

Facile fabrication of heterostructure with p-BiOCl nanoflakes and n-ZnO thin film for UV photodetectors

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Abstract: Herein, high-quality n-ZnO film layer on *c*-sapphire and well-crystallized tetragonal p-BiOCl nanoflakes on Cu foil are prepared, respectively. According to the absorption spectra, the bandgaps of n-ZnO and p-BiOCl are confirmed as ~ 3.3 and ~ 3.5 eV, respectively. Subsequently, a p-BiOCl/n-ZnO heterostructural photodetector is constructed after a facile mechanical bonding and post annealing process. At -5 V bias, the photocurrent of the device under 350 nm irradiation is ~ 800 times higher than that in dark, which indicates its strong UV light response characteristic. However, the on/off ratio of In-ZnO-In photodetector is ~ 20 and the Cu-BiOCl-Cu photodetector depicts very weak UV light response. The heterostructure device also shows a short decay time of 0.95 s, which is much shorter than those of the devices fabricated from pure ZnO thin film and BiOCl nanoflakes. The p-BiOCl/n-ZnO heterojunction photodetector provides a promising pathway to multifunctional UV photodetectors with fast response, high signal-to-noise ratio, and high selectivity.

Key words: ZnO thin film; BiOCl nanoflakes; heterostructure; UV photodetector

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Supporting Information

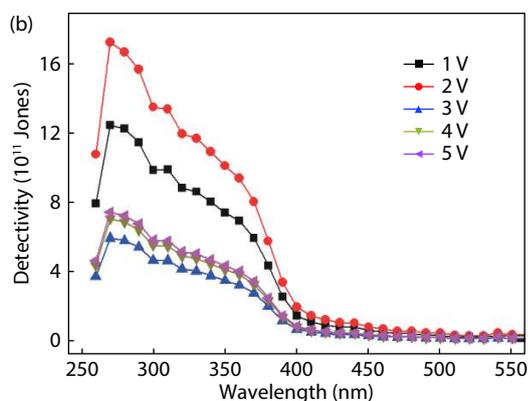
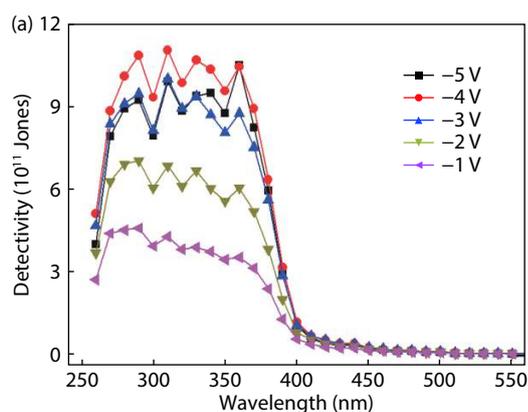


Fig. S1. (Color online) The detectivities of the p-BiOCl/n-ZnO photodetector at different negative biases (a) and positive biases (b).

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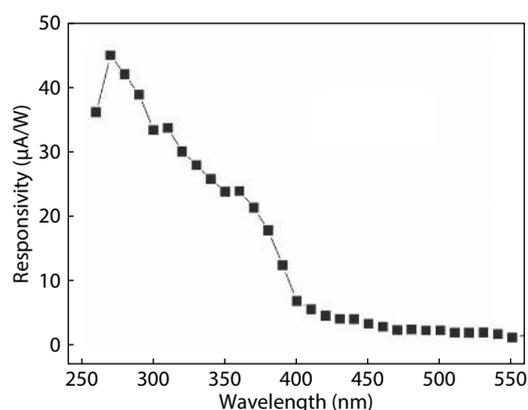


Fig. S2. The spectral responsivities of the p-BiOCl/n-ZnO photodetector under 0 V bias.

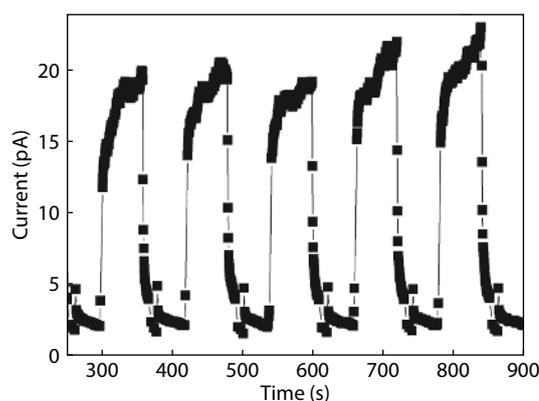


Fig. S3. The I - T curve of the p-BiOCl/n-ZnO photodetector under 350 nm (0.304 mW/cm^2) illumination at 0 V bias.