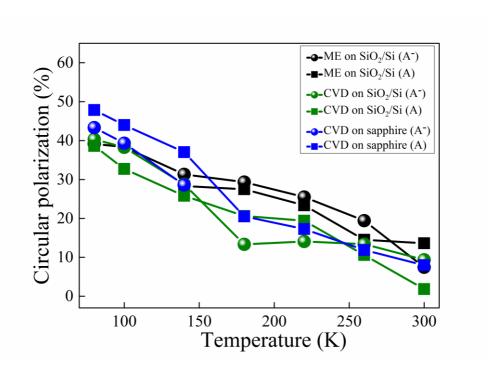


Fig. S2 Temperature dependence of circular polarization of A and  $A^{-}$  peaks for different types of monolayer  $WS_2$  samples.

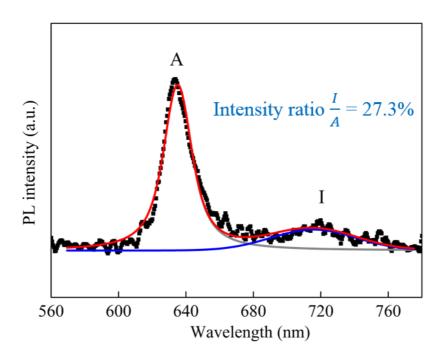
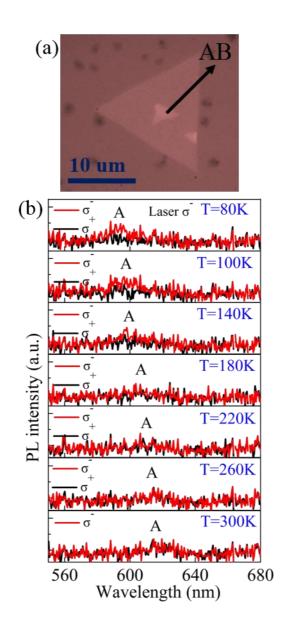


Fig. S3 PL spectrum of CVD-grown AA-stacked bilayer  $WS_2$  on  $SiO_2/Si$  substrate at room temperature measured with integration time of 10 seconds. The intensity ratio of I and A peaks is 27.3%.



**Fig. S4** (a) Optical image of CVD-grown AB-stacked bilayer WS<sub>2</sub> on sapphire substrate. (b) shows the corresponding circularly polarized PL spectra as a function of temperature. The excitation light is left-circularly polarized in all the measurements.

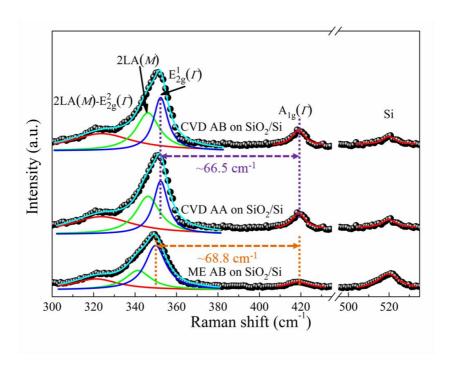


Fig. S5 Raman spectra of CVD-grown (both AA- and AB-stacked) and ME bilayer WS $_2$  on SiO $_2$ /Si substrate with fitted curves. The dashed lines mark the frequency differences of  $E^1_{2g}(\Gamma)$  and  $A_{1g}(\Gamma)$  modes.