Graphene R&D and Industries in Thailand

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Graphene

Graphene is a flat monolayer of carbon atoms tightly packed into a two-dimensional (2D) honeycomb lattice, and is a basic building block for graphitic materials of all other dimensionalities. It can be wrapped up into 0D fullerenes, rolled into 1D nanotubes or stacked into 3D graphite





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Environmental friendly and Low cost

Graphene Synthesis



Applications of Graphene





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Main Issues in Graphene Research

Practical limitations of graphene

- Agglomeration and aggregation into graphite
- Not easy to control size, density and distribution
- Cost and reproducibility in mass production

Potential solutions

- Apply spacer materials to prevent graphene agglomeration
- Forming well-defined 3D nanostructures of graphene
 - Self-assembly synthesis
 - Modification/Assembly of 2D graphene structure
 - Templated growth and etching





Printed Electronics

- *Printed Electronics* is a revolutionary, new way of electronics: thin, lightweight, and flexible, produced at low cost, enabling single use, ubiquitous electronic devices and new applications
- Printed electronics = Flexible elec. = Plastic elec.
- Fabrication
 - Printing (Inkjet, Screen, Offset, Flexo, Gravure, Roll-to-roll printing)
 - Nano Resolution Printing (Nano Imprinting)
- Benefits;
 - Cheap and easy
 - No vacuum requirement/ no complicated process
 - Cheap substrate such as paper or plastic can be used
 - Directly printing instead of lithography
 - Flexible and manufacturable for large area device (display, solar cell)
 - Band gap or mobility are chemically tunable











Printing Techniques for OPE



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Printing as a production process

Throughput vs. Feature Size for Premium Quality Production Processes







Organic and printed electronics enables new applications for



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numerous industries





Graphene Thailand R&D



Conductive Ink in OPE

Need of Conductive Ink

- High electrical conductivity
- Thin and robust film
- High flexibility (stretchable)
- Standard drying/curing/fusing equipment
- Ease of processing with existing printing technology eg. Screen print, flexo, gravure printing.
- Smart Card, RFID, Display, OLED, Solar cell …







Stretchable e-Paper







World's First Transparent Graphene Conductive Ink

We can prepared transparent graphene conductive ink for printed electronics

- Synthesis graphene by electrolytic exfoliation
- Graphene dispersed solution as an ink for inkjet printing



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Inkjet printed graphene





Synthesis graphene as an ink









Licensed technology to commercial





Thailand's First Commercial Graphene Product







HIGH PERFORMANCE Transparent Electrodes

Conductivity Performance With Graphene composite, it is a state of art between transparency and conductivity.

Thermal Performance

With Graphene composite, it is capable to get better and higher thermal performance.

Sensitivity Performance

With Graphene composite, it is enable to enhance more 200 times sensitivity than carbon base printed Bio-sensors.

More information, please contact info@innophene.com







Printed Graphene RFID Antenna

Inkjet printed graphene antenna







Dipole antenna





Printed Graphene Transparent electrode for Electroluminescence

ITO was replaced by graphene







Flexible and Transparent Touch Sensor Based on Inkjet Printed Graphene using Capacitive and Resistive Techniques Printed Graphene (Top Membrane Layer)









The First Prototype



Printed Graphene (Middle Membrane Layer)

Printed Graphene with Pattern (Bottom Membrane Layer)

Second Prototype Wireless Transparent Touch Switch with battery



Printed Graphene Invisible Code for Smart Label



Link to internet or source data



Code printed on packaging







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Inkjet-printed Graphene-PEDOT:PSS Applications



Photograph of fabricated electrode and SEM micrographs of (a) SPCE electrode, (b) inkjet printed PEDOT:PSS on SPCE electrode and (c) printed Graphene-PEDOT/PSS on SPCE electrode.



PEDOT/PSS

Graphene Hybrid Printing

Electrochemical Detection of Glutathione Based on Inkjet-Printed Graphene Modified Screen Printed Carbon Paste Electrode



Screen Printed Graphene

Disposable screen printed graphene-carbon paste electrode and its application in electrochemical sensing



Graphene Screen Printed Electrode



Picture of graphene printed electrode and its components.



SEM micrographs of SPGEs with (a) 0%, (b) 5%, (c) 10% and (d) 15% graphene concentration.

Advantages:

- Easy to fabricate
- Low cost
- High electrical conductivity





Graphene Hybrid Materials

Highly selective electrochemical sensor for ascorbic acid based on a novel hybrid graphene-copper phthalocyanine-polyaniline nanocomposites









SEM images of (A, B) Gr/CuPc and (C, D) Gr/CuPc-PANI nanocomposites



Amperometric current response of Gr/CuPc/PANI modified SPE to successive addition of different AA concentration.



Cytotoxicity Assessment of Graphene Ink

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Cytotoxicity assessment of MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells on screen-printed graphene - carbon paste substrate



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Application: Glucose biosensors

Graphene–PEDOT:PSS on screen printed carbon electrode for glucose biosensing



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Graphene Composite

- □ Major developments should be made in the area of chemical derivatives of graphene in order to control electrical conductivity and optical properties of the final products
- □ Incorporation of well-dispersed graphene-sheets into polymers at low filler content improves the mechanical properties





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Potential composite improvements with graphene



Graphene Composite

Graphene-polyaniline nanocomposite prepared by electrolytic exfoliation for supercapacitor applications

Facile preparation of graphene-metal phthalocyanine hybrid material by electrolytic exfoliation

Graphene-metal phthalocyanine prepared by electrolytic exfoliation in TSCuPc

AFM image (a) and height profile (b) of a hybrid particle.

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Electrolytically-Exfoliated Graphene-Polylactide based Bioplastic with High Elastic Performance

3D Printable Graphene/Polylactide composite for Commercial 3D Printer

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3D-printed graphene electrode cell culture

CVD Graphene

Preliminary development of graphene by CVD

SEM images of CVD graphene thin films synthesized at different CVD conditions

TEM images of CVD graphene thin films synthesized at different CVD conditions

3D CVD Graphene

3D Graphene foam and composite

Flow chart for 3D Graphene foam synthesis

1. Nickel foam template cleaning Sonicating with acetone for 5 minutes

>2. Graphene synthesis on Nickel foam template by CVD

- Anneal process

150 sccm H₂ flow at 900 °C 1 Torr for 30 minutes

- Graphene layer deposition C_2H_2/H_2 gas mixture (2/16 sccm) at 900 °C 0.6 Torr for 1
- Fast cooling

150 sccm H₂ flow at 1 Torr with fast cooling rate of >50°C/min

>3. PDMS coating Nickel foams template covered with graphene were drop-coated with PDMS

>4. Nickel Foam template etching Etching with 3 M HCl solution at 70°C for 12 hours

3D CVD Graphene

SEM images

3D Graphene foam and composite

3D Graphene

Graphene/Ni foam

3D Graphene foam and composite

Ni foam

CO EM

TEM images

Graphene/PDMS foam

3D Graphene foam and composite

Cyclic voltammograms of 3D Graphene to ferricyanide ([Fe(CN)6]³⁻)

3D Hollow Graphite Nanotetrapods by Vapor Phase Transport and In-situ Chemical Vapor Deposition/Etching

ZnO Nanotetrapods

ZnO Nanotetrapods

Graphite coated ZnO Nanotetrapods

Effect of Carbon synthesis time

1 min

3 min

Graphene-composite gas sensors

Graphene-SnO₂ nanocomposite prepared by electrolytic exfoliation and flame spray pyrolysis

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Graphene-In-doped SnO₂ nanocomposite

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Rapid ethanol sensor based on electrolytically-exfoliated graphene-loaded flame-made In-doped SnO₂composite film

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Electrolytically Exfoliated Graphene-Loaded Flame-Made Ni-Doped SnO₂ Composite Film for Acetone Sensing

Graphene-based Supercapacitors

 Supercapacitors also called ultracapacitors and electric double layer capacitors (EDLC) are capacitors with capacitance values greater than any other capacitor type available today.

Benefits of Supercapacitors

- High Power Density
- Very Fast Charge/Discharge Time
- Long Cycle Life (1,000x > Battery)
- High Reliability and Low Maintenance
- Wide Working Temperature

Type of supercapacitors

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Advantage of graphene for supercapacitor

- ✓ High electrical conductivity ($R \sim 1.5 \times 10^{-6}$ ohm-cm)
- ✓ Large surface area (about 2630 m²/g)
 - Activated carbon 1000 m²/g
 - SWCNT 1300 m²/g
 - Carbon aerogel 400-1200 m²/g
- ✓ Graphene is based on graphite (low cost and scalable)

Novel surfactant-stabilized graphene-polyaniline composite nanofiber for supercapacitor applications

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Printed Graphene/PANI supercapacitor electrode

Further work

$$C = \frac{I\Delta t}{m\Delta V}$$

- I : charge-discharge current (A)
- Δt : discharge time (s)
- *∆v* : potential charge during discharge process (v)
- m : mass of active material (g)

Coil cell preparation

High specific capacitance <u>></u> 1,000 F/g

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- High power density
- High energy density

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TOPIC's Infrastructure: Material Printing/Deposition

- Inkjet printer : DMP-2831, Fujifilm Dimatix
- **DEK Automated Screen Printer**
- Semi-auto screen printer : MK mini, Minami
- Gravure printer : Labratester, Norbert Schläfli Maschinen \checkmark
- Flexo printer : F1-UV, IGT Testing system \checkmark
- Spin coater : WS-650Sz-6NPP/LITE, Laurell \checkmark
- Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) : planarGROW-4E, Planar tecl \checkmark
- Mask aligner : MJB4, SUSS MicroTech \checkmark
- Plasma system : Pico, Diener electronic

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Spin-off Company: Innophene Graphene Conductive Ink for Transparent Electrode and Sensors

Screen printed carbon

electrode

Graphene-polymer dispersed solution was used as an ink for inkjet printing (PCT Patent licensed to Innophene)

The inkjet printed graphenepolymer on carbon electrode

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Graphene compositeGraphene ink and coating

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