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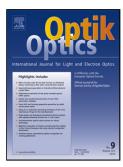
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SPP waveguide of CdS nanowires and graphene nanobelts

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Abstract: Graphene has potential to replace germanium as compound semiconductor for

high-performance devices because of its unique optoelectronic properties and availability of

existing integrated circuit manufacturing technology. This study investigates surface plasmon

polariton (SPP) waveguide-based interaction between CdS nanowires and graphene nanobelts to

determine shortcomings of the existing technology. The structure uses MgF₂ as cladding, which

symmetrically covers CdS nanowires and graphene nanobelts. An air gap of same width is etched

in middle of CdS nanowires and graphene nanobelts. SPP is optically excited. Gain compensation

is obtained through coupling effect of nanowires, capacitance-enhanced effect of air gap and GaAs

semiconductor material, and low refractive index of buffer layer to reduce transmission loss. The

structure can achieve strong photon localization and easily implement low threshold for nanometer

laser. Experiments on characteristics of SPP show that increasing air gap width of structure

reduces transmission loss and increases limiting factors. Limiting factor of waveguide structure is

less than 0.15, which indicates ultra-deep subwavelength constraints. SPP waveguide can be

integrated with various nanophotonic and electronic devices and has broad application prospects

in optical sensing, optical communication, and other fields.

Key words: Graphene; Nanowires; Surface plasmon polariton; Coupling

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