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Abstract.

Two-dimensional materials are attracting dramatically increasing interest due to their unexpected physico-chemical property and broad of potential applications. We focus on the surface and interface engineering of two-dimensional materials to modify the electronic structures and in turn to enhance the catalytic performance.

We developed a surface plasmon resonance sensor based on two-dimensional nanomaterial of graphene and antimonene for the specific label-free detection of clinically relevant biomarkers such as miRNA-21 and miRNA-155. The strong interaction between target probes and 2D materials results in variation of the refractive index of graphene and antimonene, which highly enhanced the performances of SPR biosensor. First-principles energetic calculations reveal that antimonene has substantially stronger interaction with ssDNA than the graphene. The detection limit can reach 10 aM, which is 2.3–10,000 times higher than those of existing miRNA sensors.

We also report a spontaneous phase transformation of MoS² from the 2H to the 1T phase, which is induced by the strong interactions between Ir nanoparticles, Co nanosheets, Ni nanosheets, Fe₂O₃ nanoplates or Pd-Au hybrid nanosheets and MoS². Particularly, the Co/Ni/Fe nanoplates/MoS² hydrides become an array of Co/Ni/Fe single atoms covalently bound onto distorted 1T MoS² nanosheets after electrochemical leaching. These resulting metal/1T MoS² heterostructures show outstanding catalytic activity for hydrogen evolution reaction, which is much better than that of commercial Pt/C.
Fig 1. Schematic illustration of different concentrations of target csDNA mixing with AuNPs–ssDNA (a) and ssDNA (b) as competitive acceptors. SPR angular reflectivity spectra for a GO-based SPR chip surface incubated with the mixing solution of AuNPs–ssDNA (c) and ssDNA (d) with $10^{-14}$–$10^{-16}$ M target csDNA. The left-shift of SPR angles versus a series of concentrations of target csDNA (red) and msDNA mixing with AuNPs–ssDNA (e) and ssDNA (f) as competitive acceptor. [2]

Fig 2. Schematic illustration of the spontaneous phase transformation of MoS$_2$ from the 2H to the 1T phase, caused by the strong metal–support interaction during iridium adsorption. [4]

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