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them decrease with increasing x . We attribute this behavior to strong coupling between these modes and the CDW.

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CC 8 Elastic Properties of 2H-TaSe₂, J. L. FELDMAN, C. L. VOLD, and E. F. SKELTON, Naval Research Laboratory, and Shu-Cheng YU and I. L. SPAIN, University of Maryland--The elastic constants, in particular c_{13} , of the layered TM-chalcogenide materials are of interest for the interpretation of stress dependent information. In order to obtain c_{13} it is useful to combine linear compressibility values with neutron-measured (zero sound) elastic constants. In this paper both pressure and temperature dependences of the lattice parameters are determined from x-ray diffraction measurements. A force model would be required to estimate zero sound-isothermal elastic constant differences arising from anharmonicity. The fact that we find from our thermal expansivities that isothermal-adiabatic elastic constant differences are negligible suggests that it is reasonable to combine our linear compressibilities with the zero sound elastic constants. Thus we obtain $-1.5 < c_{13} < 3$, in 10^{11} dynes/cm². Estimates of Grüneisen parameters, the Debye temperature, and strain dependences of the ICDW transition temperature will also be discussed.

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CC 9 Magnetoresistance of 1T-TaSe₂, P. D. HAMBOURGER, Cleveland State U., and F. J. DiSALVO, Bell Laboratories.--The transverse magnetoresistance of single-crystal 1T-TaSe₂ has been measured at $T=4.2$ K in magnetic fields up to 23 kG with $J_{||}$ [0001]. Although the observed magnetoresistance was quite small ($\Delta\rho/\rho \sim 0.015$), substantial anisotropy was observed. At 22 kG, $\Delta\rho/\rho$ was $\sim 40\%$ larger for J_{\perp} [0001] than for $J_{||}$ [0001]. The anisotropy is therefore the reverse of that observed in 2H-TaSe₂ (ref. 1) and 2H-NbSe₂ (ref. 2) and suggests that in the presence of the charge density wave the Fermi surface of 1T-TaSe₂ may not be dominated by cylinders parallel to [0001] as is the case in 2H-TaSe₂ (refs. 1,3) and probably also in 2H-NbSe₂ (ref. 2).

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CC 10 Electronic Structure and Lattice Instabilities in 1T-TaS₂ and 1T-VSe₂. * A.J. FREEMAN, Northwestern U. and Argonne, and A. ZÜNGER**, Northwestern U.--A first principles self-consistent band structure calculation on 1T-TaS₂ shows that a constant volume variation of the internal crystal parameter z (which determines the metal-nonmetal layer separation and the Ti-Se bond distance) produces an electronic phase transition from the normal semi-metal to a semi-conductor. Since a 2% reduction uncrosses the p-d band overlap at L, and since the observed bond shortening is 2.4%, such a phase transition may account for the observed decrease in conductivity and susceptibility in the CDW state. In VSe₂ we find that the p-d band overlap increases and the volume of the electron Fermi surface decreases rapidly as the (anomalously large) c/a ratio decreases. In a model in which the CDW instability is associated with d-band nesting, small changes in c/a would drastically affect the magnitude of the nesting q and consequently the transition temperature.

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CC 11 Phonon Spectra in 1-T TiSe₂, N. WAKABAYASHI and H.G. SMITH, Oak Ridge National Lab.,* and K.C. WOO and F.C. BROWN, Univ. of Illinois.--Phonon frequencies of several branches for the layered compound 1-T TiSe₂ have been measured along Γ -M and A-L directions by slow neutron scattering techniques. Mixing of acoustic and optic characters of modes seems to exist for various branches. Dispersion curves in the Γ -M direction measured at 50 K and room temperature have been found to show little difference. Special attention was paid to transverse modes having the polarization vectors parallel to the layer. At the L point where a super lattice reflection exists below 200 K, a phonon has been observed to exhibit a temperature dependence which may be expected for a soft mode. However, no diffuse scattering was observable near L possibly due to the small sample size. A lattice dynamical model has been constructed to interpret these results as well as the results obtained recently by Moncton et al.¹

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CC 12 Superlattice Formation in 4Hb-TaSe₂, J.R. DUFFEY, R.D. KIRBY,* U. of Nebraska-Lincoln, R.V. COLEMAN, U. of Virginia, --- The 4Hb-polytype of TaSe₂ consists of alternating layers of octahedral and trigonal prismatic coordination. A charge density wave (CDW) commensurate state transition occurs in the octahedral layers at 410° K, while the trigonal prismatic layers undergo a transition to an incommensurate CDW state at 75° K.¹ Our Raman measurements above 75° K show a low frequency spectrum very similar to that observed in the 1T-polytype of TaSe₂, with many CDW induced lines. Below 75° K, a broad temperature dependent mode occurs near 40 cm⁻¹. We attribute this mode to an amplitude mode of the coupled CDW-lattice. Its behavior is very similar to the incommensurate state amplitude mode observed in 2H-TaSe₂.²

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CC 13 Quantum Oscillatory Effects in 2H-TaS₂. * S. J. HILLENIUS and R. V. COLEMAN, Univ. of Virginia.--Quantum oscillations have been studied in 2H-TaS₂ using both the Shubnikov de Haas and de Haas van Alphen effect. The observed frequencies are in the range .04 to 6 MG and correspond to Fermi surface sections in the charge density wave state of the crystal. Four of the strongest frequencies follow a two dimensional angular dependence described by $\omega/\sin \theta$ while others show an angular dependence more characteristic of three dimensional Fermi surface sections. Comparison to results on 4Hb-TaS₂ shows a comparable range of frequencies in both phases but different precise values and dimensional behavior are observed. The perfect 2H phase crystals were produced by thermally transforming 4Hb-TaS₂ crystals and the measurements have been made in the range 0-150 kG.

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CC 14 Pressure Derivative Sign Reversal for Proton Spin-Lattice Relaxation Times in TaS₂·NH₃. * H.T. WEAVER, J.E. SCHIRBER, Sandia Labs., and B.G. SILBERNAGEL, Exxon Research.--Proton spin-lattice relaxation times (T_1) have been measured for the intercalated compound TaS₂·NH₃ as a function of temperature ($77 \leq T \leq 300$ K) and pressure to 6 kbar. Pressure effects on T_1 were sufficiently large that the sign reversal for dT_1/dP , which is predicted by simple diffusion models, is observed. The temperatures at which dT_1/dP changes sign ($T = 190$ K) and T_1 is minimum are within experimental