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Project Accomplishment Summary

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PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUMMARY

Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (#1573.105) between Sandia National Labs and Lockheed Martin Corporation

Note: This Project Accomplishments Summary will serve to meet the requirements for a final abstract and final report as specified in Article XI of the CRADA.

Title: Structurally Doped Graphenoid Materials: Electronic and Optical Testing

Final Abstract:

The purpose of this project was to measure the electronic and optoelectronic properties of graphene device devices provided by Lockheed-Martin. We found that the devices had excellent electronic properties but showed little photoresponse.

Background:

Sandia and Lockheed-Martin partnered on this project because LM had the graphene devices and Sandia had unique electronic and optoelectronic testing capabilities. The types of graphene devices that LM provided had never been fabricated before and had never been tested for optoelectronic response.

Description:

The purpose of this project was to assess the promise of a new type of graphene device for optoelectronics. The device provided by LM was fabricated by depositing graphene on an insulating substrate, patterning it by etching, and then depositing top contacts using e-beam lithography. The patterning of the graphene was such that a ballistic rectifier response could be expected. Devices were tested at Sandia using state-of-the-art electronic and optoelectronic characterization capabilities. Different probe stations were used to measure the current-voltage characteristics. In addition, a scanning photocurrent microscopy system was used to test the optoelectronic response in the visible. Results of the measurements indicated that almost all devices had excellent current-voltage characteristics. However, the SCPM measurements showed no or inconsistent photosignal in the visible. In addition, optoelectronic testing in the visible and infrared in a variable-temperature probe station did not result in a measurable photoresponse.

Benefits to the Department of Energy:

Improved photodetectors can impact several DOE missions. Nanomaterials such as graphene are promising for such applications, but learning how to fabricate and test such devices is an important step. This project has demonstrated the ability to test such nanodevices, and this capability will be useful for the future exploration of nanomaterials for DOE needs.

Economic Impact:

This project established that one particular design for graphene devices is not promising for optoelectronic applications. This will allow industry to focus on other approaches. Another impact is that a postdoctoral fellow was trained in nanomaterials characterization techniques, and she will be positioned to contribute to the US economy in the future with this new skill set.

Project Status:

The project is completed.

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CRADA Intellectual Property

None

Technology Commercialization

None

Project Examples

Not Applicable

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