

Controlled growth of vertical MoS₂ flakes to in-plane MoS₂ and their utilizations in photodetectors

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Abstract (Arial 11)

Here, we proposed controlled growth of vertical MoS₂ flakes from in-plane MoS₂ by our modified chemical vapor deposition (CVD) technique. We synthesized in-plane MoS₂, vertical MoS₂ and pyramid MoS₂ flakes from CVD. Detailed structural, optical and morphological characterizations were performed. The initial in-plane MoS₂ flakes worked as the seeding platform for the growth of vertical MoS₂. We systematically played with the gas flow rate to grow these unique structures.

Further, we utilized the unique vertical MoS₂ structures in fabricating broadband photodetectors. We formed the heterojunction of p-type earth abundant 3D Cu₂ZnSnS₄(CZTS) and n-type 2D-layered MoS₂ to develop photodetector. Detailed photoelectron spectroscopy performed, not just to inspect the chemical bonding at the interface, but also to uncover the electronic interaction at the interface in terms of band alignment. Taking a step further, photoluminescence (PL) measurements were carried out as a curiosity to investigate any significant change in the PL signal while going from MoS₂ side towards the CZTS/MoS₂ interface.

As a proof of concept, a self-driven CZTS/MoS₂ heterojunction broadband photodetector was constructed exhibiting pronounced photovoltaic features with high responsivity 141 mA/W, outstanding photo switching capability ($I_{on}/I_{off} = 112$) and fast response ($\tau_r/\tau_d = 81/79$ ms). The responsivity was further enhanced to 79 A/W at moderate bias (@ 6V). Additionally, the device showed exceptional stability after 1500 hours of operation. This work intends to trigger the research on 3D/2D for high performing optoelectronic devices based on CZTS/MoS₂ heterojunctions.

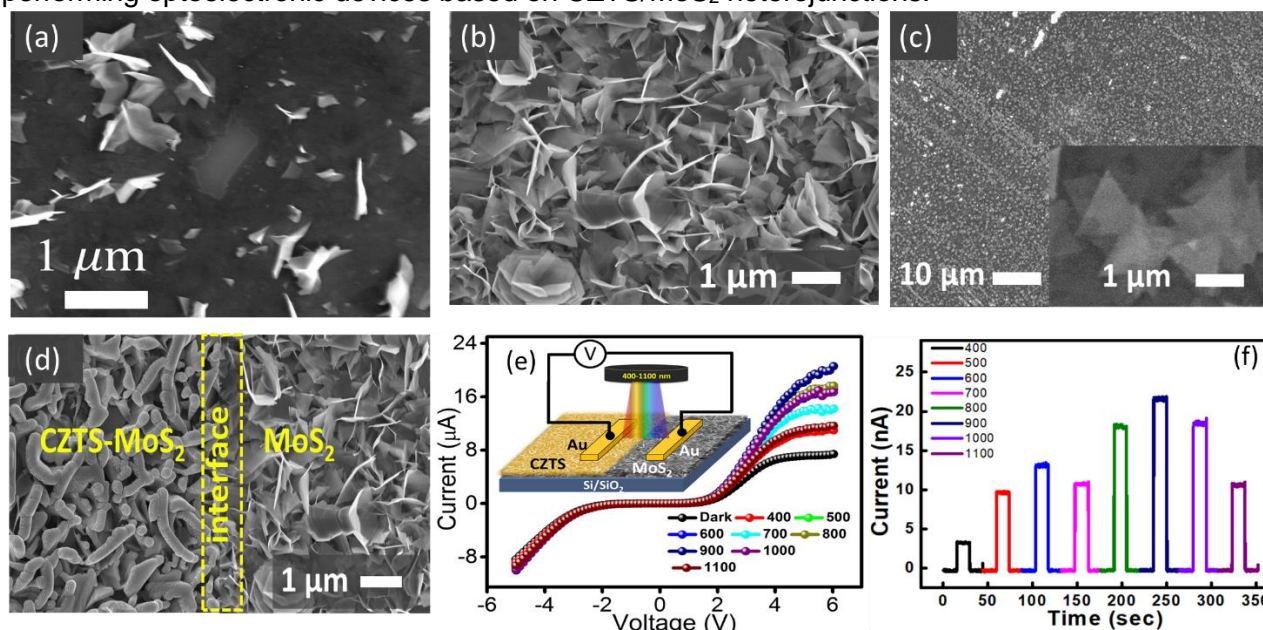


Figure: FESEM image of (a) mixed MoS₂ flakes (b) Vertical MoS₂ (c) Pyramid MoS₂ flakes (d) FESEM image of area showing the interface between CZTS and MoS₂. (e) CZTS/MoS₂ p-n junction PD, in dark and under illumination with different wavelengths, (wavelengths in nm scale). (f) Transient photoresponse measurements of CZTS/MoS₂ PD at different wavelengths ranging from 400 to 1100 nm in self-powered mode (0V bias).

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