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## 2D/SI heterostructures for photonic devices

We shall review our recent work on 2D/3D heterostructures for several electronic and photonic devices. The device using GO/Si on illumination shows a broadband (300 nm-1100 nm) spectral response with a characteristic peak at ~700 nm, in agreement with the photoluminescence emission from GO. Very high photo-to-dark current ratio (>10<sup>5</sup>) is observed upon illumination of UV light. On the other hand, transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDC), an emerging class of two dimensional materials are interesting due to the presence of a finite and direct energy gap in low dimensions, with a wide range of electronic and optical attributes. We have demonstrated the ability to gradually tailoring the optical properties of MoS<sub>2</sub> nanocrystals in terms of PL response and optical absorption, making them attractive for future photonic devices. Chemical doping and plasmonic enhanced photoresponsivity of two dimensional (2D) n-WS<sub>2</sub>/p-Si heterojunctions have also been demonstrated. A sharp bandedge absorption of the hybrid material indicates the presence of spin–orbit coupled direct band gap transitions in WS<sub>2</sub> layers, in addition to a broader plasmonic peak attributed to Ag nanoparticles. Stabilized Ag-nanoparticle (~4–6 nm) embedded electron rich n-WS<sub>2</sub> has been used to fabricate plasmon enhanced, silicon compatible heterojunction photodetectors. The detectors exhibited superior properties, possessing a photo-to-dark current ratio of ~10<sup>3</sup>, a very high responsivity (8.0 A W<sup>-1</sup>) and an EQE of 2000% under 10 V bias. The results provide a new paradigm for intercalant impurity-free metal nanoparticle assisted exfoliation of n-type few-layer WS<sub>2</sub>, with the nanoparticles playing a dual role by inducing chemical doping as well as tunable plasmon enhanced absorption.

## **Recent Publications**

- 1. R K Chowdhury et al. (2017) Synergistic effect of polymer encapsulated silver nanoparticle doped WS<sub>2</sub> sheets for plasmon enhanced 2D/3D heterojunction photodetectors. Nanoscale. 9:15591-15597.
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## **Biography**

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