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Black Phosphorus and Its Analogue: Electrical Transport Properties and Devices

Black phosphorus (BP) has attracted great attention due to its high hole mobility, and a sizable and tunable bandgap, meeting the basic requirements for logic circuits application. To realize a complementary logic operation, it needs to control the conduction type in BP FETs, *i.e.*, the dominant carrier types, holes (P-type) or electrons (N-type). Absence of reliable substitutional doping techniques makes this task a great challenge, however. In this talk, I will demonstrate that capping the thin BP film with a cross-linked poly-methyl-methacrylate (PMMA) layer can modify the conductivity type of BP by a surface charge transfer process, converting the BP layer from p-type to n-type. Combining BP films capped by cross-linked PMMA to a standard BP, a family of planar devices can be created, including BP gated diodes (rectification ratio $>10^2$), BP barristors (on/off ratio $>10^5$), and BP logic inverter (gain ~ 0.75), which are capable of performing current rectification, switching, and signal inversion operations. Furthermore, the conversion of a bidirectional rectifier to a polarity-controllable transistor in black phosphorus (BP) by dual gate modulation can be realized. Employing cross-linked PMMA as a top gate and combining it together with the global back gate of the SiO₂ substrate, well-defined unipolar transport (n- or p-type) in BP could get accessed.

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