

# Coupling between different polaritons in an in-plane graphene/h-BN heterostructure

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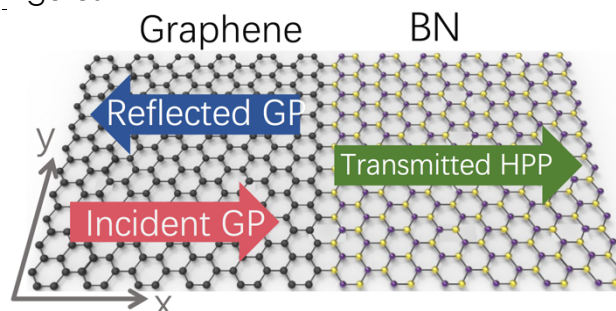
## Abstract

The high-confined, dynamical tunable and intrinsic low damping graphene plasmon has important applications such as in enhanced IR spectroscopy [1-3], waveguide and modulator. Seamlessly connected in-plane graphene/h-BN heterostructure can further integrate the advantages of graphene plasmon and h-BN phonon polaritons [4]. The coupling between graphene plasmon and h-BN phonon polariton is studied using a full-wave electromagnetic numerical model. The transmittance is determined by momentum matching, which can be controlled between 0% and 100% within the upper Reststrahlen band of the BN and be tuned using the graphene Fermi energy. This study paves a way to design nanoscale multi-functional waveguide devices in integrated photonic systems.

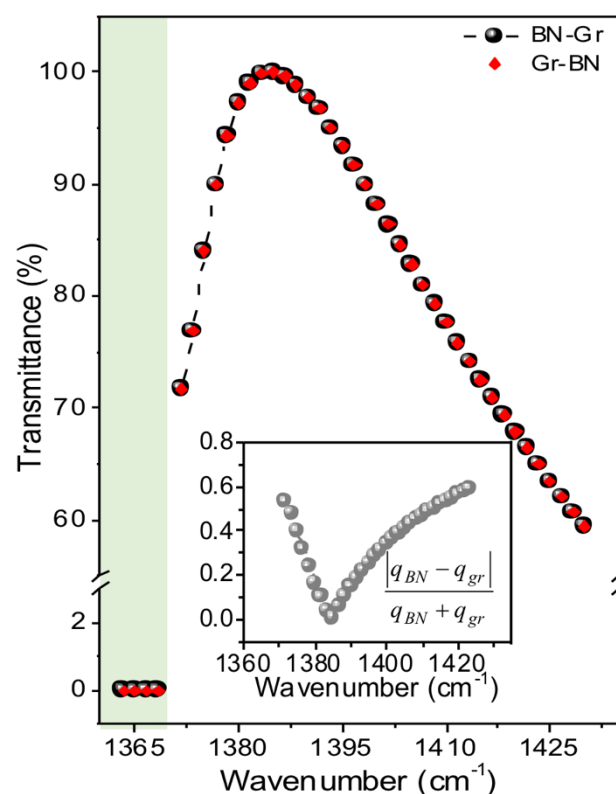
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Figures



**Figure 1:** The Schematic of the in-plane graphene/h-BN heterostructure. The incident graphene plasmon (GP) can propagate forward until it encounters the interface, and then can transmit as hBN phonon polariton (HPP) or reflect.



**Figure 2:** Transmission spectra of the GP and HPP at the interface. Inset: the momentum differences between a GP ( $q_{gr}$ ) and HPP ( $q_{BN}$ ) at different wavenumbers.