

Graphene-black phosphorus photodetectors

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Heterostructures can be assembled from liquid phase exfoliated (LPE) layered materials (LMs) [1] via inkjet printing with tens μm [1] resolution and controllable thickness [2] to make photodetectors (PDs) [2]. However, LPE materials are unfavourable compared to chemical vapor deposited and mechanically exfoliated LMs, due to the presence of traps [1], which results in low responsivities $\sim\text{mA/W}$ [1,2]. Here, we fabricate printable PDs based on graphene and black phosphorus (BP) inks (Fig. 1) showing high responsivity ($>300\text{A/W}$) and broadband ($0.4\text{-}2.8\ \mu\text{m}$) detection (Fig. 2). LPE BP is used due to its broadband optical absorption ($400\text{-}3500\text{nm}$) [3] and its tuneable layer dependent direct bandgap [3]. Photoexcited holes from BP are injected into graphene, leaving behind uncompensated electrons, resulting in photogating. We achieve a photoconductive gain (ratio of carrier life time measured from the device response time to transit time [4]) $\sim 10^7$, broadband ($400\text{-}2800\text{nm}$), and fast ($\sim 50\text{ms}$) response time. The dark current shows a $1/f$ component, with a noise equivalent power $\sim 1.88 \times 10^{-10}\text{W}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$, and a detectivity $\sim 10^7$ Jones. The responsivity is at least three orders of magnitude higher than previously reported ink-jet printed BP PDs operating at the same spectral range [5], and the operating wavelength range (up to $2.8\ \mu\text{m}$) is $\sim 0.5\ \mu\text{m}$ longer compared to state of the art hybrid LMs-colloidal quantum dots PDs [6,7].

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Figures

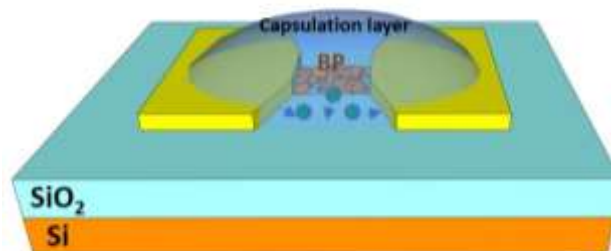


Figure 1: Schematic of hybrid graphene-BP PDs.

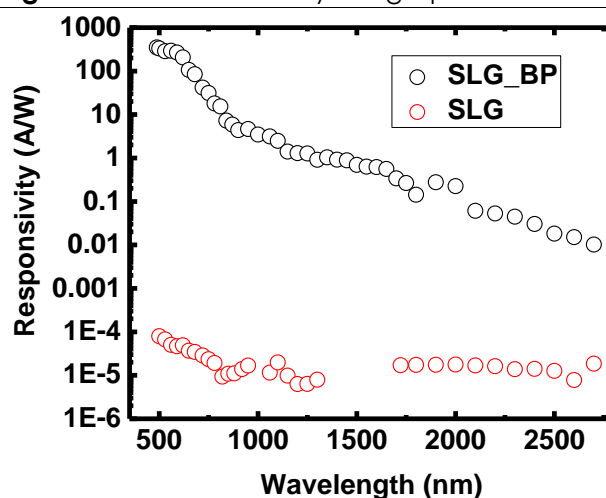


Figure 2: Responsivity of hybrid graphene-BP as function of excitation wavelength.