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	Special Lecture (25 min presentation + 5 min discussion)
	General Lecture (10 min presentation + 5 min discussion)
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第 51 回フラーレン・ナノチューブ・グラフェン総合シンポジウム 講演要旨集

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- 場所:北海道立道民活動センター かでる2・7 〒060-0002 北海道札幌市中央区北2条西7丁目
- 発表時間: 基調講演(発表 40分+質疑応答 5分)
 特別講演(発表 25分+質疑応答 5分)
 一般講演(発表 10分+質疑応答 5分)
 ポスタープレビュー(発表 1分・質疑応答 なし)

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9月7日(水)		9月8日(木)		9月9日 (金)	
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	開場 9:30 ~		開場 9:15 ~		開場 9:15 ~
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10.00		10.00	基調講演 (Jin Zhang)	10.00	
10:00	奉詞 講 演 (河野 淳一郎)	10:00	9:45-10:30	10:00	9:45-10:15
	10.00-10.45				
			(ナノチューブの物性・ナノチュー		の応用) 10:15-11:00
11:00	(ナノチューブの物性・ナノチュー	11:00	ブの生成と精製)10:30-11:15	11:00	休憩 11:00-11:15
	ブの応用)10:45-11:30		休憩 11:15-11:30		特別講演(齋藤 直人)
	休憩 11:30-11:45		一般講演 3件		11:15-11:45
	一般講演 3件		(大澤賞·飯島賞受賞対象者		一般講演 3件
12:00	(ナノチューブの応用・グラフェン生	12:00	講演)11:30-12:30	12:00	(グラフェンの物性)
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			生良 12·30-13·45		查丧 12·30-13·45
13:00	12:30-13:45	13:00	12.00 10.40	13:00	12.00 10.40
	特別講演 (宮田 耕充)		若手奨励賞表彰式 13:45-14:00		ポスタープレビュー
14:00	13:45-14:15	14:00	総会	14:00	(3P-1 ~ 3P-39)
			14:00-14:30		
	(原丁層)		特別講演 (Don Futaba)		「ホスターセッション」
15.00	14.10-10.10	15.00		15.00	(展示小一ル)
15.00	休憩 15:15-15:30	10.00		15.00	14.23 10.00
	特別講演(安食博志)		(グラフェンの応用) 15:00-15:45		
	15:30-16:00		休憩 15:45-16:00		
16:00	一般講演 3件	16:00	一般講演 2件	16:00	特別講演 (山越 葉子)
	(原子層・ナノホーン・		(グラフェンの物性・その他) 16:00-16:30		16:00-16:30
	ナノワイヤー) 16:00-16:45		ポスタープレビュー		一般講演 3件
17.00	ホスダーノレビュー (1D-1 1D 40)	17.00	$(2P-1 \sim 2P-39)$	17.00	(内包ナノチューフ・フラーレンの 化学・フラーレン)16:30-17:15
17:00	(17-1 ~ 17-40) 16.45-17.25	17:00	ポスターカッパンコン	17.15	
	ポスターヤッション		(展示ホール)	17.15	
	(展示ホール)		17:10-18:45		
18:00	17:25-19:00	18:00			
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19:00		19:00	窓親会 (ホテル札幌ガーデン	特別講》	寅:発表25分+質疑5分【6件】
			パレス、2F丹頂) 19:00-21:00	賞対象者	皆講演:発表10分+質疑10分【3件】
				一般講演	寅:発表10分+質疑5分【30件】
				ポスター	・プレビュー:発表1分【118件】

21:00

Time table

September 7th (Wed)			
9:00	Registration begins at 9:00		
10:00	KADERU Hall opens at 9:30 Lectures begins at 10:00 Plenary Lecture (Junichiro Kono) 10:00-10:45		
11:00	General Lectures [3] (Properties of nanotubes • applications of nanotubes) 10:45-11:30 Coffee Break 11:30-11:45		
12:00	General Lectures [3] (Applications of nanotubes Graphene synthesis- Properties of graphene) 11:45-12:30		
13:00	Lunch (Administrative meeting) 12:30-13:45		
14:00	Special Lecture (Yasumitsu Miyata) 13:45-14:15 General Lectures [4] (Atomic layers)		
15:00	14:15-15:15 Coffee Break 15:15-15:30		
16:00	Special Lecture (Hiroshi Ajiki) 15:30-16:00 General Lectures [3] (Atomic layers • Nanohorns • Nanowires) 16:00-16:45		
17:00	Poster Preview (1P-1 through 1P-40) 16:45-17:25		
18:00	Poster Session (Exhibition Hall) 17:25-19:00		
19:00			

September 8th (Thu)				
9:00	Registration begins at 9:00			
	KADERU Hall opens at 9:15			
	Lectures begins at 9:45			
	Plenary Lecture			
10.00				
10.00	(Jin Zhang) 9:45-10:30			
	General Lectures [3]			
	(Properties of panotubes Formation and			
11.00	purification of nanotubes) 10:30-11:15			
11.00	Coffae Break 11:15 11:20			
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12:00	11:30, 12:30			
	11.30-12.30			
	Lunch			
	12:30-13:45			
13:00				
	Award Ceremony 13:45-14:00			
14:00	General meeting			
	14:00-14:30			
	Special Lecture			
	(Don. Futaba) 14:30-15:00			
15:00	General Lectures [3]			
	(Applications of graphene)			
	15:00-15:45			
	Coffee Break 15:45-16:00			
16:00	General Lectures [2]			
10.00	(Properties of graphene Other topics) 16:00-16:30			
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17.00	(2P-1 through 2P-39)			
17:00	16:30-17:10			
	Poster Session			
	(Exhibition Hall)			
	17:10-18:45			
18:00				
18:45				
19:00	Banquet			
	2F, Tancho, Hotel Sapporo			
	Garden Palace			
	19:00-21:00			

September 9th (Fri)				
9:00	Registration begins at 9:00 KADERU Hall opens at 9:15			
	Lectures begins at 9:45			
	Special Lecture			
10:00	(Hideyuki Hisashi) 9:45-10:15			
	General Lectures [3]			
	(Properties of nanotubes • Applications of graphene) 10:15-11:00			
11:00	Coffee Break 11:00-11:15			
	Special Lectures (Naoto Saito) 11:15-11:45			
	General Lectures [3]			
12:00	(Properties of graphene)			
12.00	11:45-12:30			
	Lunch			
	12:30-13:45			
13:00				
14.00	Poster Preview			
14:00	(3P-1 through 3P-39)			
	13:45-14:25			
	(Exhibition Hall)			
15.00	14.25-16.00			
15.00	17.25-10.00			
16:00	Special Lecture			
	(Yoko Yamakoshi) 16:00-16:30			
	General Lectures [3]			
	(Endohedral nanotubes • Chemistry of			
17:00	tullerenes • Fullerenes) 16:30-17:15			
17:15				

Plenary Lecture:40 min + 5 min [2] Special Lecture:25 min + 5 min [6] Aword Nominee Lecture:10 min + 10 min [3] General Lecture:10 min + 5 min [30] Poster Preview:1 min [118]

21:00

座長一覧 (Chairpersons)

9月7日(水)

セッション	時間	座長
基調講演 (河野 淳一郎)	$10:00 \sim 10:45$	丸山 茂夫
一般講演 3件	$10:45 \sim 11:30$	松田 一成
一般講演 3件	$11:45 \sim 12:30$	大野 雄高
特別講演(宮田 耕充)	$13:45 \sim 14:15$	齋藤 理一郎
一般講演 4件	$14:15 \sim 15:15$	北浦良
特別講演(安食 博志)	$15:30 \sim 16:00$	斎藤 晋
一般講演 3件	$16:00 \sim 16:45$	保田 諭
ポスタープレビュー	$16:45 \sim 17:25$	野々口 斐之
		大町 遼

_9月8日 (木)

セッション	時間	座長
基調講演(Jin Zhang)	$9:45 \sim 10:30$	片浦 弘道
一般講演 3件	$10:30 \sim 11:15$	宮内 雄平
大澤賞受賞対象者講演	$11:30 \sim 11:50$	山嶋 古協
飯島賞受賞対象者講演	$11:50 \sim 12:30$	干%
特別講演(Don Futaba)	$14:30 \sim 15:00$	野田 優
一般講演 3件	$15:00 \sim 15:45$	宮本 良之
一般講演 2件	$16:00 \sim 16:30$	秋田 成司
ポスタープレビュー	$16:30 \sim 17:10$	南本 大穂
		蓬田 陽平

9月9日 (金)

セッション	時間	座長
基調講演(久 英之)	$9:45 \sim 10:15$	篠原 久典
一般講演 3件	$10:15 \sim 11:00$	岡田 晋
特別講演(齋藤 直人)	$11:15 \sim 11:45$	湯田坂 雅子
一般講演 3件	$11:45 \sim 12:30$	佐野 正人
ポスタープレビュー	$13:45 \sim 14:25$	弓削 亮太
		小林慶太
特別講演(山越 葉子)	$16:00 \sim 16:30$	前田 優
一般講演 3件	$16:30 \sim 17:15$	小久保 研

9月7日(水)

基調講演:発表 40 分+質疑応答5分 特別講演:発表 25 分+質疑応答5分 一般講演:発表 10 分+質疑応答5分 ポスタープレビュー:発表1分、質疑応答なし

基調講演(10:00-10:45)

1S-1 Wafer-Scale Monodomain Films of Spontaneously Aligned Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes * 河野 淳一郎

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一般講演(10:45-11:30)

ナノチューブの物性・ナノチューブの応用

- 1-1 円偏光を用いたカーボンナノチューブと遷移金属カルコゲナイド物質の光学的性質
 * *齋藤 理一郎, 佐藤 直道, 辰巳 由樹*
- 1-2
 単層カーボンナノチューブの発光特性の制御

 * 前田 優, 武塙 祐哉, 西野 朱音, 南 竣, 山田 道夫, 鈴木 光明, 永瀬 茂
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- 1-3 Application of carbon nanotubes as electrodes and doping methods in photovoltaics * 田 日, 丸山 茂夫, 松尾 豊

>>>>>> 休憩(11:30-11:45) <<<<<<<

一般講演(11:45-12:30)

ナノチューブの応用・グラフェン生成・グラフェンの物性

 1-4 Mechanically durable and stretchable micro-supercapacitors with elastomeric components harmonized with wearable field-effect transistors
 * Fumiaki Tanaka, Atsuko Sekiguchi, Karolina Laszczyk, Kazufumi Kobashi, Shunsuke Sakurai, Don Futaba, Takeo Yamada, Kenji Hata
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	* 鈴木 弘朗, 金子 俊郎, 澁田 靖, 大野 宗一, 前川 侑毅, 加藤 俊顕	13		

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 溶液中に漂うグラフェンの直接観察

 松野 豊, 佐藤 雄哉, 佐藤 光, * 佐野 正人

>>>>>> 昼食(12:30-13:45) <<<<<<

特別講演(13:45-14:15)

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* 小林 慶太, 保田 英洋	15

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Wafer-Scale Monodomain Films of Spontaneously Aligned Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes

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One of the grand challenges in nanoscience and nanotechnology is how to create macroscopic devices by assembling nano-objects while preserving their rich variety of extraordinary properties. For example, the one-dimensional character of electrons, phonons, and excitons in individual single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) leads to extremely anisotropic electronic, thermal, and optical phenomena that have stimulated much interest in diverse disciplines, but their macroscopic manifestations have been limited. Therefore, worldwide efforts are in progress to develop ways to produce large-scale architectures of aligned SWCNTs.

Here, we report a simple and robust method for preparing exceptionally large (> cm²) monodomain films of aligned SWCNTs based on spontaneous alignment that occurs during slow vacuum filtration. The produced films are globally aligned within $\pm 1.5^{\circ}$ (the nematic order parameter ~ 1) and are highly packed, containing 10⁶ nanotubes in a cross-sectional area of 1 μ m². The film thickness is controllable from a few nm to ~100 nm; sufficiently thick films act as ideal polarizers in the terahertz frequency range. This method is universally applicable to SWCNTs synthesized by various methods.

Moreover, by combining this method with recently developed sorting techniques, we fabricated highly aligned and chirality-enriched SWCNT thin-film devices. Semiconductor-enriched devices exhibited polarized light emission, polarization-dependent photocurrent, and anisotropic conductivities and transistor action with high on/off ratios. These results significantly advance the frontier of research toward scalable carbon-based electronics and photonics.



Fig.1: The film is opaque to light polarized parallel to the SWCNT alignment direction and transparent to light polarized perpendicular to the alignment direction on a macroscopic scale (top) and a microscopic scale (bottom). Note also that the film can be easily patterned using conventional photolithography techniques (bottom).

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Growth and characterization of in-plane atomic layer heterostructures

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Semiconductor heterojunction interfaces have been an important topic, both in modern solid state physics and in electronics and optoelectronics applications. Recently, the in-plane heterostructures of atomically-thin transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDCs, Fig.1a) are expected to realize one-dimensional (1D) electronic systems at their heterointerface due to their tunable electronic properties. Even though there have been several reports on the growth and device studies, it is still an important challenge to develop the microscopic basis of electronic properties of such atomic-layer heterojunction interfaces. For this purpose, we have fabricated high-quality TMDC atomic layers and various heterostructures based on TMDCs [1-5]. Herein, we report on unique electrical potential modulations of heterojunction interfaces based on TMDC atomic layers [5].

Chemical vapor deposition (CVD) was used to prepare high-quality TMDC samples on exfoliated graphite flakes, as reported in our previous paper [1]. As shown in Fig. 1b, WS_2 (or MoS_2) grains are initially synthesized on the graphite, after which the second growth process of another TMDCs is conducted with firstly-grown grains. Scanning tunneling microscopy/spectroscopy (STM/STS) analyses revealed that the monolayer systems have atomically-sharp interface structure, and form conventional type II heterojunction with staggered gap [3]. Interestingly, we found that the bilayer samples showed the formation of 1D confining potential (potential barrier) in the valence (conduction) band around the heterointerface [5]. The present findings indicate that the atomic layer heterojunctions provide a novel approach to realizing tunable 1D electrical potential for embedded quantum wires and ultrashort barriers of electrical transport.



Figure 1. (a) Structure model of in-plane MoS_2/WS_2 heterostructure and (b) its growth process by chemical vapor deposition.

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Selection rules of optical excitations for single-walled carbon nanotubes

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A single-walled carbon nanotube (SWNT) has cylindrical structure of a seamlessly rolled-up graphene. Because of its characteristic structure, the SWNT can be a metal or a semiconductor whose bandgap is inversely proportional to the diameter, and the bandgap can be changed by applying a magnetic flux passing through the tube axis due to the Aharonov-Bohom (AB) effect [1]. These attractive properties can be directly observed from optical spectra. To analyze the electronic states from the optical spectra, it is necessary to know optical selection rules. The selection rules of a SWNT depend on the direction of light polarization because of its cylindrical structure [1]. Interestingly, spectral peaks corresponding to optically allowed transitions do not appear for light polarization perpendicular to the tube axis [1]. This fact comes from the depolarization field arising from induced charge density on the cylindrical surface.

An optically excited electron-hole pair forms a bound state called an exciton. The exciton effects are significant in low dimensional systems such as the SWNT. In fact, the binding energy of the exciton in a SWNT reaches a few hundred millielectronvolts, and thus the excitons can be observed at room temperature [1]. Because of the exciton effects, spectral peaks become large and narrow for light polarization parallel to the tube axis, and small but well-defined peaks appear in spite of the depolarization effect for perpendicular polarization. The small peaks originate from the bonding states (bright states) of degenerate excitons around the K and K' points, which is formed via an electron-hole exchange interaction. The anti-bonding states of the K and K' excitons are optically inactive states (dark states) [1]. As a matter of fact, the dark states have a slight oscillator strength (quasidark states) because the degeneracy of the K and K' excitons is lifted due to the intrinsic band asymmetry of the electron and hole [2]. The band asymmetry parameters can be evaluated by observing intensity ratio of the quasidark to bright states in photo-luminescence excitation spectra.

The optical selection rules are valid when the light wavelength is much larger than the diameter of a SWNT, and this condition is fully satisfied in the usual situation. This means that the selection rules are violated for a high-gradient light field, that is, the field intensity significantly changes across the diameter of the SWNT. Such a high-gradient light field is generated by exciting surface plasmons. We have shown the selection-rule breakdown for perpendicular polarization of an isolated SWNT placed in a nanogap of a metallic nanodimer [3]. Although the Raman signal for the perpendicular polarization is weak, we can detect the signal because of the strong enhancement of the light field due to the surface plasmons. The breakdown of the selection rules has been numerically simulated [3]. This study indicates that the metallic nanostructures not only enhances the light intensity, but increases the optical excitation channels beyond the selection rules.

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Growth of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes with Controlled Structure

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In this talk, we will focus on the controlled growth of SWNTs arrays with ultra-high density, high ratio semiconducting properties and special chiral angles. For the SWNTs arrays with ultra-high density, Trojan catalysts (released from substrate) was developed and the density can be as high as 150 tubes/ μ m. Combining Trojan catalysts with Mo nanoparticles as cooperating catalysts, the ultra-high density SWNTs arrays with wafer-scale area can be obtained. For the SWNTs arrays with semiconducting properties, oxides catalysts with oxygen vacancy, bimetal catalysts and uniform Mo₂C catalyst were used to grow semiconducting SWNTs arrays and ratio of semiconducting tubes can be higher than 95%. For the SWNTs arrays with special chiral angles, based on the analysis the thermodynamics and kinetics of SWNTs growth, horizontally (2m, m) SWNT arrays with chiral angle of 19.1°, tubes arrays with small chiral angles(less than 10°) and near-armchair tubes ((n, n-1) or (n, n-2)) can be grown under different conditions.

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Super-Growth CVD: Past, Present, and Future

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Over two decades have passed since the discovery and structural elucidation of the carbon nanotube (CNT), however industry has yet to fully realize the promise of their unique properties. For single wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs), one of the major obstacles has been the low cost, industrial availability. Twelve years ago, water-assisted chemical vapor deposition (Super-growth CVD) was developed which demonstrated the highly efficient synthesis of high purity SWCNTs, and recently, an industrial production plant, based on this technology went into operation to realize the industrial use of SWCNTs.

This presentation will provide an overview of our recent progress in the synthesis and application of millimeter-scale, vertically-aligned SWNTs using Super-growth CVD. First, I will provide a brief description of the day Super-Growth CVD was serendipitously discovered. Second, I will describe the current state. Finally, I will present our future outlook.

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A Study about improving Safety of Carbon Nanotube - Development of Non-airborne type Carbon Nanotube -

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Carbon Nanotube (CNT) has a light-weight and numerous mechanical properties, such as higher mechanical strength, higher electrical conductivity, higher thermal conductivity and higher heat resistance. So CNT sometimes is described as "Black diamond in 21st century". Other hand the worldwide demand for CNT has not grown in these 30 years. In spite of those advantages, the worldwide demand volume of CNT is several hundred metric tons per year and is much smaller than that of Carbon Black (ca. 12 million metric tons per year). Except its relatively high price, the main reason for this low-demand of CNT is on the public uncertainties over its safety. Recently several researches comment as follows. "On manufacturing process of CNT and CNT related products, the concern about CNT's penetration into worker's abdominal cavity is not realistic. But we must emphasize the inhalation risk." The bulk density value of CNT is in a smallest-level category among all raw materials. So by handling CNT in manufacturing process, CNT particles are released into the air and remain for a long time. Airborne CNT particle will not settle easily. Then this situation will cause the inhalation risk. Granulation is one of the common methods to increase bulk density of powdery materials. Because the surface of CNT has less activity about chemical reaction and physical interaction with other materials, it is very difficult to granulate CNT by using of typical binders such as water. Then we developed new method of granulating CNT based on CNT's lipophilicity. As the result we became its bulk density to be more than ten times value. This new granulated CNT powder is suppressed about the ability of its airborne and is also effective to keep the hands clean during treatment of CNT by hands. Furthermore, during compounding of CNT into plastics or rubber matrix, the new granulated CNT powder is easily fed into extruders without bridging in the hopper. In that compounded material, the new granulated CNT particle is highly dispersed into plastics or rubber matrix. And we can select a high concentration of CNT particle. We indicate the new granulated CNT in the pictures, as shown Fig.1(a). The diameter of each particle is 1-2mm, and we can find that each particle is an agglomeration of smaller particles (Fig. 1(b)).

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Figure 1. Photographs of (a) Granulated CNT and (b) the enlarged granules.

Carbon nanotube application and safety in artificial joints

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We have been working to conjugate carbon nanotubes (CNTs) to polyethylene for use in sliding and rotating parts of artificial joints. These elements of polyethylene artificial joints wear away with long-term use, leading to breakage of the joint and the need for surgical revision. With this in mind, we are developing more durable artificial joints made of polyethylene and CNTs to reduce the rate of wear loss. As the number of patients receiving artificial joint replacement surgery has been rising worldwide each year, those requiring revision surgery have also increased steadily. Thus, the clinical application of sturdier CNT-based artificial joints is expected to dramatically reduce the need for revision and extend the use of prostheses to younger patients.

Of course, the concerns regarding the safety of CNT inhalation are completely different from those associated with long-term CNT implants. Therefore, safety testing of CNTs and their composites as implantation materials in the body must be performed, including the assessment of inflammatory reactions, acute cytotoxicity, irritation, sensitization, chronic toxicity, and carcinogenicity. Further research and development in this area will lead to the production of superior CNT biomaterials of benefit to a larger number of patients in the near future [1].

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Functionalization of C₆₀ and M₃N@C₈₀ for bioapplication

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Based on the unique physicochemical properties of fullerenes such as photosensitivity and metal encapsulation, bioapplication of fullerenes in areas such as photodynamic therapy and MRI contrast agents have attracted significant attentions in recent decades. Because of their extreme hydrophobicity, the preparation of water-soluble fullerene materials is critical for bioapplications. We have been focusing on the preparation of biocompatible fullerene materials by complexation or conjugation with non-toxic poly(vinylpyrrolidone) (PVP) [1].

In this study, we have developed a bis-carboxylic acid Prato derivative of C_{60} (3) as a useful precursor for further attachment of functional groups such as water-soluble polymers or targeting moieties. A glycine derivative (1) was subjected to the 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition (Prato reaction) to C_{60} in the presence of formaldehyde to provide [6,6]-adduct 2 (Fig. 1, Scheme 1). The deprotection of ^tBu group under acidic condition successfully provided bis-carboxylic acid derivative 3, which was subjected to the further additions of water-soluble PEG and PVP or solid phase peptide synthesis to provide biocompatible fullerenes such as C₆₀-PEG 4, C₆₀-peptide 5, and C₆₀-PVP 7 [2]. A similar Prato reaction was carried out to $M_3N@C_{80}$ (M = Sc, Lu, Y, Gd) using N-ethylglycine as a dipole to evaluate their reactivity (Fig. 1, Scheme 2). In contrast to the result of C_{60} , the [5,6]-adduct (9a-b) was obtained as a major product in the reaction of $Sc_3N@C_{80}$ and $Lu_3N@C_{80}$, whereas a mixture of [5,6]- and [6,6]-adducts (9c-d, 8c-d) was obtained in the case of $Y_3N@C_{80}$ and $Gd_3N@C_{80}$. Further kinetic and computational studies indicated that the kinetic products of Prato reactions of $M_3N@C_{80}$ (M = Sc, Lu, Y, Gd) were all [6,6]-adducts **8a-d**, which isomerized to the thermodynamic product [5,6]-adducts 9a-d in a manner dependent on the size of endohedral metal cluster inside C₈₀, which affected the energy level of the adducts due to the pyramidalization and degree of strain of the metal cluster (M₃N). In the presence of excess amount of dipole, the bis-adducts

10c-d were efficiently obtained from $Y_3N@C_{80}$ and $Gd_3N@C_{80}$ [3].

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Fig.1: Prato reactions of C_{60} and $M_3N(a)C_{80}$ (M = Sc, Lu, Y, Gd).



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Optical Property of Carbon Nanotubes and Low Dimensional Atomic layer materials by using Circular Polarized light

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Circular polarized light has an angular moment which shows unique properties on carbon nanotubes and transition metal dichalcogenide (TMD) atomic layer materials. In the case of carbon nanotubes, we can observe the circular dichroism (CD) for chiral nanotubes. In the case of TMDs, we can observe the valley and spin polarization. In this presentation, we discuss common optical properties by perturbation theory for electro-magnetic fields.

In particular, for the CD of carbon nanotubes, we discuss the selection rule for the circular polarized light. As for valley polarization, spin and valley degree of freedom of TMD are selectively excited by circular polarized light, which are expressed by inner product of the polarization vector and dipole vectors. Within the tight binding method, we calculated dipole vectors for graphene, carbon nanotubes, and TMDs, from which we can see the common physics in the optical properties. The calculated results are compared with the recent experimental results. We would like to propose possible experimental observation in the optical properties with use of circular polarized light.

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Control of photoluminescence properties of single-walled carbon nanotubes

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PL spectroscopy is a very powerful tool for the assignment of semiconducting single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) because it can be separately observed the E_{11} PL peaks of individual SWNTs by the excitation of the E_{22} transitions. Recently, NIR light has received significant attention in bio-imaging applications owing to the high transparency of biological tissues. To improve the performance of SWNTs as biological imaging materials, chirality-separated semiconducting SWNTs have been investigated, and have exhibited superior performance than their non-separated ones. In addition, it was reported that sidewall functionalization of SWNTs results in a new and bright PL peak in the longer wavelength region. Therefore, the sidewall functionalization is an effective method for controlling the PL characteristics of SWNTs for practical applications. We report herein the control of PL properties of SWNTs by chemical functionalization/defunctionalization protocols.

Photoreaction of SWNTs with disulfide in the presence of oxygen afforded oxidized SWNTs. It was revealed that the photoreaction proceeds more favorably in metallic and small-diameter SWNTs than the other types of SWNTs on the basis of their Raman and absorption spectral changing [1]. When (6,5)-SWNT enriched sample was used, the intensity of the characteristic absorption and PL peak at ~976 nm (E₁₁) decreased with an increase of a new PL peak at ~1150 nm. Large Stokes shift allows use of E_{11} energy for the excitation due to the easy elimination of Rayleigh scattering. It is noteworthy that the excitation of E_{11} energy increases the excitation efficiency and decreases phototoxicity in their application. To control PL properties, dialkylation of (6,5)-SWNTs enriched sample and subsequent thermal treatment were conducted. Dialkylated SWNTs (R¹-SWNTs-R²) were synthesized using alkyllithium (R¹Li) and alkyl bromide (R²Br) [2,3]. Interestingly, the degree of functionalization is tunable by steric hindrance of alkyl groups used in the reductive alkylation. In addition, the subsequent thermal treatment is effective to control their degree of

functionalization. Interestingly, new PL peaks were observed depending on the substituents and condition of the thermal treatment [4]. This methodology has advantages for their productivity, high PL efficiency, and large Stokes shift.



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Application of carbon nanotubes as electrodes and doping methods in photovoltaics

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Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) have emerged as materials for next-generation electrodes in solar cells (SCs), offering a possible alternative to indium tin oxide (ITO). CNTs have excellent mechanical flexibility and are composed entirely of naturally abundant carbon. Therefore, CNT transparent conductive films in SCs have been the subject of active research.

For the research in SCs, organic SCs and perovskite SCs have attracted a great deal of attention as solution-processable and flexible light-harvesting devices that have the potential to meet the world's energy needs. The efficiency of SCs has increased tremendously with the recent emergence of perovskite SCs. As the result, power conversion efficiency (PCE) has reached as high as 20%.[1] However, SC flexibility is still limited by the use of ITO, which is bendable but not completely flexible like the carbon materials.

We have been working with diverse materials and their applications in solar cells. So far, we have demonstrated applications of CNTs as the transparent electrode, replacing ITO and metal electrodes in SCs. This was done with the doping, which is mandatory to maximize the conductivity and transmittance. We investigated several types of dopants and methods depending on the applications. ITO-free, CNT-based organic SCs showed a PCE of 6.04% with the PTB7:PC₇₁BM photoactive layer, in which MoOx thermal doping was used.[2] On the other hand, metal-free window-like CNT-based organic SCs produced a PCE of 4.1%[3], because it was transparent solar cells, which could be used for window applications. For this research, we used MoOx doping and HNO₃ doping, separately. For the application in perovskite SCs, diluted HNO₃ (35 v/v%)-doped CNT-based device produced the highest PCE of 6.32% which was about 70% of the ITO-based device (9.05%).[4] This work opened up the research area of single-walled CNT applied SCs, as similar works have followed up, citing our papers. Especially our first paper on CNT application in organic SCs[1] reached a citation number of 16 in less than a year.

My next step of this research is to use both CNTs and graphene as the electrodes to achieve full carbon SCs. This will be full-carbon SCs, which will again open up a new field of research that many researchers around the globe will follow.

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Mechanically durable and stretchable micro-supercapacitors with elastomeric components harmonized with wearable field-effect transistors

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Flexibility or stretchability is one of the notable trends in recent electronics towards wearable/implantable systems. Although many flexible/stretchable devices have been proposed so far, mechanical durability is another essential aspect that wearable/implantable devices should possess to keep device performances when exposed to various mechanical stresses occurred in our daily lives.

Here, we developed mechanically durable and stretchable micro-supercapacitors composed of elastomeric materials towards elastomeric electronics possessing both mechanical durability and softness as a system rather than a single device. To this end, we used single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs), rubber, composite of SWCNT and rubbers, and sulfuric acid electrolytes to make the micro-supercapacitors and demonstrated that elastomeric field effect transistors (FETs) can be driven with them.

The elastomeric micro-supercapacitors had high mechanical durability: the device performances did not degrade even after the severe mechanical stresses including pressures up to 6 MPa or by high-heels step and impact by being struck with a hammer. As well as the mechanical durability, the micro-supercapacitor had stretchability up to 30% and higher energy and power densities (e.g., 16.8 mWh/cm³ and 86.3 W/cm³, respectively, at a current density of 19.2 A/cm³) compared to conventional stretchable supercapacitors. In addition, the elastomeric FETs had the same level of mechanical durability and stretchability.

In both devices, SWCNTs played important roles in mechanical strengths and device performances. The usage of long and pure SWCNTs grown by super-growth method provided a flexible and mechanically durable thin film, which also possessed high electric conductivity and specific surface area, by entangling SWCNTs into deformable network structure. In addition, when mixed with rubbers, the SWCNT network worked as good fillers for conductivity and framework to support the structure of rubber matrix. As a result, SWCNT thin films became good storages for electric double layers in micro-supercapacitors, while the composite of SWCNT and rubber became good electric conductors for current collectors in micro-supercapacitors and electrodes in FETs.

To demonstrate the compatibility between elastomeric micro-supercapacitors and FETs as a system, they are connected with rubbery interconnection of SWCNT-rubber and then the FET was driven by three micro-supercapacitors connected in series. The result clearly showed that elastomeric materials can constitute an electronic system with micro-supercapacitors and FETs beyond a single device.

Our elastomeric system opens up a possibility to realize all-elastomer-state electronics for wearable/implantable systems, providing both softness for wear and mechanical durability for tolerance against the severe mechanical stresses from the environment.

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Wafer-scale integration of suspended graphene nanoribbons and its growth mechanisms

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Graphene nanoribbons (GNRs) combine the unique electronic and spin properties of graphene with a transport gap that arises from quantum confinement and edge effects. This makes them an attractive candidate material for the channels of next-generation transistors. Although GNRs can be made in a variety of ways, the reliable site and alignment control of GNRs with high on/off current ratios remains a challenge.

Up to now, we developed a novel method based on the advanced plasma CVD method [1] with nano scale Ni catalyst (Ni nanobar) for directly fabricating suspended GNRs devices [2]. However, the growth yield of suspended GNRs is low and understanding the growth mechanism is required to solve this problem.

Based on this background, we attempted to elucidate the growth dynamics of GNRs in our method. Through the comparison of molecular dynamics simulation and phase diagram calculation with the systematically obtained experimental results, it is found that the Ni nanobar becomes liquid state during the high temperature condition (\sim 900 °C) and only the Ni nanobar under plasma CVD can maintain its fine structure with liquid phase due to higher

carbon composition. Then, phase separation between graphene and Ni happens during the cooling process, which accelerates the dewetting and the destabilization of liquid phase Ni nanobar under the GNR, resulting in the formation of suspended GNR (Fig. 1(a)). By following this growth model, the yield of suspended GNR growth can be drastically improved (\sim 90%) and wafer scale synthesis of 1,000,000 suspended GNRs has been realized. The edge structure of GNRs was also analyzed by polarized Raman measurements, revealing near zigzag edge is dominantly formed with high uniformity in our suspended GNR



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Direct observations of graphene and its oxide dispersed in solution

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A graphene sheet is only one atomic layer thick, yet over several microns wide. This 2D morphology is a main reason that graphene is often placed on a solid substrate for fundamental researches and applications, with a risk of unintentional mechanical strain and chemical doping. Graphene oxide (GO) has many oxygen-containing functional groups, which enable GO to be readily dispersible in various solvents. GO are often used in a form of dispersions for practical applications. Despite of its importance, there has been no practical technique to directly visualize and characterize nanocarbons in liquid environments.

Recently, we have developed a new microscopy that allows direct observation of nanocarbons in solution. In order to visualize atomically thin, 98% transparent graphene in solution, we need to have a very faint illumination compensating for "shooting against the light source", additional contrast mechanisms besides the small absorption, and orientations facing the wide surface toward an objective lens. These conditions are simultaneously satisfied by dispersing nanocarbons in a fluorescent dye solution near a solid surface. We use the dye fluorescence within a few hundred micrometers from the solid surface as an illumination.

A procedure is simple and quick. A nanocarbon solution is mixed with a dye solution, and is placed on a glass surface. This cell is put on the microscope and an observation is started as if using an ordinary optical microscope. Because the solution is open to the air, it is free to manipulate or perform additional experiments on the solution while observing it in real time.

Sub-micron to sub-millimeter sized GO sheets executing 3D motions are imaged clearly in solution. There are several different mechanisms for contrast. Fluorescence quenching by Dexter electron transfer or Förster resonance energy transfer (FRET) gives dark images. By applying FRET, it is possible to image only an object which has absorbance at the emission wavelengths of the dye. Even then, a large part of the illuminating light is still transmitted through nanocarbons, allowing direct observation of layering and network structures.

Fluorophore properties of many dyes depend on local environments such as solvent, pH, polarity, hydrophobicity, temperature, and concentration. We can create a situation where the dye fluorescence is retarded. If a nanocarbon recovers the fluorescence, it appears bright in a dim background. We show an example of GO appearing bright as a result of adsorption and proton-exchange with dye molecules. Because graphene does not induce such changes, it is

possible to differentiate dark graphene from bright GO coexisting in the same solution.

As-synthesized GO itself fluoresces in solution. This autofluorescence can be used to image GO without mixing dyes. A simultaneous acquisition of fluorescence spectra is useful for studying its mechanism. Finally, the viewing object is not limited to nanocarbons. The same contrast mechanisms apply also to various other substances, including living microorganisms.



Fig. 1. Image of GO in aq. rhodamine b solution.

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Visualization of structural modulation in the charge density wave phase of 1*T*-TaSe₂ by scanning transmission electron microscopy

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Some transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDCs) show a charge density wave (CDW) phase transition due to their low-dimensional electron system [1]. In the CDW phase, the structure of the TMDCs is modulated from that of the normal phase by the periodical displacement of the transition metal atom positions. The formation of supercells in the CDW phase of TMDCs due to the structural modulation has been observed by diffractometry, and models of the displacement of transition metal atoms by the CDW phase transition have been based on these results [1]. To clarify the structural modulation of TMDCs by the CDW phase transition, it is necessary to visualize the displacement of the transition metal atom positions in the CDW phase transition in real space. This would also help clarify the waveform of the CDW, the unique properties of the CDW phase of TMDCs, and the mechanism of the phase transition.

In this study, to clarify the actual structural modulation of TMDCs by the CDW phase transition by experimentally, we attempted to visualize the periodic displacement of Ta atom position in CDW phase of 1T-TaSe₂, which is a typical TMDC that shows a CDW phase at room temperature, by annular dark-field scanning transmission electron microscopy (ADF-STEM). In consequence, we found that the additional periodic image contrast, which was consistent with the periodicity of the supercell of the CDW phase of 1T-TaSe2, was superimposed on the image contrasts arising from atomic columns in the ADF-STEM image of CDW phase of 1T-TaSe₂ (Figure 1) [2]. We compared experimental and simulated images and found that the periodic image contrast reflects the periodic



Fig.1: ADF-STEM images of 1T-TaSe₂ acquired from the *c*-axis. A periodic image contrast with six-fold symmetry is seen in addition to the atomic columns.

density fluctuations of Ta atomic columns caused by the static displacement of Ta atom positions. The results confirm that the Ta displacement model predicted by the diffractometric method is correct. Furthermore, we reveal that the CDW has a unique waveform; a coherent CDW is formed on every layer of 1T-TaSe₂.

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Polarity control of h-BN nanoribbons by uniaxial strain

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Hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN) is attracting much attention as an insulating version of graphene, due to its unique physical properties, such as mechanically strong hexagonal network, high thermal conductivity, and an insulating electronic structure with wide band gap. Because of these properties, h-BN is regarded as a potential material for the wide areas in the current and future nanotechnologies. Although h-BN possesses the same network topology to the graphene, their physical properties are totally different each other due to the difference in the constituent elements. In our previous works, we demonstrated that the energetics and electronic structure of nanoscale flakes of h-BN are insensitive to their shapes and sizes. On the other hand, edge polarity of the h-BN nanoflakes is sensitive to the edge morphology and chemical functionalization. However, it is still unclear the detailed polar properties of the h-BN nanoflakes in terms of the structural deformations. Thus, in this work, we study the electronic structure of h-BN with uniaxial strain to investigate the effect of strain to polarization of h-BN nanoribbons. All calculations are performed by using the density functional theory (DFT) with the generalized gradient approximation. The effective screening medium (ESM) method is applied to avoid the unintentional dipole interactions with the periodic images.

In this study, we applied tensile and compressive strain parallel to the ribbon direction to h-BN nanoribbons with various edge structures ranging from armchair to zigzag. Figure 1 shows the potential difference between B and N edges of a zigzag h-BN nanoribbon as a function of the strain. We found that the potential difference monotonically increases with

increasing the tensile strain and changes its sign at 16 % (Fig. 1). The fact indicates that the ribbon under the 16% tensile strain does not exhibit edge polarization, even asymmetrical though the atomic arrangements at the edges. More interestingly, above the 16% strain, the different changes potential its sign, indicating that the polarity inversion occurs in the uniaxially stretched h-BN ribbons except the armchair ribbons.

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Fig.1: Potential difference of zigzag h-BN nanoribbon as a function of strain. Positive and negative x-axis denote the tensile and compressive strain, respectively.

Germanium Sulfide Photodetectors with High Photosensitivity and Broad Spectral Response

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Recently, the high-sensitive photodetectors with broad spectral response have been reported using the novel 2D materials, (e.g., graphene, transition metal dichalcogenides and black phosphorus) [1,2]. As a new member of 2D material family, metal monochalcogenides (e.g., GeS and GeSe) have attracted much interests for the highly sensitive photodetector applications. The *p*-type semiconductor 2D GeS with an orthorhombic structure has close direct and indirect optical transitions with small energy difference. Our previous report showed that the GeS exhibits strong light absorption in a broad range from visible to near-infrared spectral regions, which promises GeS as a high-sensitive photodetecting material [3].

Here, the highly sensitive-photodetector based on GeS nanosheets has been demonstrated. We fabricated the GeS nanosheets by using the mechanical exfoliation method and then GeS-based field-effect transistors (GeS-FETs) were prepared using the electron-beam lithography (Inset of Fig. 1(b)). The photo-responses of GeS-FETs were checked with or without light irradiation, where the bias-voltage and light intensity were controlled. Figure 1(a) shows the photocurrent of GeS-FETs with different illuminating light intensity. A nonlinear light-intensity-dependent response is observed (Fig. 1a). The GeS photodetectors exhibited high photoresponsivity R_{λ} of about 70 A/W under illumination of 0.66 μ W cm⁻² at wavelength of 400 nm ($V_g = 0$ V, $V_{ds} = 4$ V). The specific detectivity, the key figure of merits of a photodetector, is estimated to be 4.8 x 10¹³ Jones. The photodetecting performance can be

enhanced dramatically via increasing the back-gate voltage $(V_{\rm g})$ up to 80 V (Fig. 1(b)). R_{λ} is enhanced to be 600 A/W under the illumination conditions. same Moreover, we revealed that the GeS shows broad photodetector a spectral response in the wavelength range of 400-800 nm along with photosensitivity. high These excellent properties of high photocurrent generation and broad spectral response indicate that the GeS-FET photodetector is a highly qualified candidate for the optoelectronic applications.



Fig.1 (a) Photocurrent under light (400 nm) irradiation with different power density. (b) Photo-responsivity with $V_g = 0$ and 80 V. Inset shows the optical image of GeS FET.

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Current jump and memory effect in MoS₂ transistor operated at high temperature

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Molybdenum disulfide (MoS₂) have received remarkable attention as new 2D materials with great potentials for future applications [1]. Recently, Jiang *et al.*, reported a kink (memory step) was reproducibly appeared in the transfer curve at high temperature above 450 K [2]. In this study, we attempt to evaluate the memory step by changing the thickness of MoS_2 layers.

 MoS_2 FETs were fabricated using exfoliated MoS_2 crystals by well-known scotch tape method. We transferred the crystals onto electrodes pre-fabricated on a SiO₂/Si substrate by dry transfer method using a *h*-BN sheet. The devices form bottom contacted configuration by Au electrodes. Figure 1 shows an optical microscope image of the typical FET. The FET was installed into a vacuum probe station and then it was annealed at 400 K for 20 hours [3] to improve the performance. After the annealing process, additional annealing was performed at 500K for several hours.

After the second annealing process, we measured transfer curves at different temperature between 300 K to 500 K. While no significant change was observed at near room temperature, a current jump was significantly appeared at around zero back gate voltage at high temperature above 400 K. Such a jump was observed at around $V_g = 0$ V in a forward back gate voltage sweep (from -40 to 40 V) while a sudden decrease of the current occurred at

around $V_g = -30$ V in the backward sweep. The height of the jump increased with increasing the temperature. Interestingly, the jump became more pronounced with decreasing the MoS₂ thickness. However, the jump is not peculiar effect only in MoS₂ device since a similar trend was observed in a graphene one. Hence, the gate insulator of SiO₂ may act as the origin of the current jump and the memory effect at high temperature. Further discussion will be argued in the presentation.

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Fig.1. Optical microscope image of a typical MoS_2 FET device. The dashed line shows the shape of the MoS_2 crystal. The top of MoS_2 was covered by a *h*-BN sheet.

Strain Modulation of Electronic Properties in Hexagonal Boron-Nitride Atomic Layers

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Since the successful exfoliation of graphene from multilayer graphite, hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN) atomic layers have been also regarded as fascinating materials from the viewpoints of fundamental physics and relevant applications in nano/opto-electronics because the structural properties of the h-BN atomic layers are similar to those of graphene. On the other hand, the electronic property of h-BN atomic layers is quite different from that of graphene: graphene exhibits metallic property, while the h-BN layers possess sizable band gap [1]. This sizable band-gap nature of the h-BN atomic layers would provide not only new physical properties but also novel nano- and/or opto-electronics applications.

One of the effective ways to control the electronic properties of nanomaterials is to dope with heteroatoms. Actually, it is reported that the electronic properties of h-BN layers is changed from insulating to metallic properties by doping with carbon atom [2]. Another way to tune the electronic properties is to apply the strains. For example, the band gaps of h-BN atomic layer are tunable by applying strains [3, 4].

In this talk, we report the systematic study that clarifies the strain-induced effects on the stabilities and the electronic properties of h-BN monolayers and bilayers [3-8]. In the former part, we show that the impurity states in the C-doped h-BN monolayers become relatively shallow states when biaxial strains are applied. Furthermore, the compressive strains can induce the new conduction channel (Fig. 1). In the latter part, we show that the band gaps of the h-BN bilayers are tunable by applying strains. We also show that the biaxial strains can produce a transition from indirect to direct band gaps of the h-BN bilayer.

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Host-Guest Complexation of Cyclodextrins on Carbon Nanohorn Particles

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Dispersion of carbon nanomaterials in water is an important technique for enhancement of their processability and medicinal applications. Whereas natural or synthetic surfactants have been widely employed for preparation of water-dispersible nanocarbons, the use of an excess amount of surfactants and their removal by posttreatment are often problematic [1]. Herein we report shape-selective complexation of cyclodexrin (CD), a common host compound for a small hydrophobic molecule, on the surface of carbon nanohorn (CNH) particles through host-guest interaction at a molecular level. We found that CNH particles become dispersed by mixing and heating with cyclodextrins with various diameters (Figure). In contrast, single-walled carbon nanotubes and graphite did not disperse in water by the same treatment, suggesting that the shape-selective interaction of CD molecules with the curved tips of CNH plays a crucial role in formation of highly-dispersible CNH particles. The complexation of CDs on carbon nanohorns was verified by high-resolution transmission electron microscopy (TEM, Figure), in which a trapezoidal contrast of a single cyclodextrin molecule was clearly observed. Such a shape-selective recognition of the nanocarbon surface allows us to separate CNH particles from as-purchased mixture with graphitic particles by mixing with only a small amount (1 wt%) of cyclodextrin, which was confirmed by thermogravimetric analysis and TEM observation.



Figure. Dispersion of CNH particles in water through host-guest complexation of cyclodextrin on the tips of nanohorns. A high-resolution TEM image of γ -cyclodextrin on a nanohorn is shown on the right.

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Dependence of the resistivity of carbon nanocoils on coil diameter

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Carbon nanocoils (CNCs) are an exotic class of low dimensional nanocarbons with helical shape. Typical thicknesses and coil diameters of CNCs fall within the ranges of 100–400 nm and 400–1000 nm, respectively, and their full lengths are on the order of several tens of micrometers [1]. We have developed a precise resistivity measurement system for quasi-one-dimensional nanomaterials using a focused ion beam [2]. The system enables the resistivity of CNCs to be measured and its dependence on coil geometry to be elucidated. Low-temperature resistivity measurements performed on the CNCs revealed that electron transport through the helical axis is governed by the variable range hopping mechanism. The characteristic temperature in variable range hopping theory was found to systematically increase with coil diameter, which supports our theory that the population of sp²-domains in CNCs decreases considerably with coil diameter.

CNCs samples were synthesized by catalytic chemical vapor deposition [1]. After the synthesis, a portion of the CNCs was graphitized to obtain graphitized CNCs (G-CNCs) by heat treatment in Ar atmosphere at 2873K for 30 min using a Tammann oven. We then cut off a single CNC from an as-grown aggregate and made the measurement sample using FIB

technique [2]. Figure 1 shows the relationship between the coil diameter and resistivity at room temperature: 15 single CNCs and three single G-CNCs were examined. For reference, the resistivities of four single linear-shaped CNFs with fiber diameters of 407–1258 nm are also plotted on the vertical axis. The resistivity of the CNCs was found to increase with their coil diameter, although certain sample-dependent fluctuation was observed. In contrast, the resistivity of G-CNCs was almost invariant to changes in coil diameter. Electron transport through the helical axis will be discussed in the presentation.

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Fig.1: Relationship between resistivity and coil diameter: 15 CNCs, three G-CNCs, and four CNFs were examined.

Doping and electronic properties of BN nanotubes

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Bulk hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN) and h-BN atomic layers are structurally similar to graphite and graphene respectively, but possess fundamental gap in their electronic structure and are interesting future device materials. Although the doping into h-BN monolayer induces rather deep donor and acceptor states, external strain is found to modify the electronic structure and reduce the ionization energy of the impurity induced states [1]. Also the interlayer interaction in the h-BN bilayer gives sizable reduction of the fundamental-gap value. Here we study the electronic properties of BN nanotubes to clarify the curvature effect on the electronic structure of h-BN layers.

We first review the electronic structure of the zigzag BN nanotubes studied in the framework of the density functional theory [2]. Their fundamental gap is found to decrease in the case of thin nanotubes. We next discuss the electronic properties of thin BN nanotubes. We study a series of zigzag nanotubes, armchair nanotubes, and finally the chiral nanotubes, and show that the gap value depends not only on the diameter but also on the helicity of the nanotube [3]. Finally, we discuss the electronic properties of C doped zigzag BN nanotubes. The C atom is doped at the B site of the nanotube and therefore induces the donor state. We discuss the ionization energy of the donor state and its nanotube-radius dependence.



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Chirality selective synthesis of single-walled carbon nanotubes with sputtered Co-W catalyst and its possible mechanism

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The excellent electrical properties have made single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) one of the most of promising building blocks for future electronics and optics. However, the potential industrial applications are impeded by the mixed chiralities of as-grown SWNT assemblies. Direct synthesis of SWNTs with single chirality is challenging but always attracts considerable attention. Recently, Co₇W₆ clusters were reported to structurally match and thus successfully growing a single chirality SWNT (12, 6), with over 90% and a zigzag SWNT (16, 0), with near 80%, by controlling the catalyst structure and growth conditions with a high-temperature reduction and growth [1, 2].

In this report, we show that (12, 6) can be selectively grown at lower temperatures and with better spatial uniformity by using a sputtered bimetallic Co-W in alcohol catalytic chemical vapor deposition [3]. The enrichment of (12, 6) is 50-70% according to the statistical Raman mapping analysis and optical absorption spectrum. Reduction temperature before growth is found to be critical for the selectivity. At high reduction-temperatures, selective area electron diffraction identified an intermediate structure of Co_6W_6C , which is associated with the selectivity [4]. The details of catalyst structure, and time-dependent selectivity from 10 s to normally 5 min will be discussed.

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Development of new polymeric gels for the M/S separation of single-wall carbon nanotubes

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The metal/semiconductor (M/S) or single-chirality separation of single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) is important for the electronic or biomedical applications. Among various separation methods [1, 2], the gel column chromatography shows a great potential for scalable production [3]. However, the available gels have been limited to agarose and allyl dextran-based gels. The current gels are not optimized for the separation of SWCNTs and face the problem of high cost. Moreover, two gels are far from enough for studying the microscopic separation mechanism. Thus, more efforts are needed in developing new polymeric gels.

In this study, we will introduce the latest results in finding novel polymeric gels that can

be used for the separation of SWCNTs. Considering the current two gels are polysaccharides, we focused our screening on polysaccharide polymers. Several kinds of soluble polysaccharides water were cross-linked to get their corresponding gels. The gels were proved to be effective for the M/S separation. Fig. 1 shows the optical absorption spectra of M- and S-SWCNTs that were separated by the newly developed guar contrast. water gum gel. In insoluble polysaccharides examined be were to ineffective for the M/S separation. This research reveals the importance of gel wettabilities and provides us a general strategy to modify water soluble polymers for M/S separation. The variety of the newly developed gels will contribute to both scientific researches and industrial applications.

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Utilizing a caged electron spin of an endohedral metallofullerene for molecular location sensing

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Location recognition in molecular-scale provides valuable information on positional relationship, absolute conformation and dynamics of molecules. This information is critical to elucidating biological processes and understanding the nature of functional molecular materials.

Endohedral metallofullerenes are promising nano-materials including that for spatial location recognition [1], because the caged metal is uniquely isolated from the outer environment and rarely escapes from the fullerene cage even in extreme conditions, such as strongly acidic media and high temperature. Such stability makes them the preferred molecular probes in a variety of materials ranging from biological systems to industrial chemicals.

In this study, we present a novel molecular location sensing approach based on an endohedral metallofullerene, $Ce@C_{82}$, using its anisotropic magnetic properties which lead to temperature-dependent paramagnetic shifts in ¹HNMR spectra [2] (Fig.1). To achieve this concept, five site-isomers of $Ce@C_{82}CH_2$ -3,5- $C_6H_3Me_2$ (**1a-e**) were chemically synthesized by a radical coupling reaction [3]. The temperature-dependent shifts, which are induced by the magnetic anisotropy of the caged Ce, in ¹H-NMR spectra of the isomers were clearly characterized by means of experimental molecular structural analysis and theoretical calculations using density functional theory. Detailed numerical analysis of the shifts using suitable statistic criteria successfully located the relative position of the nearby hydrogen atoms from the inside Ce atom. These results evidenced that the paramagnetic shifts based on the anisotropic magnetism of the encapsulated metal atom can be used for molecular location recognition.



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Recently, we separated 12 (n,m) enantiomers of single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) [1], which showed two times higher circular dichroism (CD) intensities than the reported value in the previous work [2]. However, we could not estimate the enantiomeric purity (EP) of SWCNTs because the available evaluation method was not reported to date.

In this study, we report an available evaluation for the EP of (6,5) SWCNTs using chiral flavin mononucleotide (FMN) [3] for the first time. Two (6,5) enantiomers (defined as (+) with a negative E_{22} CD signal and (-) with a positive one), which were separated by gel chromatography, were dispersed in FMN solution after removing the initial dispersant. Figure 1 shows the optical absorption spectra and photoluminescence (PL) excitationemission maps of (+)- and (-)-(6,5)SWCNTs dispersed in FMN solution.



Figure 1. Optical absorption spectra (left) and PL excitation-emission maps (right) of (+)- and (-)-(6,5) SWCNTs dispersed in FMN solution.

Difference in E_{11} wavelength between (+)- and (-)-(6,5) was clearly observed. This is probably attributed to the non-equivalent local environments induced by the chiral FMN which possessed unequal affinities for (+)- and (-)-(6,5) SWCNTs. This difference enables us to distinguish (+)- and (-)-compositions contained in enantiomeric mixture. By a conventional peak decomposition procedure, the EP of (6,5) SWCNTs was successfully estimated based on the integrated intensities of the fitted E_{11} optical absorption peaks of (+)- and (-)-compositions (78% and 75% for (+)- and (-)-(6,5) samples, respectively, shown in Figure 1). Furthermore, we confirmed that the estimated EP is proportional to the CD intensity, which allows us to estimate the EP of (6,5) SWCNTs simply from the CD intensity. Because we know that CD intensity depends on the diameter of SWCNT and wavelength of the incident light, we can try to estimate the EP of the other chiral (*n*,*m*) SWCNTs using present result for (6,5).

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Low temperature growth of ultra-high mass density carbon nanotube forests on conductive supports

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Growth of dense carbon nanotube (CNT) forest on conductive supports by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) is of great importance for variety of applications such as sensors, interconnects in LSI, and heat dissipation devices. The growth on conductive supports is generally more challenging than that on insulating supports. This mainly comes from the difficulties of the formation of catalyst nanoparticles, therefore we need to engineer the catalyst/support systems. On the other hand, lowering the process temperature during CVD, which is typically ~800 °C, is another key issue since versatile substrates are available.

Here we report low temperature (450 °C) growth of dense CNT forests on Cu conductive layers using two types of catalyst/support systems. One is the CNT forests with a record high mass density of 1.6 g cm⁻³ by Co-Mo catalyst on Ti supports (Fig. 1a, b) [1, 2]. The density is controllable with Mo thickness, and the forests can be patterned with a pitch of ~400 nm and a line width of ~200 nm due to their highly packed morphology (Fig. 1c). The growth kinetics is investigated in detail, and it has been found that the morphology of the forests change

drastically before the growth termination. The morphology change comes from the structure change of catalyst nanoparticles.

The other dense CNT forest is the one grown by Co/Al/Mo multilayer catalyst system (Fig. 2) [3]. The 0.5 nm Al layer between Co and Mo acts as a barrier layer partially preventing Co-Mo interdiffusion. The CNT forests consist of tubes with extremely narrow inner spacing. The forest shows the thermal effusivity of 1840 J m⁻² s^{-0.5} K⁻¹ and the thermal conductivity of 4.0 J s⁻¹ m⁻¹ K⁻¹, suggesting the forest is potentially useful for the heat dissipation devices. The growth mechanism and the kinetics of dense CNT forests will be discussed.

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Fig. 1: CNT forests grown at 450 °C on Ti-coated Cu layer with (a) Co catalyst and (b) Co-Mo catalyst. (c) Patterned CNT forest with the pitch of 400 nm and a line width of 200 nm.



Fig. 2: SEM image and schematic of dense CNT forests with Co/Al/Mo catalyst.

Hydrogenation properties of supported metal nanoparticles on graphene

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We have reported that Fe nanoparticles on graphene can absorb hydrogen at low temperature by density functional theory (DFT) calculation [1]. In this work, we have experimentally investigated the hydrogenation properties of metal nanoparticles of Fe, Ni, Cu and Au on graphene. The metal nanoparticles were evaporated on single layer graphene on Cu substrate by vacuum evaporation method. The samples were hydrogenated under 1.0 MPa of H₂, for 10 min, at -196 °C, 100 °C, and dehydrogenated from R.T. to 400 °C and analyzed using mass spectrometer (MS). The hydrogen desorption was observed around 1600 °C for Fe, around 150 °C for Ti, and not observed for Au. Observed hydrogen desorption was caused by metal nanoparticles because we could not observed hydrogen desorption when we performed same experiment to graphene on Cu substrate.



Figure

Temperature / °C

TEM image of Fe nanoparticles on graphene (left)

Hydrogen MS profiles of each Fe, Au, Cu and Ni nanoparticles on graphene (right)

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Metal Phthalocyanine/Reduced Graphene Oxide Hybrid Electrocatalyst for cathodic Oxygen Reduction Reaction

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Pt/C is the best electrocatalyst for cathodic oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) in fuel cells and metal-air batteries. However, high cost and limited reserve will be problem in the mass production. Therefore, development of highly efficient and stable Pt-free electrocatalyst is required. MPcs exhibit positive charge and have attracted a great deal of attention for a wide variety of applications owing to their versatile functional properties, which depend on the central metal ion. We proved that an iron phthalocyanine (FePc)-based catalyst exhibits high activity for ORR at an alkaline condition[1]. GO exhibit negative charge and have electric insulation owing large amount of oxygen functional groups, while removal of these groups by a reduction process. Reduction changes insulating GO into conductive rGO that have graphene-like sp² domains. In this work, presents the electrocatalytic activity for ORR of MPcs/GO hybrid catalyst.

GO was prepared by Hummers' method. A GO dispersed (0.5 g L^{-1}) in N,N-dimethylformamide. A solution of MPcs (0.5 g L^{-1}) was prepared by adding FePc powder to chloroform and subjecting the resulting mixture to ultrasonic treatment for 30 min. The mixed solutions were dipped on glassy carbon electrode, and vacuum drying. Then, the MPcs/GO/GC electrodes were reduced for 10 min at -1.1 V (vs. Ag/AgCl) in 0.1 M Na₂SO₄. Samples were tested as electrodes for the ORR in 0.1 M KOH saturated with O₂. Pt wire and Ag/AgCl electrodes were used as the counter and reference electrodes, respectively.

The CV results (Fig.1) shows that the FePc/rGO hybrid offered a higher peak reduction potential than 20 wt% Pt/C. Moreover, the onset potential of FePcOC₆H₆/rGO and FePcOCH₃/rGO were observed at +0.06 V and +0.02V (vs Ag/AgCl), respectively. These results suggested that FePcOC₆H₆/rGO and FePcOCH₃/rGO indicated high ORR catalytic activity in alkaline electrolyte. XPS results showed that most of Fe where complex were

central metal was left in $FePcOC_6H_6/rGO$ and $FePcOCH_3/rGO$ by electrochemical reduction of the samples. Furthermore, Fe in the $FePcOC_6H_6/rGO$ and $FePcOCH_3/rGO$ was confirmed that the Fe^{2+} is dominant. However, this problem need more investigation and is still open to discuss.

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Fig.1: CV results in O₂-saturated 0.1 M KOH.

Oxygen reduction reaction catalyzed by copper-incorporated carbon electrocatalysts

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Oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) is a key reaction in energy conversion devices such as polymer electrolyte fuel cells (PEFCs). In PEFCs, platinum group metals (PGMs) are widely used as cathode materials to electrochemically catalyze the ORR. PGMs, however, are rare and expensive, and should be replaced by non-PGM electrocatalysts for the widespread commercialization of PEFCs. Intensive efforts have been devoted to developing non-PGM ORR electrocatalysts such as Fe- and Co-based electrocatalysts and one of the promising synthetic approaches to them is pyrolysis of metal, nitrogen and carbon precursors.^[1,2] Compared with Fe- and Co-based electrocatalysts, much less Cu-based electrocatalysts have been reported,^[3–5] even though an enzyme of Laccase efficiently catalyzes the ORR at the active center of a trinuclear copper complex.^[6]

Herein we report synthesis, characterization and ORR catalytic activity of a Cu,N-codoped carbon electrocatalyst (r[Cutrz/GO]) synthesized in pyrolysis from a trinuclear copper complex with a nitrogen-rich ligand of 1,2,4-triazole (Cutrz)^[7] as the metal and nitrogen source and graphene oxide (GO) as an carbon source (Fig. 1). Cutrz, which has a trinuclear metal core, was inspired by the catalytic active site of Laccase. We used GO because we expected that the heating treatment reduced GO involving incorporation of copper active sites into conductive carbon sheets.^[1,8]

Linear sweep voltammetry of r[Cutrz/GO] recorded in a pH range from pH 1 to pH 13 under oxygen revealed that the ORR activity of r[Cutrz/GO] increased with increasing pH and the activity at pH 13 was higher than that of Pt/C. Physical chemical measurements including X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and X-ray absorption fine structure spectroscopy demonstrated that the pyrolysis process involved not only the reduction of graphene oxide but also incorporation of unsaturated copper cores into sp² carbon networks.



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Novel Proton/Electron Mixed Conductor using Graphene Oxide

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Proton/electron mixed conductors with high electrical and protonic conductivities enable various applications such as fuel cells, supercapacitors and gas separation membranes. Perovskite-type oxides such as BaCeO₃, LaYbO₃ and La₆WO₁₂ are most commonly used as mixed conductors. However, these materials only act at higher temperatures (> 650 °C). To overcome these problems, heterogeneous mixtures of electron and proton conductors have been reported to produce mixed conductors that function at room temperature. A Nafion based membrane hybridized with carbon showed proton and electron conductivities of ~10⁻⁶-10⁻⁴ S cm⁻¹ and ~10⁻³ S cm⁻¹, respectively, at room temperature. However, in such heterogeneous mixed conductors, carrier transport is limited by phase boundaries, making it substantially difficult to obtain high mixed conductivities. Thus, it is desirable to develop single phase mixed conducting materials where diffusion paths of charged carriers are interconnected in the molecular scale.

Graphene oxide (GO), the oxidized form of graphene, shows high proton conductivity becaus of its large amount of oxygen functional groups. While it is well-known that reduced GO (r-GO) acts a good electron conductor becaous its sp² domains gradually expand by reduction process. Herein, we demonstrate the successful control of the proton and electron conductivities of GO using the photoirradiation and thermal reduction processes [1]. The proton conductivity decreased when the layer distance decreased, whereas the electron conductivity drastically increased with decreasing oxygen content. We also discovered that photo or thermally reduced r-GO films act as a good proton/electron mixed conductor at room temperature. In this case, electrons transfer through r-GO planes, while protons diffuse into the interlayer (Fig. 1). This single phase mixed conductor showed both the proton and

electron conductivities of $\sim 10^{-4}$ S cm⁻¹ under high humidity conditions. Moreover, we were successful to increase these conductivities ~2-3 order magnitudes by introducing sulfate ions into r-GO interlayers [2]. Among mixed conductors reported, the developed r-GO films exhibited the best performance at room temperature, demonstrating their feasibility for various applications such fuel as cells, supercapacitors and gas separation membranes.

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Fig. 1 Schematic model of electron and proton mixed conduction in r-GO film.
Threshold shift of diamond electrolyte-solution gate field-effect transistor by anodic oxidation

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Diamond surface has wide potential window and is biocompatible, it is useful for bio- and chemical- sensing. We have investigated the electrolyte-solution gate field-effect transistors (SGFETs) with diamond channel^[1]. Hydrogen terminated (C-H) diamond surface have two dimensional hole gas layer (2DHG) due to the dipole of surface C-H bond, where H is slight positive. Hole carriers are induced by surface negative charges in electrolyte solution across electric double layer (EDL) on the surface. To form EDL on diamond surface, negative bias

over threshold voltage is necessary. When the surface is partially oxidized, threshold voltage should shift to negative because the surface potential shifted to negative. In this study, we investigated the threshold shift by anodic oxidation of diamond surface^[2]. This process might be useful for controlling the device parameter of nanocarbon FET-type sensors.

Fig. 1 shows the schematic image of the SGFET on diamond. Initially, the channel was terminated by hydrogen, and source and drain electrodes (Ti/Au) were passivated by epoxy resin. Here, C-H diamond channel is directly contact to solution, and the surface EDL works as gate dielectric. Gate bias was applied from the reference electrode. We used phosphorus buffer solution (PBS) as electrolyte solution. Fig. 2 shows the typical I_{DS} - V_{DS} characteristics. Good modulation was observed. Anodic oxidation was performed by applying positive bias to source and drain. Fig. 3 shows the $\sqrt{I_{DS}}$ -V_{GS} characteristics by changing applied voltage for anodic oxidation. As the applied voltage increased over 1.1 V, the threshold shifted to negative. By anodic oxidation, surface C-H was partially oxidized and the intensity of C-O or C=O bond increased in X-ray photospectroscopy (XPS). The detail oxidation mechanism will be shown on site.

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Fig. 2. Typical *I*_{DS}-*V*_{DS} characteristics of C-H diamond SGFET



Fig. 3. $\sqrt{I_{DS}}$ - V_{GS} characteristics by changing anodization voltage

Optical Properties of Oxidized (6,5) Single-Wall Carbon Nanotubes

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Optical properties of oxidized single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) have attracted much attention because of the greater luminescence quantum yield than that of pristine CNTs. To advance the fundamental understanding of the optical properties of oxidized SWCNTs, we theoretically investigated the energetics and the optical transitions for complex oxygen (O) adsorption structures on (6,5) CNTs, including adsorption of two O atoms.

As shown in Fig. 1, we obtained four groups of optical transition levels below E_{11} for CNTs adsorbed by isolated O atoms, including the levels known as E_{11}^* and E_{11}^{*-} . The most stable O-adsorption structure is ether structure, which corresponds to the E_{11}^* level. The epoxy structure that produces the E_{11}^{*-} level is much more exothermic than the ether structure. We found two additional groups of optical transition levels for adsorption structures of two O atoms. The most stable adsorption structure for two O atoms is two parallel ether structures, whose transition energy appear between E_{11}^* and E_{11}^{*-} , and more endothermic than two isolated ether structures. The second most stable structure is neighboring ether and epoxy structures, whose O-adsorption energy is also much stronger than the sum of those of isolated ether and epoxy structures. The transition energy is only 0.02eV lower than the E_{11}^{*-} level that is produced by the isolated epoxy structure. There are no dark states below the level,

which would work as intrinsic non-radiative decay paths and reduce the luminescence quantum yield.

These results explain the recent bioimaging experiments where the E_{11}^{*-} emission increases its intensity with respect to E_{11}^{*} as the ultraviolet/ozone irradiation time increases [1]. It also seems that we well understand the multiple emission peaks in the low-temperature PL measurements of SWCNTs oxidized by O₃ [2] and those in the PL spectra of SWCNTs oxidized by O₂ molecules during single chirality separation processes [3], by taking adsorption structures of two O atoms into consideration.

This comprehensive understanding is essential for further applications of oxidized SWCNTs.

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Fig.1: Optical transitions for (6,5) CNTs adsorbed by one O atom (lower panel) or two O atoms (upper panel). The oscillator strengths are plotted with 5-meV width around the transition energies. The insets are the schematic diagrams for the related O-adsorption structures. The gray sticks and black spheres represent C-C bonds and O atoms, respectively.

Graphene coated silver substrate for SERS with acid tolerance

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Surface enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) technique is a novel method to sense molecular and lattice vibrations. Although nanostructured silver (Ag) surface provides the most intense SER signals [1], the use of the Ag surface is limited under acidic environment which dissolves Ag. Graphene, a single atomic carbon layer, has a prominent stability for chemical agent, and its honeycomb lattice completely prevents the penetration of small molecules like hydrogen and water [2]. Here, we report development of the SERS substrate consisting of nanostructured Ag and millimeter-scale single-crystal graphene (gSERS). The durability of the gSERS substrate for acidic conditions was demonstrated.

The gSERS substrate was prepared on a SiO₂ (300 nm)/Si substrate. A 6 nm thick Ag was deposited by sputtering on the SiO₂/Si, and then millimeter-scale single-crystal graphene, as grown by chemical vapor deposition [3], was transferred onto the substrate by wet transfer.

Figure 1 shows Raman spectra of Ag/SiO₂/Si, graphene/SiO₂/Si, and graphene/Ag/SiO₂/Si (gSERS) substrates in air. The sputtered Ag showed strong Raman peaks of adventitious carbon, indicating SERS. While graphene/SiO₂/Si shows small G and G' peaks, the gSERS substrate showed strong peaks, indicating SERS.

Subsequently, the SERS substrate was embedded in hydrochloric acid $(0.1 \sim 1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M})$ to test the durability for acid. Then, rhodamine 6G (R6G) in aqueous solution was dropped on the substrate, and was dried in air. Figure 2(a) shows an optical microscope image of the substrate surface where hexagonal graphene is visible (guided by broken lines). Figure 2(b) shows a Raman mapping of R6G peak (~1650 cm⁻¹) overlapped on the optical image taken at around the upper left corner of the hexagonal graphene. Figure 2(c) indicates Raman spectra taken at the circles in Fig. 2(b). The Raman spectra at the bright spots on graphene (Fig. 2(b)) show strong R6G peaks like the spectrum 1 in Fig. 2(c), indicating hot spots of SERS. R6G peaks can also be observed on the inside of the graphene domain (spectrum 2 in Fig. 2(c)) but not on the outside (spectrum 3). This indicates that nanostructured Ag on the inside (outside) of the graphene has (not) existed under hydrochloric acid, indicating gSERS substrate can be used in acid environment. We expect that the present advanced technique will further enhance the potential of SERS applications.



Fig. 1. Comparison of Raman spectra with laser wavelength of 532 nm.

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A nanoporous graphene terahertz detector

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Terahertz (THz) wave is an electromagnetic wave having a wavelength of around several hundreds micrometers and is promising for various fields such as medical and security imaging, astronomy, agriculture, etc [1]. However it is difficult to detect THz wave because of its low photon energy. Here, we developed a THz detector based on a novel nanocarbon material, nanoporous graphene, and achieved highly sensitive and high speed THz detection operating in room temperature.

Nanoporous graphene is synthesized by a new chemical vapor deposition process in which single layers or a few layers graphene grow on a cheese-like nickel template full filled with porous of various size [2]. This material possesses the characteristic of single layer graphene, and at the same time has a 3D configuration, which means the mechanical strength is enough to accomplish bulk application of marvel character of graphene without substrate such as broadband light absorption spectrum and Dirac cone energy dispersion [2]. Differently from single layer graphene, the nanoporous graphene has broadband absorption spectrum with absorption rate over 90%, covering even THz range. It also has large Seebeck coefficient making it possible to convert thermal energy, obtained from THz radiation, into electrical signal.

We have fabricated a device by a pristine nanoporous graphene sample with averaged porous size around 100-300 nm. As shown in Fig.1, the THz response of this device was observed even without external electric field. This device has an advantage that the fabrication does not need complicated semiconductor fine process.

Because of the high thermal conductivity and the low specific heat [3], which determine the transient speed of thermal energy, our detector speed is relatively fast even for the detection mechanism based on thermoelectric effect.

For further improvement we are making a PN junction device.

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Fig.1: Device Structure and THz response.

Synthesis and Photophysical Properties of Chemically Converted Graphene–Pyrene Linked Systems

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In this study, pyrene dimer and monomer are covalently linked onto the chemically converted graphene (CCG) to investigate the dimerization effect on the optical and photophysical properties of the pyrene–graphene covalently linked systems.

Formation of dimeric and monomeric pyrenes standing on sp^2 carbon network of graphene has been achieved by one- and two-step methods recently conducted as using single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs).^[1] As illustrated in Fig. 1 (upper), dimeric pyrenes were attached to CCG by one-step method, i.e., direct addition reaction of 4-(1-pyrenyl)phenyl (PP) radical onto the graphene plane of CCG (Py-1-CCG). We also synthesized monomeric pyrenes CCG on



Fig. 1 Synthesis of Py-1-CCG and Py-2-CCG.

selectively by the stepwise additions consisting of the first addition of the iodinephenyl (PhI) radical onto CCG to yield the PhI-functionalized CCG (PhI-CCG), followed by the second Suzuki coupling between PhI-CCG and pyrene boronic ester (Py-2-CCG) (Fig. 1, lower). The low yield (ca. 15%) of the Suzuki coupling reaction rendered the PP groups monomeric in Py-2-CCG, even if the PhI groups in PhI-CCG formed paired structures on CCG.

The dimeric and monomeric structures on CCG in Py-1-CCG and Py-2-CCG, respectively, were substantiated by UV-vis absorption measurements. The spectrum of Py-2-CCG consists of those of PhI-CCG and Py-ref (1-phenylpyrene), i.e., a pyrene π - π * band at 350 nm in addition to the broad structureless absorption of CCG extending to the near-infrared (NIR) region. This is consistent with the presence of the monomeric pyrenes on CCG in Py-2-CCG. In contrast, the spectrum of Py-1-CCG shows a new band at 450 nm. This emerging shoulder can be rationalized by the dimeric interaction between the pyrene rings in Py-1-CCG.

Upon excitation of Py-1-CCG and Py-2-CCG at 350 nm, where the absorbance of the pyrene moiety was adjusted to be identical to that of Py-ref, the fluorescence from pyrene moieties on CCG was quenched nearly quantitatively in comparison with Py-ref. This result implies that the pyrene excited states are quenched efficiently by CCG. In the presentation, we will show the results of transient absorption measurements to discuss the pyrene dimerization effect on the interaction between pyrene and CCG in the excited states in detail.

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Diazonium Chemistry for Tunable Grafting and Nanomanipulation

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Graphene, a single atom thick sheet of sp² hybridized carbon, is the focus of intense research efforts because of its unique electronic, optical, mechanical, and thermal characteristics. Despite these exceptional qualities, however, the gapless band structure of pristine graphene leads to low on/off ratios in the application of field effect transistors (FET), hindering the development of graphene based devices. To take full advantage of the properties of graphene, therefore, it is important to develop a method to modify its electronic properties. For instance, chemical defects in the sp² hybridized surface lattice of graphene are known to promote bandgap opening, one of the requirements for the efficient operation of FETs. Covalent modification of graphene and HOPG from radicals produced from diazonium reagents is the most commonly used method to introduce chemical defect. However, this method is rather limited in terms of the grafting density due to multilayer formation and/or dendritic growth of adsorbates during the diazonium chemistry.

Here we selected 3,5-bis-*tert*-butylbenzenediazonium (3,5-TBD) as a sterically hindered reagent and succeeded in monolayer grafting with a high density.¹

We have used high-resolution scanning tunneling microscopy (STM) measurements to directly observe graphite lattice buckling at the site of covalent attachment to a previously defect-free HOPG and graphene surface for the first time, demonstrating the value of STM for characterizing systems. Using suitable tunneling parameters, we have demonstrated STM nanoshaving of grafted molecules for the first time under ambient conditions, which allows complex topographic patterns to be created in high density grafted layers. Importantly, using Raman spectroscopy and STM, we have proven that the pristine sp² carbon lattice is restored on removal of grafted species. Raman spectroscopy also indicates change in the electronic properties of graphene and possiblity of tunable band gap opening following grafting of 3,5-TBD by varying the diazonium reagent concentration.

Our results settle several long-standing controversies regarding the details of diazonium modification of carbon surfaces, while high density monolayer grafting opens the way for efficient graphene-based devices.

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Graphene nanoribbon fabrication by gate-controlled edge-selective photo-oxidation

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All carbon atoms in graphene belong to its surface, leading to controllability of surface chemical phenomena by a configuration of a field-effect transistor (FET). In line with this "field-effect surface chemistry" concept, we have shown that photo-oxidation of graphene can be controlled by the FET configuration, especially by the polarity of the gate voltage (Fig. 1) [1]. The gate-controlled photo-oxidation occurs selectively at the edges of the graphene channel of the FET, and proceeds into the channel center. The formed graphene oxide is an insulator, and thus narrowing of a conducting graphene channel becomes possible by this method. Although graphene is unsuitable for switching/digital device applications because of no band gap, a finite band gap is known to be introduced by narrowing it down to nanometer scale. In this presentation, we report a conversion of a conductive wide graphene channel into a semiconducting narrow graphene ribbon by means of the gate-controlled edge-selective photo-oxidation.



Fig. 1: Gate-controlled edge-selective photo-oxidation of graphene. The UV photo-oxidation was found to occur only under the negative gate voltage [1].



Mechanically exfoliated graphene flakes were formed on a highly doped Si substrate with a 300-nm-thick thermal oxide layer. A FET structure shown in Fig. 1 was obtained by fabricating Au electrodes (with Cr adhesion layers) by electron beam lithography processes. Under application of the gate voltage of -60 V by using the FET configuration, the graphene channel was irradiated by ultraviolet (UV) light (Ushio UXM-Q256BY, ~ 2 W/cm²) in air (27°C, relative humidity of 60%). A comparison of transfer characteristics (gate-voltage dependence of the drain current) of the FET before and after the UV irradiation shows that the current on/off ratio at room temperature largely increased from 3 to 50, which indicates a successful conversion of a conductive wide graphene channel into a semiconducting narrow graphene ribbon.

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Doping of porous nanostructures

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In the interior of porous nanostructures, such as carbon nanotubes (CNTs) and metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), atoms and molecules can be arranged in 1D arrays and nanoclusters that could outperform their bulky counterparts. Our experiments using Raman, UV-Vis, photoemission, SQUID, electron microscopy and magnetotransport measurements elucidate electronic and magnetic interactions at guest-host molecular interfaces that are responsible for their unique physical properties [1,2]. We show that encapsulated inside single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs), nickel clusters behave as stable single-domain magnets exhibiting large coercive fields as the cluster size becomes as small as the exchange length. In MOFs, metal ions are coordinated to form metal arrays and nanovoids. Magnetic transition metal arrays in MOFs are ideal systems in which we study anisotropic magnetic coupling. Metal ions exposed to the interior voids react with infiltrating molecules, leading to MOF's sensing abilities. We show that the MOF's electrical conduction and magnetic ordering temperature can be tuned by molecular doping.

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Fig.1: A metal-organic framework (Co-MOF-74) with a honeycomb nanostructure.

Fullerene Modification by Using Fullerene Cation Intermediate: Migration and Cyclization

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Fullerene cation, which is reactive and has an ability to rearrange, is of great interest and can serve as a versatile platform for functionalization of fullerene. A number of functionalized fullerenes which are difficult to synthesize otherwise, have been successfully obtained by the rearrangement of a fine-designed fullerene derivatives cation. For example, 1,2-dihydromethano[60]fullerene was synthesized in nearly quantitative yield by using a γ -silyl fullerene cation.^[1] A series of non-cyclic 1,2-diorgano[60]fullerene derivatives have been synthesized in good to excellent yield through an intramolecular Friedel–Crafts reaction of an arylsilylmethyl[60]fullerene cation derived from oxidation of an organo[60]fullerene dimer or mono(organo)[60]fullerene anion.^[2]

Fullerene cation, however, had been considered to be difficult to generate because the electronegative nature of the fullerene moiety. Thus, substrate scope and application has still been limited so far. We employed fullerene anions or fullerene radicals as starting materials to obtain key intermediate fullerene cations through oxidation using appropriate oxidants such as copper(II) halides. In this presentation, we summarize various reactions using fullerene cations, those are migration reactions and cyclization reactions to produce new fullerene-based electron-acceptors for organic solar cells application. In addition, in some reactions, additive plays important role to control the reaction. We will also disclose such examples to understand reaction mechanisms of fullerene cations-based fullerene modification reactions.



Figure. An example for fullerene cation-mediated cyclization reaction to produce a cyclo[60]fullerene derivative

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A15-structured Cs₃C₆₀ : the first non-cubic A₃C₆₀ fulleride

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 C_{60} -based solids with stoichiometry A_3C_{60} are archetypal examples of unconventional molecular superconductors in which electronic correlations play a dominant role. They are known to adopt cubic crystal structures based either on fcc or bcc packing. The bcc-derived A15-structured Cs_3C_{60} fulleride is an antiferromagnetic (S = $\frac{1}{2}$) Mott-Jahn-Teller insulator (MJTI) with a Néel temperature, T_N of 46 K (Fig. 1b) [1]. It is the parent of the superconductors with the highest T_c (= 38 K) found for any molecular solid [2]. Superconductivity emerges from the MJTI by applying hydrostatic pressure. Here, we present the results of a detailed investigation of the crystal structure of A15 Cs₃C₆₀ at ambient pressure using high-resolution synchrotron X-ray powder diffraction (SXRPD).

Peak broadening of selected Bragg reflections due to anisotropic lattice microstrain was observed in the SXRPD data of A15 Cs_3C_{60} below T_N . Careful consideration of the broadened peaks allowed us to identify the presence of compression of the cubic unit cell along its body diagonal, consistent with the occurrence of a rhombohedral distortion (inset Fig. 1a). Rietveld refinements of the SXRPD data allowed a full characterization of low-temperature crystal the structure. The temperature dependence of the rhombohedral angle, α mirrors the temperature evolution of the magnetization (Fig. 1). A15-structured Cs_3C_{60} emerges as the first fulleride in which breaking of the spin rotational symmetry (spin ordering) is accompanied by simultaneous symmetry-breaking of the lattice and orbital degrees of freedom.

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Fig.1 (a) Evolution of the unit cell angle with temperature. The solid line is a guide to the eye. Inset shows a distortion from cubic to rhombohedral symmetry. (b) Temperature dependence of the magnetization.

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Poster Presentations

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Preparation of gold nanoparticles stabilized by water-soluble fullerenol C₆₀(OH)₃₆

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Properties of gold nanoparticles (AuNPs) can be controlled by the design of their protecting ligands that stabilize the nanoparticles from their undesired aggregation [1]. Water-soluble polymer such as poly(vinylpyrrolidone) (PVP) is one of the representative protecting ligands of AuNPs in aqueous solution. We have found that a naturally abundant polymer, chitosan, as a protecting ligand improved the catalytic activity [2]. However, because of the sterically regulated polymeric chain structure, the polymer ligands generally require a large excess amount to stabilize AuNPs (colloidal size is ca. 10–100 nm). In addition, much stronger molecular-sized ligand instead of polymers, which can reduce the amount of use, may decrease the catalytic activity by complete covering of the Au surface.

To improve the ligand system, water-soluble carbon nanomaterials, which are well known to form a nano-sized aggregation, can be good candidates for a newly designed ligand. Indeed, some examples on Au nanocomposites with C_{60} have been reported [3]. In order to prepare the quasi-homogeneous colloidal dispersion of Au/fullerene composites in aqueous solution, water-soluble fullerenes are used. We have explored a series of polyhydroxylated fullerenes, $C_{60}(OH)_n$ (n = 10, 12, 24, 36, 44 etc), and among them, $C_{60}(OH)_{36}$ exhibits high water solubility up to 17.5 mg/mL with high dispersion on a molecular level [4].

The AuNPs stabilized by $C_{60}(OH)_{36}$, Au: $C_{60}(OH)_{36}$, was prepared by common reduction method with an excess amount of NaBH₄ from HAuCl₄ aqueous solution in the presence of $C_{60}(OH)_{36}$ •8H₂O. The colloidal particles were homogeneously dispersed in water and were stable for months. Its core size (measured by TEM) and colloid size (by IG [4]) were 3.7±0.8 nm and 12.2±4.5 nm, respectively. XPS and XAS measurements revealed that Au: $C_{60}(OH)_{36}$ was negatively charged in total, but rather positively charged on the surface. It also exhibited the catalytic activity toward the reduction of 4-nitrophenol in the presence of NaBH₄.



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Thermal single electron transfer between C₆₀ and dienamines leading to pyrrolidinofullerenes via hydrogen shift of radical intermediates

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Single electron transfer (SET) reaction of donor reagents with C_{60} is a useful procedure for formation of fullerene monoadducts via radical or ionic coupling because the reduced electrophilicity of monoadduct inhibits further addition. Previously we have reported the selective [2+2] monoadditon of enamines with C_{60} [1]. Here, we present the SET reaction of dienamines with C_{60} followed by unexpected hydrogen shift to give pyrrolidinofullerenes [2,3].

Aryl-substituted dienamines 1 with variously substituents were reacted with C_{60} under dark condition to give pyrrolidinofullerenes 2 in 21–58 % yields. The reaction mechanism includes SET of diaryldienamines to C_{60} and the following consecutive 1,6-hydrogen shift and the [3 + 2] cycloaddition of the generated radical ion pair, clarified by DFT calculations and EPR measurement with a spin-trapping agent (nitrosobenzene). The LUMO levels of pyrrolidinofullerenes were ca. 0.1 eV higher than that of C_{60} , consequently suppressing the bisadduct formation. The phenyl–substituted pyrrolidinofullerene **2a** representatively exhibited the protic acid-catalyzed intramolecular Friedel–Crafts cyclization and the DDQ-induced oxidative cycloreversion into C_{60} .



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Availability of fullerene for skin photo-aging; Anti-inflammatory and suppression of carboxylated protein generation.

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Fullerene is a carbon allotrope with a unique structure in which the carbon atoms are bonded with each other to form soccer ball-like structure. The efficient radical scavenging/anti-oxidant properties as part of a new class of carbon materials has attracted considerable attention for companies innovating in the cosmetic and pharmaceutical sectors.

Fullerene as a cosmetic ingredient composed with polyvinylpyrrolidinone (PVP) has been on the market since 2005 (Fig.1).

We examined the effect of fullerene on UV induced prostaglandin E_2 (PGE₂) and interleukin-8 (IL-8) productions in reconstructed human epidermis (RhE). The UV induced PGE₂ [1] and IL-8 productions were significantly suppressed by the addition of fullerene.

Carboxylated proteins are known as cause of skin dullness. They are produced by UV irradiation and generate radicals in the stratum corneum. We examined the effect of fullerene on UV induced carboxylated proteins production in human stratum corneum. The UV induced carboxylated proteins were remarkably inhibited by the addition of fullerene.

In this conference, we will show the radical scavenging properties, anti-inflammatory effects, and the suppression of carboxylated protein generation by fullerene. In addition, we will introduce the results of safety evaluation tests of fullerene for human skin applications [2, 3].



Fig.1: Fullerene composed with PVP.



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Fig.2: Suppression of IL-8 by fullerene.

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Nanoscale Water Droplet Confined in Fullerene Bilayer Vesicles

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Understanding the behaviour of water confined on nano- and mesoscales is a key to gaining complete understanding of diverse biophysical phenomena such as water transport in cells, protein folding etc.¹ However, conventional lipid or polymer vesicles lack the robustness necessary to isolate and characterize confined water. Herein we report that highly robust



Figure 1: Schematic representation of preparation of fullerene bilayer vesicles

containers for the entrapment of water molecules at nano and mesoscale (> 100 nm) were prepared by the self-assembly of potassium salt of functionalized fullerene molecules $R_5C_{60}^{-1}$ K^+ , where R = Ph (PhK), p-C₂₀H₄₁C₆H₄ (C20K) and p-C₈F₁₇C₆H₄ (F8K), respectively (Figure 1). The vesicles were prepared by injecting monomer solution, in THF, into water. Through careful variation of the injection rate, stirring rate and reaction volume, we were able to control the monomer self-assembly and achieved highly monodisperse bilayer vesicles on nano and meso length scales. The presence of water in vesicles deposited on solid substrate was determined using SEM/EDAX analysis (Figure 2A). Despite the ultrahigh vacuum conditions (10⁻⁵ pa), we were able to demonstrate by the presence of oxygen signals (water is the sole source of oxygen in the vesicles). Quantitative evaluation of total oxygen content was performed for F8K, using fluorine atom as the internal standard. Finally, we were able to visualize additive mediated controlled disruption and release of water from the F8K vesicles using STEM (Figure 2B). Small Angle Neutron Scattering analysis was used to probe the vesicle morphology and permeability of the bilayers. The vesicles had a permeability of 2.6 x 10^{-13} m/s, which is 10^9 times lower than that of lipid bilayers. Thus making these vesicles among the most robust bilayer materials known.



Figure 2: A) SEM image and EDX of C20K vesicle showing the presence of oxygen; B) Controlled water release (STEM images from F8K vesicles following the addition of C_8F_{18}

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ESR measurements of Gd@C₆₀(CF₃)₃

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The Nagoya group of authors succeeded to produce trifluoromethyl derivatives of $Gd@C_{60}$ by the arc discharge of a metal/graphite composite rod with polytetrafluoroethene as source for functional group.^[1] The electron spin state of the major isolated component of $Gd@C_{60}(CF_3)_3$ was investigated by ESR spectroscopy.

 $Gd@C_{60}(CF_3)_3$ exhibited the ESR spectrum shown in Fig. 1, which was observed by X-band ESR spectrometer at 4K and well reproduced by the computer simulation using positive value of zero field splitting D = 0.2365 cm⁻¹, E = 0.0000 cm⁻¹, and the spin quantum number S=7/2. The S=7/2 spin state was attributed to seven radical electrons on the 4f orbital of an endohedral gadolinium ion with the closed-shell electronic structure of carbon cage. Considering the computer simulation for W-band ESR measurement, as shown in Fig. 2, the quantum number of S=7/2 would be confirmed by the clear structure of W-band spectrum, and the positive sign of D would be determined by W-band measurement at low temperature. The zero value of parameter E suggested the uniaxial symmetric structure of Gd@C₆₀(CF₃)₃. It is noticeable that the value of D is comparable with those for S=7/2 states of Gd@C₈₂.^[2] and topological isomers of Eu@C₈₂.^[3]



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Electronic properties of PCBM under an external electric field

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Functionalized fullerenes are known to possess unusual electronic structure, which is totally different from that of the pristine fullerene, making them constituent materials of the optical, optoelectronic, magnetic, and photovoltaic devices. Since fullerene and functionalized fullerene possess the deep lowest unoccupied states, they act as n-type semiconducting constituent materials of organic thin film solar cells with high conversion efficiency. [6,6]-phenyl-C₆₁-butyric acid methyl ester (PCBM) and silylmethylfullerenes (SIMEF) are widely used for the electron accepters of the organic photovoltaic devices. However, microscopic mechanism of the electron accumulation in this molecule by the electric filed is not elucidated yet. Therefore, in the present work, we aim to investigate the electronic properties of PCBM under an external electric field by using the density functional theory combined with the effective screening medium method to give theoretical insight into the microscopic mechanism of the carrier accumulation in PCBM. To investigate the effect of the molecular arrangement on the carrier accumulation, we consider two different molecular arrangements with respect to the gate electrode.

Figure 1 shows the electrostatic properties of PCBM under the zero electric field. As shown in Fig. 1, the potential at the tail region of PCBM is lower by 0.32 V than that at the head region, indicating that PCBM possess electric dipole moment, because of the asymmetric shape and attached functional group onto C_{60} cage. The dipole moment is expected to affect the carrier injection into PCBM with respect to their mutual molecular arrangement to the electrode. In fact, we find that the accumulated electrons are localized on the bowl region under the head-to-tail arrangement with respect to the electrode, while they are extended throughout the molecule in the tail-to-head arrangement. In accordance with the carrier distribution, induced electric field around the PCBM under the external electric field also depends on the molecular arrangement. The accumulated electrons on the molecular feathers lead to the substantial electric field concentration around them because of its sharpen shape. The present results give a guiding principle for designing the p-n junction of organic photovoltaic devices.



Fig.1 Contour plot of the electrostatic potential of PCBM without the external electric field.

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Electronic states of chalcogen encapsulated in single-walled carbon nanotubes studied by First-Principles DFT calculations

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes(SWNTs) have a hollow space in the nanometer size that can be encapsulated various functional molecules. The confined molecular assemblies is expected to exhibit unique low-dimensional structures and solid state properties that can not be realized in the bulk states. Recently, syntheses of sulfur encapsulated SWNTs or selenium encapsulated DWNTs and unique one-dimensional conductive sulfur chain structure or double-helices selenium structure were reported. In this study, we report the effects of chirality and diameter of CNTs on the local structure and molecular structure and electronic states of the chalcogens encapsulated by SWNTs by using first-principles DFT calculations. We calculated the band structures and solid ³³S- NMR parameters (NMR chemical sift tensors and electric field gradient (EFG) tensors). All of the calculations were done by using a Open-Source computer code package PWscf and GIPAW in Quantum ESPRESSO. Table 1 shows the EFG tensors at S-sites in S@(5,5)SWNT and S@(7,0)SWNT. The detailed results including both band structures and ³³S-NMR chemical shift tensors in S@SWNT with different chiral structures will be presented.

$e^2 q Q/h$ (MHz)			η		
	S@(5,5)SWNT	S@(7,0)SWNT		S@(5,5)SWNT	S@(7,0)SWNT
S1	-33.904	-17.262	S1	0.553	0.091
S2	-35.106	-15.628	S2	0.554	0.340
S3	-20.728	-17.220	S3	0.029	0.253
S4	-21.460	-15.971	S4	0.030	0.198

Table 1. EFG tensors at S-sites in S@(5,5)SWNT and S@(7,0)SWNT.

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Bolometric performance of highly purified (6,5) Single Walled Carbon Nanotubes

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Because of the smallness of specific heat and the large optical absorption in far-infra red region of single walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs), the bolometric performance of SWCNTs and their applications for temperature sensors have been intensively studied. Previously, we have proposed the importance of preparation of high-purity semiconducting SWCNT samples for improving the performance due to their intrinsically large resistance

change by the shift of the temperature. Recent progress of purification techniques enables us to prepare single-chiral semiconducting SWCNTs with purity more than 99% on the basis of analyses of their optical absorption spectra. Here we demonstrate how the purity significantly influences the bolometric performance of their thin film devices. We prepared two types of purified (6,5) SWCNTs with different purity. Here the purity was tentatively evaluated from the ratio of optical absorption intensities at around (6,5)peak and 450 nm (Fig. 1(a)). The one, which is called as P(6.5), is 0.19, and the other, which is called as HP-(6,5) is 0.07, indicating that the amount of amorphous carbon and metallic nanotubes in HP-(6,5)would be less than the half of that in P-(6,5). We fabricated thin films on parylene substrates and measured the resistance changes upon the illumination of black body radiation (BBR) with different temperature. In the case of HP-(6,5), we observed clear resistance change when the BBR temperature is 30 °C at room temperature, 20°C. The ratio of resistance change by the illumination of BBR as a function of BBR temperature is plotted in Fig. 1(c). The sensitivity of HP-(6,5) was 10 times better than that of P-(6,5). The noise equivalent temperature was significantly reduced from 1.1 °C in P-(6,5) to 0.1 °C in HP-(6,5). These results clearly indicate the importance of **SWCNTs** high-purity semiconducting for their bolometric applications.

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FIG1 : (a) Optical absorption spectra, (b) responses to the BBR with temperature of 30 °C, (c) relationship between resistance change and BBR temperature.

Superconductivity in WS₂ chiral nanotube

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Superconductivity characteristic in low dimensional structures, such as nanotubes (NTs), is of great interest, because of their uniqueness in geometry. Despite the intensive studies of superconductivity in carbon NTs[1], properties reflecting its peculiar cylindrical/chiral geometries[2] have remained elusive. One of the manifestations of the chiral structure in the electronic transport is the nonreciprocal resistance[3]. As shown in Fig. 1, the two directions of current injection are not identical due to the chiral nature of the conducting substance when the magnetic field is applied parallel to the tube.

Here we report the first observation of superconductivity in individual multi-walled tungstent disulfide (WS₂) chiral nanotubes[4] induced by ionic gating. The interference of supercurrent along the tube circumference was proved by the periodic magnetoresistance oscillation with the period of a flux quantum inside the tube[5]. More importantly, the observation of antisymmetric second harmonic signal in AC resistance provides unambiguous evidence of unprecedented nonreciprocal superconducting transport originating from the tube chirality[6], consistent with electron diffraction analysis as shown in Fig. 2. In view of the wealthy family of materials[7,8], the present result indicates that chiral nanotubes should be a new platform for the nanoscaled superconductivity with broken inversion symmetry.

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Fig. 1: Nonreciprocal superconductivity in WS₂ chrial nanotube



Fig. 2: Electron diffraction analysis of WS₂ chiral nanotube

The structural contribution to the electrical character of super-growth SWCNT forest through a height dependent study

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We report an electrical investigation of super-growth SWCNT forests where we have succeeded in elucidating the electrical contributions of the forest surface (cap) and vertically aligned (body) structures of the assembly [1]. We applied an electrical characterization method to SWCNT forests patterned into a Hall bar-like configuration to reliably evaluate the lateral (i.e. in-plane) resistance for a series of SWCNT forests spanning three orders of magnitude, 0.3 to 700 μ m, in height while avoiding direct mechanical contact to the measurement region.

Figure 1 shows the measured resistivities along lateral direction of forests at each forest height and fitting curve. A simple model based on treating the forests as two parallel resistors was used to explain the observed behavior of the lateral resistivity and forest height. The model well explains the behavior of the measurement data. Fitting results also showed that there is a large difference between the cap and body resistivity, which ranges 20~700 times.

In summary, we showed that the forests resistivity could be simply described electrically by two structural features, the cap and body, through $0.3 \sim 700$ um height range. In addition, our analysis found that the resistivity of the body was about $20 \sim 700$ times higher than that of the cap.

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Fig.1 Height dependence of supergrowth SWCNT forest resistivity.

Development of Air-stable n-type Thermoelectric Materials with Benzimidazole derivative-doped Single-walled Carbon Nanotubes

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Despite the remarkable growth of microelectronics such as wearable and portable devices, remote sensors, etc. on the market in recent years, most of the microelectronics are still powered by batteries that are required to recharge and replace at stated periods. One possible solution for powering these wireless microelectronics without a battery is to harvest energy from the human body by using thermoelectric (TE) generation which generates electricity especially from temperature difference. To generate electricity via Seebeck effect is promising. Seebeck effect is the phenomenon that a temperature difference between hot and cold ends of the TE generators that produces a voltage. To fabricate the TE devices, p- and n-type materials are necessary and the study of TE materials using inorganic semiconductors such as Bi₂Te₃ have been done for a long time as they illustrate high efficiency. However, these materials contain rare elements which show toxicity and poor processability. Therefore among the several candidates including conducting polymers, transition metal dichalcogenide and carbon nanotubes (CNTs), single-walled CNTs (SWNTs) are emerged as the promising candidate due to their non-toxicity, processability, abundant resources together with the remarkable electrical conductivity, potentially large Seebeck coefficient and light weight. However, due to the air oxidation, SWNTs only show p-type semiconducting property in air. In the development of the CNT-based TE devices, instability of the n-type CNT has been a central issue, since n-type SWNT are easily oxidized due to an electrophilic chemisorption of oxygen.[1] Previously, we reported n-type SWNT by encapsulating cobaltcence to SWNT, however, n-type stability lasts only 30 days in air.[2] Therefore, in this study we explored an

air-stable n-type thermoelectric material by covering the anion part of the SWNT surface by using cationic molecules as a dopant (n-type dopant). In this strategy, 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)-1,3-dimethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-b enzo [d] imidazole (DMBI) was chosen, since it is stable in the atmosphere, forms a stable cationic state by hydride transfer[3] and is known as n-type dopant for other carbon materials, such as graphene and fullerene.[4] We evaluated the air stability of SWNT doped by DMBI and found that the n-type nature of the DMBI-doped SWNT was stable at least for 170 days at room temperature.[5]

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Fig. 1 Time course of Seebeck coefficient of DMBI-doped SWNT measured at 320 K

Fabrication of Multi-walled Carbon Nanotube / Polystyrene Compound Materials through Photo-induced Chemical Bond Formation

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Modification of polymers with carbon (CNTs) is important nanotubes for fabrication of functional materials containing CNTs. In this work, we prepared multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) polystyrene derivatives compound materials through photochemical covalent bond formation induced by UV light (Scheme 1). In irradiation addition. photothermal conversion characteristics of the materials obtained were evaluated by means of thermography observation.

Firstly, p-(chloromethyl)styrene and MWCNTs were mixed in N-methylpyrrolidone and irradiated with UV light (250 – 385 nm) from a xenon light



Scheme 1 Fabrication of MWCNTs / polystyrene compound materials.

source at room temperature for 3 hours. Then, the resultant product was polymerized using azobisisobutyronitrile radical initiator. The obtained viscous polymer solution was diluted with solvent, and then polymer films were made by spin-coating on glass pieces. Chemical structure of the composite materials was analyzed by means of some spectroscopic techniques (¹H NMR, Raman, XPS, and so on). In order to evaluate photothermal conversion property of the materials, the materials were irradiated with infrared light (IR) from a xenon light source and the temperature change during the irradiation was observed by using a thermal imaging camera.

According to the NMR spectroscopy, decrease of $-CH_2Cl$ groups of p-(chloromethyl)styrene and formation of alkyl groups from vinyl groups were confirmed. Structural change of MWCNTs before and after the irradiation was also observed by means of Raman spectroscopy. These results confirmed the covalent bond formation and subsequent polymerization. Other results such as the XPS analysis and the observation of infrared-induced temperature change will be shown at the symposium.

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Role of π -extended Aryl Crown Ethers in the Salt-induced Chemical n-type Doping of Single-walled Carbon Nanotubes

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Due to an increased demand for ambient thermal energy harvesting, the thermoelectric properties of light-weight flexible conductors including single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) have recently been evaluated. The construction of high-performance bipolar modules requires both p-type and n-type materials. It is recognized that SWNTs can be n-doped by efficient electron donors including alkali metals and polyamines. However, a challenge in the rational design of air-stable n-type SWNTs has long remained to be addressed. We have very recently proposed the electrostatic compensation of negatively-charged carriers in n-type SWNTs using large cationic complexes [1,2]. SWNTs are converted to n-type conductors by doping with salt-crown ether complexes, and large cationic complexes effectively stabilize the negatively-charged n-type products.

Here we explore limiting factors governing the salt-induced n-type doping by using synthetic π -extended alyl crown ethers as host dopants. Prior to thermoelectric evaluation, parent SWNT buckypapers were dipped in the 0.01 M stock solution of KOH and crown ether derivatives: 18-crown, benzo-18-crown, 2,3-naphtho-18-crown, and 1,2-naphtho-18-crown. All treated SWNTs showed the negative Seebeck coefficient and increased electrical

conductivity, indicating efficient n-type doping (Fig. 1). Importantly, π -extended host dopants such as naphtho-crown ethers enabled relatively-deep doping and its stabilization, as suggested by the conductivity exceeding 2000 S/cm in air. The n-type doping of SWNTs was further characterized using vis-NIR, Raman, and photoelectron spectroscopy. We will discuss the chemical origin of the highly-stable n-type doing of SWNTs, by considering the electrostatic interaction of n-type SWNTs with cationic potassium-crown ether complexes (Fig. 2).

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Fig.1: The Seebeck coefficient and electrical conductivity of n-type SWNTs.



Fig.2: Electrostatic potential mapping of crown ether host dopants.

Improvement of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotube Cathodes for Perovskite Solar Cells

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Perovskite solar cells [1] are attracting a lot of attention due to their high power conversion efficiency (PCE) with low-cost materials. The PCE was 3.8 % in 2009 [1] and has drastically increased to 22.1 % [2]. As cathodes, gold electrodes and Spiro-MeOTAD are used in conventional perovskite solar cells. Both gold and Spiro-MeOTAD are expensive, and the latter is unstable in ambient. Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) have been reported to act as cathodes in perovskite solar cells by substituting gold and Spiro-MeOTAD [3]. However, PCEs of perovskite solar cells with SWNT cathodes have not yet attained those with conventional cathodes.

In this study, we developed a novel fabrication method of perovskite solar cells using SWNTs as cathodes to realize improved interface between perovskite crystals and SWNTs. Drydeposited SWNT films [4] were employed, and solar cell structures were fabricated by deposition of TiO₂ layers, perovskite crystals, and SWNT films on FTO/glass substrates in ambient air. While SWNT films are usually transferred on perovskite crystals at the last step (type 1 cell), we inserted the transfer process of SWNT films between two-step spin coating of perovskite crystal precursors (type 2 cell). Figure 1 shows the *J-V* characteristics of the type 1 and the type 2 cells. The type 2 cell achieved better fill factor than the type 1 cell. This indicates the contact between SWNTs and perovskite crystals is considerably improved. We further increased the PCE of the type 2 cell by adding PMMA layers on top of the SWNT films (Fig. 2). 10 15

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Current Density [mA/cm²] Current Density [mA/cm²] 5 -- type2 --- w/o PMMA ilagooo 5 [1] A. Kojima et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc.,131, 6050 (2009). [2] http://www.nrel.gov/ncpv/ 0 0 0 0.5 0.5 Bias Voltage [V] Bias Voltage [V] images/efficiency chart.jpg [3] Z. Li et al., ACS Nano, 8, 6797 Fig. 1 J-V characteristics of type 1 Fig.2 J-V characteristics of w/ (2014).and type 2 cells. PMMA and w/o PMMA cells. [4] A. Kaskela et al., Nano Lett., 10, 4349 (2010). Corresponding Author: S. Maruyama Tel: +81-3-5841-6421, Fax: +81-3-5841-6421, E-mail: maruyama@photon.t.u-tokyo.ac.jp

Iron-Nitrogen-Doped Vertically Aligned Carbon Nanotube Electrocatalyst Synthesized through Instantaneous and Repetitive Pyrolysis for Oxygen Reduction Reaction

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Development of alternatives to costly and limited reserves Pt-based catalysts for oxygen reduction reaction (ORR) has become one of the hot topics in polymer electrolyte fuel cells (PEFC) field. Among the various Pt replaced candidates, Fe coordinated to nitrogen functionalized graphitic carbon (Fe-N-C) catalysts have been attracted much attention due to their high ORR activities in acid solution. Although various approaches have been performed to enhance ORR activity, the resultant catalysts still suffers from limited activity presumably due to low density of the Fe-N-C catalytic sites. To resolve the issue, we developed abundant active Fe-N-C sites attached to a vertically aligned carbon nanotube (VA-CNT), which has a high specific surface area, by pyrolyzing iron phthalocyanine (FePc) molecules adsorbed on VA-CNTs.¹ In this study, we explored an influence of the pyrolysis process upon the ORR activity to realize the further activation.

Fe-N-C coated VA-CNTs catalyst was synthesized by pyrolyzing FePc molecules adsorbed on VA-CNTs. Instantaneous and repetitive pyrolysis (several times at the pyrolysis condition of 900 °C under Ar atmosphere for 1minute) were employed to inhibit ORR inactive Fe nanoparticle formation. Ring rotating disk electrode (RRDE) voltammetry in oxygen saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution was performed to evaluate the ORR activities.

The catalyst synthesized by the process exhibited high ORR activity of half-wave potentials of 0.79 V versus the reversible hydrogen electrode (RHE), high selectivity 3.96 electron transferred number in oxygen-saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution ("Short" in Fig. 1), compared to 1000 for the selectron transferred number in oxygen-saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution ("Short" in Fig. 1), compared to 1000 for the selectron transferred number in oxygen-saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution ("Short" in Fig. 1), compared to 1000 for the selectron transferred number in oxygen-saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution ("Short" in Fig. 1), compared to 1000 for the selectron transferred number in oxygen-saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution ("Short" in Fig. 1), compared to 1000 for the selectron transferred number in oxygen-saturated 0.5 M H₂SO₄ solution ("Short" in Fig. 1), compared to 1000 for the selectron transferred number in 1000 for 1000 for

to a conventional catalyst (half-wave potentials of 0.76 V) synthesized by continuous pyrolysis process ("Long" in Fig. 1). These results strongly indicate that the instantaneous and repetitive pyrolysis process enables to inhibit the Fe nanoparticle, resulting in formation of dense Fe-N-C active site on VA-CNT surface.

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Fig. 1 RRDE polarization curves of Fe-N-C/VA-CNT in an O_2 -saturated 0.5 M H_2SO_4 solution.

Synthesis of new-structured multi-walled carbon nanotubes inside silicon carbide nanotubes

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Carbon nanomaterials such as fullerenes, carbon nanotubes, and graphene have attracted particular attention due to their fascinating geometries and physical properties. In particular, carbon nanotubes represent an interesting and important class of carbon based nanomaterials with wide-ranging applications. It is, therefore, required to synthesize the carbon nanotubes with new structure in order to develop and broaden the application of carbon nanotubes.

Multi-walled carbon nanotubes (GSI creos Corporation, Tokyo, Japan) were used as template materials. The C-SiC coaxial nanotubes were synthesized by heating multi-walled carbon nanotubes with Si powder at 1200 °C for 100 h in a vacuum [1, 2]. The C-SiC coaxial nanotubes were irradiated with 340 keV Si⁺ ions from 400 kV ion implanter at room temperature. The ion fluence was 2.4×10^{20} ions/m², and the corresponding irradiation damage (displacement per atom, dpa) was calculated by SRIM 2008) to be 6.8 dpa [3].

Figure 1 shows the typical TEM image and selected area electron diffraction (SAED) patterns of the irradiated C-SiC coaxial nanotube. According to high-resolution (HR) TEM image, the amorphous structure is observed in the SiC layer of C-SiC coaxial nanotube. The orientation of the graphitic shells in the C-SiC coaxial nanotubes before ion irradiation was almost parallel to the length directions of the nanotubes. However, HR-TEM observation and SAED result indicate that the orientation of graphitic shells after ion irradiation changes such that they are completely parallel to the radial directions of the nanotubes. The graphite (002) spots in the SAED image are clearly observed even after ion irradiation up to 6.8 dpa, indicating the certain crystallinity of the carbon layer in the C-SiC coaxial nanotube. In this study, the multi-walled carbon nanotubes with graphitic shells completely oriented parallel to the radial direction of the nanotube inside amorphous SiC nanotube was synthesized by ion irradiation technique for the first time [3]. Such a multi-walled carbon nanotubes with this new structure may be expected to find new applications.

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Fig.1: (a) Low-magnification TEM image and SAED pattern, and (b) high-resolution TEM image of new structured multi-walled carbon nanotube inside SiC nanotube.

Purification of high purity semiconducting single-wall carbon nanotubes with a large diameter of 1.9 nm by gel filtration

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Single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) have broad diversities on its structure and properties which should be separated and purified prior to application such as electronic devices. Gel filtration is one of the most powerful separation methods of SWCNTs, capable of purify SWCNTs based on electronic-type, diameter, and length. However, although many satisfactory reports on gel filtration of SWCNTs have been published, few to no report was found on the successful electronic-type purification of SWCNTs with diameter larger than 1.4 nm.

Here, we demonstrate the purification of semiconducting SWCNTs (s-SWCNTs) with a diameter of as large as 1.9 nm by using gel filtration. Combination of increased column temperature and elution with gradient concentration are critical for the purification. Optical absorption and Raman spectra indicate the high purity s-SWCNTs with diameter around 2.0 nm, which was confirmed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) images as shown in fig. 1.



Figure 1 (a) Raman spectra of the purified s-SWCNTs fraction using 3 different laser excitation: 2.54, 1.96, and 1.58 eV. No peak of m-SWCNTs (gray shaded) was observed. (b) TEM images and diameter distribution of the purified fraction showing s-SWCNTs with large diameter of 1.9 nm.

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Single-walled carbon nanotube synthesis using Ru catalysts by alcohol catalytic chemical vapor deposition in high vacuum

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Single-walled carbon nanotube (SWNT) have various excellent electrical characteristics for applications to electronics. So far, we have conducted SWNT growth using platinum-group metals as catalysts. Previously, we have reported SWNT growth using Pt and Rh catalysts [1] [2]. These catalysts are one of the most expensive metals, which are disadvantages for practical applications. In this study, we focused on Ru as catalysts for SWNT growth. Although Ru belongs to platinum-group elements, it is not so expensive, compared to Rh and Pt. Using Ru as a catalyst, we succeeded in growing SWNTs. In addition, effects of feedstock gas pressure on SWNT growth was investigated.

 Al_2O_3 was deposited on SiO₂/Si substrates by rf sputtering. Ru catalysts were deposited on them using a pulsed arc plasma gun, and they were used as substrates for SWNT growth. The growth temperature was 700 °C, and the ethanol pressure was varied between 1×10^{-4} and 1×10^{-2} Pa. The grown SWNTs were characterized by scanning electron microscope and Raman spectroscopy.

Fig. 1 shows the Raman spectra of SWCNTs grown from Ru catalysts at 700 °C under an ethanol pressure of 1×10^{-4} , 1×10^{-3} and 1×10^{-2} Pa, when the catalyst thickness was 0.2 nm. At 1×10^{-2} Pa, strong RBM peaks and G-band peaks appeared, indicating that SWNT yield was enhanced under this ethanol pressure. Our results show that Ru is useful for growth of SWNT.



Fig. 1 Raman spectra of SWNTs grown at 700 °C from Ru catalysts under an ethanol pressure of 1×10^{-4} , 1×10^{-3} and 1×10^{-2} Pa. Ru catalyst film thickness was 0.2 nm.

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Possible mechanism for selective separation of semiconducting single-walled carbon nanotubes

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) have superior physical and electronic properties and are promising nanomaterials for the next generation. However, SWNTs have two major problems; one is that SWNTs can't dissolve in solvents, and another is that they are synthesized as mixtures of semiconducting- and metallic-SWNTs. In order to use them for many applications, their efficient chirality separation is highly demanded.

Several efficient sorting methods including gel chromatography method [1], density gradient ultracentrifugation method [2,3], use of oligo DNA [4], aqueous two-phase extraction

method [5], and use of dynamic coordination [6] and hydrogen polymer-based supramolecular chemistry [7] have been reported.

We have already reported that a flavin derivative can selectively solubilize semiconducting-SWNTs from the pristine SWNTs [8]. At this meeting, we focus on mechanism for this separation by means of experiments and MD simulation.



Fig 1: Scheme of semiconducting-SWNTs separation using flavin derivative.

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STM/STS studies on Europium nanowires encapsulated in carbon nanotubes

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The discovery of carbon nanotubes (CNTs) and their fascinating properties have ignited intense research interests on one-dimensional nanosystems. Although metal nanowires, whose diameter is one to several atoms, are one of the most ideal one-dimensional nanosystems, the preparation and characterization of these have been difficult because of their high reactivity towards air. Previously, we have reported the synthesis of Europium (Eu) nanowires in the interior space of CNTs and characterization of their structure with transmission electron microscopy.^[1-2] Here, we present the preparation and investigation of spatially-resolved electronic structure of Eu nanowires encapsulated in CNT (EuNW@CNT) by scanning tunneling microscopy/spectroscopy (STM/STS).

EuNW@CNT was synthesized by the direct nano-filling method^[1] and dispersed in THF with ammonium carbonate by sonification. Figure 1 shows a STS spectrum of EuNW@CNT. At the location where EuNW are expected to exist (the position ranging from 3 to 15 nm in Fig. 1), we observed that the conduction and valence bands are shifted downward and that bandgap shrinks with the appearance of two localized states in the gap region. These drastic change in electronic structure indicates that EuNW strongly interact with CNT, presumably, via the charge transfer from EuNW to CNT. ^[3] The results obtained in



Figure 1. STS spectrum of EuNW@CNT. dI/dV mapping taken along CNT axis. The left side is empty CNT area and right side is EuNW encapsulated area.

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Two-step growth of graphene directly grown on sapphire substrate by non-catalytic alcohol CVD

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Chemical vapor deposition (CVD) with metallic catalyst is a conventional method for growing high-quality, large-area graphene. However, it is necessary to transfer the graphene from the surface of the catalyst to a certain substrate for the fabrication of graphene devices. The transfer process is not only complicated but also degrades their performances, such as electron mobility. Therefore, a direct growth of graphene on a substrate is strongly required.

Crystal quality of graphene is in general improved by increasing growth temperature. However, a high-temperature of growth is difficult in a direct growth of graphene on sapphire because C atoms are significantly etched by O atoms decomposed from the substrate. Therefore, we adopted two-step growth that consists of a low-temperature growth of a protection layer for covering the sapphire substrate and a high-temperature growth for a high-quality graphene.

A c-plane sapphire was used as a substrate. Ethanol was supplied to the growth chamber as a source material with bubbled by N_2 gas flow of 7 sccm. And, N_2 gas was flown at 600 sccm as a carrier gas. In a two-step growth, almost 1 layer of graphene was firstly grown at 1180 °C for 1h, and a high-temperature growth was performed at 1400 °C for 1h. H₂ gas was also flown at 10 sccm during the high-temperature growth. A reference sample was grown in a one-step at 1180 °C for 2h.

Figure 1 shows the surface AFM image of reference sample. Many triangular islands, which are found as a graphitic structure by Raman spectroscopy, are observed. Excess supersaturation are thought as a cause, which was brought by the suppression of etching effect of O atoms decomposed from the sapphire substrate after the substrate was covered with a grown graphene. Figure 2 shows (a) a surface AFM image and (b) a Raman spectra of the sample grown by two-step growth. Though graphene wrinkles are observed, the triangular islands are not observed. D/G ratio of 0.3 and a narrow FWHM of G' peak of 58 cm⁻¹ suggest that a high-quality multilayer graphene was grown by the two-step growth.



Fig. 1. Surface AFM image of reference sample



Fig. 2. Sample grown by two-step growth (a) Surface AFM image and (b) Raman spectra

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CVD growth of graphene using boron nitride as growth templates

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Development of a method to produce structure-controlled graphene nanoribbons (GNRs) has been an important issue to investigate their unique electronic and magnetic properties. In the previous studies, GNRs have been produced by polymerization of organic molecule, anisotropic growth/etching of graphene, and so on. In contrast, we have focus our attention on heteroepitaxial growth of GNRs because of its shape controllability. For example, when hexagonal boron nitride (hBN) is grown from the edge of graphene grains, the hBN films tend to form a ribbon-like shape at an early stage of growth [1]. If graphene were grown from the edge of hBN, GNRs could be formed at an early stage of graphene growth (Fig. 1a). To test this approach, we have investigated chemical vapor deposition (CVD) growth of graphene using hBN grains as growth templates.

Monolayer hBN grains were grown on Cu foil by CVD at 1075 $^{\circ}$ C using ammonia borane as a precursor. After the hBN growth, graphene was grown on the same Cu foil by supplying methane at high temperature (~1000 $^{\circ}$ C). The grown films were transferred on SiO₂/Si substrates for Raman measurement. Interestingly, we found that graphene were preferentially grown around the triangle-shaped hBN grains as revealed by 2D-band Raman intensity mapping (Fig. 1b,c). These results suggest that hBN grains can act as growth template during graphene CVD, and could provide a possible way to produce structure-controlled GNRs.



Fig. 1(a) Schematic illustration of epitaxial growth of graphene from the edge of hexagonal boron nitride. (b) Optical (left) and Raman (right) images of CVD-grown graphene on a SiO₂/Si substrate. Gray indicates the Raman intensity of 2D-band. (c) Raman spectra of CVD-grown graphene at different positions in Fig.1b.

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Graphene FET of high photosensitivity using schottky diode between graphene and n-type silicon

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Graphene/semiconductor heterojunction is one of emerging fields of recent photoelectronic devices due to the low light absorption of graphene of $\sim 2.3\%$, which is appropriate for the window layer of photosensor. Here, we demonstrate the photosensor consisting of graphene field effect transistor (G-FET)/Si heterojunction.

Figure 1 shows the schematic image of the G-FET with the Si depletion layer gate. The channel length and width are 4 and 2 μ m, respectively. Unlike common back-gate G-FET, we

remove the 300 nm thick SiO₂ layer underneath of the graphene channel by buffered HF. Note that the resistivity of the n-type Si substrate used in this experiment is $0.1 \sim 100 \ \Omega cm$, so that one can expect that the formation of depletion layer at the interface between the Si and graphene at $V_g > V_{Dirac}$. Additionally, thin SiO₂ layer was formed after the BHF etching.

Figure 2 shows the transfer characteristics under dark and light irradiation (17.9 pW, 510 nm). The difference between the drain currents (I_d) under dark and illumination are clearly observed at $V_g > V_{Dirac}$ corresponding to the reverse bias for n-Si/graphene interface. As shown in Fig. 2, the gate leak current Ig \sim 1 nA is observed at the V_g < $V_{\text{Dirac}},$ which corresponds to the flat band through accumulation region of Si (forward bias for n-Si/graphene interface) as shown in Fig.3. In this case, the gate capacitance Cg is only formed by the thin native oxide of Si. At $V_g > V_{Dirac}$ under dark condition corresponding to the reverse bias for n-Si/graphene, the thick depletion layer should be formed, which results in the smaller C_g and low carrier concentration in graphene channel. Under the light irradiation, the thickness of depletion layer is thinner than that at dark condition because of the photoexcited carrier in Si and thus the inversion of n-Si. As a result, sufficient charge is induced in the graphene channel, which contributes to the photoresponse observed in this study.

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Fig. 1 G-FET with Si depletion layer gate.



Fig. 2 Transfer characteristic of G-FET with the Si depletion layer gate (V_d =50 mV). The gate leak current I_g is also plotted as a function of V_g.



Fig. 3 Band diagram of G-FET with the Si depletion layer gate.
Catalytic properties of non-metal and platinum supported surface-modified nanocarbon materials

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Nanocarbon materials are promising materials for various applications. In recent years, various progress in manufacturing and functionalizing nanocarbon materials has been made to achieve the control of bulk and surface properties. Carbon nanosheets (CNSs), also known as carbon nanowalls which can be described as graphite sheet nanostructures with a large number of edges that are composed of stacks of planar graphene sheets standing almost vertically on the substrate [1]. Direct methanol fuel cells (DMFCs) are one of the most promising transportable power sources which can be used in mobiles, laptops, and small power generation[2]. The basic operation principle of DMFCs involves methanol oxidation and oxygen reduction on the precious metal catalysts, which are loaded on the support surfaces. As is well-known, the dispersion of Pt-based alloys on carbon supports as well as catalyst particle size and shape plays a dominant role in the electrochemical performance for fuel cells[3]. We have explored the electrocatalytic properties of Pt-based nanoparticles supported on the carbon materials by electrodeposition systematically.

In this study, we investigated both the effects of surface modification by ion-irradiation or the radio frequency(RF) O_2 plasma treatments on the surface morphology and oxygen reduction reaction activity of CNSs. We also investigated the dispersion states and electrocatalytic properties of Pt-based nanoparticles supported on the surface modified CNSs by electrodeposition method. The ion beam accelerated with carbon ion source with 200 keV and 400 keV were irradiated to the carbon materials with 1×10^{13} , 1×10^{14} , 1×10^{15} ions/cm².

The detailed results on the morphology, oxygen reduction reaction activity and dispersion state of Pt-based nanoparticles and their electrocatalytic performance for methanol oxidation will be presented.

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Control of nonlinearity of suspended graphene resonator by standing wave of light

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Graphene mechanical resonator (G-MR) is promising candidate for highly sensitive mass and force sensor because of extremely low mass and high young's modulus. Nonlinearity control is one of key techniques to realize mode exchange of vibration toward practical applications. Here, we demonstrate nonlinearity control of the G-MR by using optical effect.

Monolayer graphene was transferred onto the SiO₂ (300 nm)/Si substrate and was etched by O₂ plasma to form the graphene stripe with the width of 2 µm. Next, the SiO₂ layer underneath of the graphene stripe was etched by buffered HF, and dried by using supercritical drying. As shown in Fig. 1(a), the suspended graphene stripe with the length of 3 µm was successfully fabricated. Resonance properties of the G-MR were measured by optical detection as shown Fig.1 (b), where CW lasers (406 or 521 nm) were used not only to detect the vibration but also to control the nonlinearity. The different detection lasers form the different standing wave profiles between the substrate and the graphene, which induce the different force acting on the G-MR. Note that the G-MR was actuated by photothermal method using 660 nm laser modulated with a certain frequency by illuminating the G-MR support as schematically shown in Fig. 1(b).

Figures 1(c) shows the resonance curves using 406 nm laser. The peak frequency shifts to lower frequency at higher CW laser power, which is so called optical softening. Additionally, the Q-factor increases with increasing the CW laser power. This implies that the 406 nm laser irradiation works as positive feedback for the oscillation, which results in the increase of the vibration amplitude. On the contrarily, in the case of 521 nm laser shown in Fig. 1(d), the vibration amplitude increases with decreasing the CW laser power. The stronger nonlinearity is observed at lower laser power. The standing wave profile enhances the nonlinearity of the G-MR. Thus, we successfully demonstrate the nonlinear control of G-MR using the standing wave of the light.

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Fig. 1 (a) SEM image of the graphene resonator. (b) Measurement setup. (c) and (d) are CW laser power dependences of frequency responses of G-MR under the illumination of 406 and 521 nm, respectively.

All-graphene oxide device with tunable supercapacitor and battery behaviour by the working voltage

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As hydrated Graphene Oxide (GO) is simultaneously a good ionic conductor and an electrical insulator, GO can be used as both a separator and electrolyte. Moreover, reduced GO (rGO) is suitable for electrode materials owing to its high electrical conductivity and high specific surface area. Based on these considerations, the rGO/GO/rGO structure is expected to perform as an electrical device. In this study, we demonstrate a new type of rGO/GO/rGO device that functions as both a supercapacitor (Graphene Oxide Supercapacitor: GOSC) and a battery (Graphene Oxide Redox Battery: GORB), depending on the working voltage [1].

The GO was prepared by Hummers' method. The rGO/GO/rGO device was fabricated by photoirradiation of both surfaces of the GO paper. The electrochemical performance of this device was investigated using CV, galvanostatic charge/discharge measurements and EIS.

The rGO/GO/rGO device operated as a proton-type supercapacitor at working potentials as high as 1.2 V (Fig. 1). The GOSC exhibited high specific area capacitance of 2 mF cm⁻² even when operated at high scan rates of 1,000 mV s⁻¹. We speculate that the charge storage

mechanism of GOSC resulted from (1) proton conductivity and (2) polarized/separated water molecules in the interlayer spacing of the nanoscale GO. At potentials greater than 1.5 V, this rGO/GO/rGO device behaved as a battery (Fig. 2). In particular, the GORB, which had a plateau potential of approximately 0.75 V and coulombic efficiency of approximately 53%, exhibited excellent battery behavior at a charge voltage of 1.7 V. The rGO/GO/rGO device, which comprises two different rGO electrodes with redox couples based on two different functional groups with dissimilar reaction potentials, functioned as a battery. We deduced the following two hypotheses for the redox mechanism of the GORB: (1) cathode: $C=O + H^+ + e^- \leftrightarrow C-OH$; anode: CH (defect) + CO₂ \leftrightarrow 2C=O (or C–O) + H⁺ + e⁻; or (2) cathode: $4H^+ + 4e^- + O_2 \leftrightarrow H_2O$; anode: CH (defect) + CO₂ \leftrightarrow 2C=O (or C–O) + H⁺ + e⁻.

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Fig. 2 Discharge profiles of GORB prepared with various photoreduction times at 0.05 mA.

Suppression of Electrical Conductivity Deterioration of Cu Nanowire by Coating 2D-layered Materials

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Copper is the crucial material for high efficient interconnections in the semiconductor integrated circuits. Recent advances in the miniaturization progress of electronic devices require the highly conductive Cu wire interconnect at the nano size. Recently, by using graphene as coating layer, the electrical conductivity of Cu nanowires has been enhanced by 15 percent than that of pristine Cu nanowires [1]. However, the physical origin of this high conductivity of graphene-coated Cu nanowires is still unclear. In this work, we explore the electronic structure and transport properties of hybrid-structure between Cu thin films and 2D-layered materials coatings such as boron-nitride and graphene, based on density functional theory and semi-classical Boltzmann transport theory simulations. We find that the unique electrical conduction of graphene-coated Cu nanowire is ascribed to the Shockley surface-states of Cu surfaces. Under realistic environment, the intrinsic Shockley surface-states of Cu surfaces are destroyed by oxygen gas adsorption that lead to the substantial surface scattering decreasing the electrical conductivity. In sharp contrast, these Shockley surface-states of Cu surfaces are preserved by the boron-nitride or graphene coatings, owing to the weak interaction between Cu surface and boron-nitride or graphene layer. Furthermore, the Shockley surface-states with guasi-2D free-electron characteristics exhibit a large conductivity of $1.62 \times 10^7 (\Omega^{-1} \text{m}^{-1})$ at room temperature. These results indicate the important role of the Shockley surface-states on electrical conductivities of Cu nanowires. Therefore, our work suggest the possibility of using ultra-thin 2D-layered materials: boron-nitride, graphene, etc., as coatings for Cu interconnect in high-performance electronic devices.

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Evaluation of the electrochemical capacitance of graphite oxide electrode prepared by the electrochemical oxidation/reduction cycle

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Graphite oxide (GtO), which is prepared by oxidation of the pristine graphite, has been studied since it showed unique properties (high proton conductivity, hydrophilicity, negative charges on its surface, etc.). Although many chemical oxidation methods have been reported and are used most popularly, they require not only strong acids or oxidants but also dragged reaction time. Therefore, it is generally difficult to control the oxidation degree of graphite. On the other hand, the electrochemical method offers a facile way to control it by operating the applied oxidation potential and oxidizes the electrode directly. The rGtO, reduced GtO electrode, showed high electrochemical capacitance, and it became much higher when the electrode was electrochemically oxidized and reduced repeatedly [1],[2].

Glassy carbon electrode (BAS Ltd.) was employed as the working electrode and various nitrates were chose as electrolyte in aqueous solution (0.1 M NaNO₃+NaOHaq, 0.1 M NaNO₃aq, 0.1 M NH₄NO₃aq, 0.1 M HNO₃aq). Firstly, the electrode was immersed into aqueous solution and were oxidized electrochemically for 5 minutes. And then cyclic voltammogram was measured at the range of from -0.2 V to +0.7 V in 0.1 M Na₂SO₄aq. The subsequent reduction process was carried out in the same way. The potential value of +2.00 V and -1.10 V in 0.1 M NaNO₃aq was set as the standard, the applied potentials in other solution were estimated by the Nernst equation.

The electrochemical capacitance of GtO/rGtO electrodes were showed in Fig. 1. The capacitance showed high values after every reduction processes (denoted as rnGtO in Fig. 1, where n is re-reduction cycle number) and indicated the maximum in 0.1 M NH_4NO_3aq and 0.1 M $NaNO_3aq$, 119.6 mF/cm² was observed after 16th reduction. The reaction sites on the

electrode were easily eroded away and its surface area increased everv electrochemical oxidation/reduction cycle. Thus, its capacitance, derived from electric double layer, became higher in accordance with the augmentation of oxidation/reduction cycle. XPS analysis of rGtO revealed that the amount of CH defect also increased with the cycles number. Therefore, it was suggested that CH defect on the electrochemical reduced rGtO surface influenced upon its electrochemical capacitance.



Fig. 1 The electrochemical capacitance of GtO/rGtO electrode prepared by electrochemical oxidation/reduction cycles

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Contrast mechanisms of the fluorescence microscopy that allows direct observations of nanocarbons in solution

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We have developed a novel microscopy that visualizes graphene and graphene oxide (GO) dispersed in solution. In order to realize observations, we need to have a very faint illumination for compensating the "shooting against the light source" condition, additional contrast mechanisms besides the small absorption, and orientations facing the larger surface toward an objective lens. These conditions are satisfied simultaneously by dispersing nanocarbons in a fluorescent dye solution near a solid surface. The fluorescence emitted by dye molecules is used as a backlight illumination for the new microscope. Its intensity can be optimized by adjusting the dye concentration and manipulating the excitation beam. Modulations of fluorescence by interactions with nanocarbons give additional contributions to the contrast. Naturally occurring convection current near the solid surface orients graphene sheets parallel to the surface.

Experimentally, a nanocarbon solution is mixed with a dye solution, and is placed on a glass plate. The excitation beam enters the glass from below and irradiates only a region within a few hundred micrometers from the glass/solution interface. Thus, the medium surrounding a graphene sheet fluoresces, but its total intensity is controlled to stay low. Due to the dim illumination, a small change in the light intensity entering the objective lens from a GO sheet causes the sheet to appear either dark or bright relative to the surrounding medium. There are several different mechanisms for this change.

A nanocarbon appears dark if fluorescence around it is quenched by Dexter electron transfer or Förster resonance energy transfer (FRET). The r^{-4} dependence of FRET for moleculegraphene suggests that the dye molecules within 30 nm from a graphene sheet can be quenched. Because FRET efficiency depends on a spectral overlap of the object absorption and the dye emission, it is possible to image an object selectively by choosing an appropriate dye.

The same GO that gives a dark image may appear bright under different conditions. Fluorophore properties of many dyes depends on local environments such as solvent, pH, polarity, hydrophobicity, temperature, and concentration. For instance, rhodamine-b (Rh-b) undergoes chemical conversion from fluorescent zwitterion form to colorless lactonic form in aprotic solvents. Rh-b also forms non-fluorescent H-aggregate as well as fluorescent J-aggregate in water. These states are at equilibrium, which can be shifted by an addition of protic solvents or some solids. When GO is added to NMP solution of Rh-b, a GO sheet appears bright due to either adsorption of Rh-b in a coloring form or shifting the equilibrium by providing proton though hydroxyl groups. Contrarily, graphene has no such group and atomically flat

surface, resulting in a dark image. Rh-6G, which cannot be converted into lactonic form but still form H-aggregate, gives bright images of GO due to J-aggregate formation.

In conclusion, it is possible to characterize chemical nature of each GO sheet by analyzing the contrast and fluorescence spectra. These contrast mechanisms indicate that various substances other than nanocarbons become observable by the new microscopy.

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Metal Permeation into Multi-layered Graphene Oxide Film

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Strong adhesion of metals onto graphene oxide (GO) is highly important for building suitable contacts when GO or reduced GO (rGO) is used in electronic and electrochemical devices. Moreover, the metal/graphene oxide (M/GO) interface itself sometimes acts as a catalytic site. The content of oxygenated functional groups at this interface is expected to be strongly affected by the attachment of metals. Thus, understanding M/GO interfaces at atomic and/or electronic scale may bring about the development of new electronic/spintronic, photochemical, and electrochemical devices because their properties are affected by defects and the content of oxygenated functional groups. Here, the unique phenomenon of metal permeation into GO paper bulk (multi-layered GO film) from an M/GO interface is reported.[1] We also demonstrate the importance of the CH defects on the electrochemical capacitance and the dependence of the differences in the functional groups of the rGO samples, particularly the CH defects, on the reduction method.[2]

Metal permeation at M/GO interfaces was observed at 25 °C, where the metals were deposited onto the surface of GO paper by sputtering. In the cases of $M = \{Cu, Ag, Ni\}$, the metals were oxidized to the corresponding ions $(Cu^{2+}, Ag^+, and Ni^{2+})$ by redox reactions involving the reduction of GO immediately after metal deposition. These ions then quickly permeated through the interlayers into the GO paper bulk. These reactions and fast permeation occurred with ease under humid conditions but with difficulty under vacuum. Au and Pt atoms also permeated the GO paper bulk, although the permeation sites. Other metals are also likely to be able to permeate GO paper bulk as atoms. Consequently, GO paper interlayers have unique properties allowing water, metal ions and other atoms to permeate them while providing a shield against gas molecules. These findings are expected to provide important information about GO used in various (especially electrochemical) devices, where ionic movement potentially affects the functionalities.

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Enhanced terahertz-wave absorption in monolayer graphene via evanescent wave coupling

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The unique band structure and gate tunability of graphene are expected to result in novel high-frequency and optical phenomena [1]. However, due to the inherently small interaction lengths in monolayer systems, light absorption in graphene is generally small, and simple and robust schemes are being sought for enhancing absorption – particularly, in the terahertz (THz) frequency range.

Here, by using a recently proposed total internal reflection (TIR) geometry [2], we demonstrate significant enhancement of THz-wave absorption in monolayer

graphene. Our scheme allows the incident THz beam to be reflected by graphene four times at varying incidence angles, both below and above the critical angle for TIR. We observed extremely large THz absorption, especially for s-polarized radiation. The experimental results are quantitatively consistent with our calculations, incorporating realistic values of carrier scattering time and Fermi energy [2].



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Transverse Magnetic and Transverse Electric Surface Waves in Silicene

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Graphene so far has been the main platform for investigating the surface waves.. Surface waves are electromagnetic (EM) waves that propagate on the surface of a material. There are two kinds of surface waves based on their polarizations: transverse magnetic (TM) and transverse electric (TE) surface wave. In the case of TM surface wave, the component of magnetic field is transverse to the propagation direction, while in the case of TE surface wave, the component of electric field is transverse to the propagation direction [see Figs.1 (a) and (b)]. The TM surface wave can be seen as electric dipole oscillation, while the TE surface wave can be seen as magnetic dipole oscillation. It is difficult to integrate graphene with silicon-based optoelectronic devices which utilize the surface waves. On the other hand, silicene, which is a monolayer of silicon atoms arranged in honeycomb lattice similar to graphene structure [see Figs.1 (c) and (d)], is compatible with the silicon technology and might offer more features compared with graphene due to its significant spin orbit coupling and tunable energy gap due to its buckled structure [1]. Silicene has also recently been synthesized experimentally [2,3]. Therefore, it is intriguing to examine the surface waves in silicene.

In this work, we study the characteristics of both TM and TE surface waves in silicene. We determine the dispersion, the confinement length and the wavelength shrinkage for both kinds of surface waves. We also calculate the damping and determine the propagation length of the surface waves. In the case of the TE surface wave in silicene, we find that it exhibits better characteristics compared with that in graphene,

in terms of a broader frequency range and more confinement to the surface which originate from the buckled structure of silicene. We find that even undoped silicene can support the TE surface wave. We expect the similar characteristics of TE surface wave in other two-dimensional materials that have slightly buckled honeycomb lattice.

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Figure 1: (a) The TM surface wave and its EM field components. (b) The TE surface wave and its EM field components. (c) Honeycomb lattice of silicene. (d) Side view of silicene lattice. Sublattice A and B are separated vertically by d = 0.46 Å

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A Scalable Clean Transfer Process with Polymethylglutarimide

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The practicability of Polymethylglutarimide (PMGI) as a scaffold for a scalable clean transfer is investigated for atomic layers.

Owing to its outstanding electronic^{1–2} properties, graphene has drawn intense research interest for a high speed transistor. A graphene transfer technique using a poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) scaffold has been developed^{3,4} in order to fabricate graphene on an insulating substrate. Nevertheless, it is a great challenge to completely remove the PMMA scaffold without resist residue remaining on the transferred graphene. Extrinsic scattering related to polymer residue limits the performance of CVD graphene films when transferred to insulating substrates.

In this study, a clean graphene transfer process has been achieved by employing a support scaffold composed of a PMGI-based resist. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and atomic force microscopy (AFM) observations (Fig. 1) confirmed that the amount of residue on large-area transferred graphene was sufficiently reduced by using PMGI scaffolds in comparison to the traditional technique that uses polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) scaffolds. The root mean square (RMS) roughness values of graphene surfaces using PMMA and PMGI scaffolds were 6.5 nm and 4.0 nm, respectively. This comparison confirms that a cleaner graphene surface was achieved by using PMGI as a support scaffold. Furthermore, Raman spectroscopy suggests that the quality of the transferred graphene was equivalent to that obtained by the traditional method.



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Energetics and electronic structures of hexagonal GaN thin films and heterostructures

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With their peculiar electronic properties, two-dimensional (2D) materials can be promising candidates for fabricating functionalized devices for the next generation. The electronic structure of 2D materials is sensitive to their consistent elements, network morphology, and interlayer stacking arrangements. In our previous work, we have theoretically demonstrated that the hexagonally bonded GaN (h-GaN) with atomic thickness prefers the planar structure as the case of h-BN, and could be a compound semiconductor with an indirect energy gap of 2.28 eV. In this study, we investigated how the energetics and electronic structures of h-GaN depend on the interlayer interaction and formation of hybrid structures with other 2D materials using the density functional theory with generalized gradient approximation combined with the van der Waals correction.

Our calculations elucidate that h-GaN can form a bilayer structure with AA' stacking arrangement and an interlayer spacing of 2.2 Å at which the interlayer binding energy is 1.18 eV per unit cell. The electronic structure of bilayer h-GaN is slightly modulated owing to a substantial interlayer interaction arising from small interlayer spacing. We also check the geometric and electronic structures of h-GaN thin films with increasing the number of the GaN layer. Interestingly, with increasing the number of the GaN layer, the top of the valence band gradually approaches the Γ point. Then, finally, the bulk h-GaN with the AA' stacking arrangement is a semiconductor with the direct energy gap of 2.78 eV at the Γ point, which is narrower than that of bulk GaN with a Wurtzite structure. We also check the energetics and electronic structures of the h-GaN sheet adsorbed on the other layered materials. We consider

graphene and h-BN as representative substrates for h-GaN. Our calculations show that the equilibrium interlayer spacing of h-GaN/graphene and h-GaN/h-BN are both 3.4 Å, indicating that these hybrids are the van der Waals heterostructures, and in each case the electronic structure is almost the simple sum of those of all constituents.

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Fig. 1. Interlayer binding energies of bilayer h-GaN versus the interlayer spacing.

Formation of 1D confining potential in MoS₂/WS₂-based heterostructures

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In-plane atomic layer heterostructures based on transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDCs) are expected to represent ideal systems for the realization of novel confined electronic systems at one-dimensional (1D) interfaces. However, so far, such 1D confined systems have never been observed in the previous studies of TMDC-based monolayer heterostructures [1-3]. Here,

we report the formation of confining potential at the heterojunction interface of bilayer WS_2 and MoS_2/WS_2 vertical heterostructure as shown in Fig. 1a [4]. For this bilayer sample, scanning tunneling microscopy/spectroscopy (STM/STS) revealed an upshift in both the valence and conduction band edges at the interface. Notably, the observed band bending can be explained by the presence of 1D fixed charges around the heterointerface as shown in Fig. 1b. The present findings indicate that highly tunable electronic properties of TMDC systems provide an ideal system to realize 1D confined electronic system and the carrier accumulation along the interface.



Fig. 1 (a) Structure mdel of bilayer WS_2 and MoS_2/WS_2 vertical heterostructure. (b) Fitting curve of band bending by cylindrical charge model around the interface of bilayer heterostructure.

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Fabrication and optical properties of vertical heterostructure of monolayer-WSe₂/MoTe₂

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Recently, monolayer transition metal dichalcogenide (1L-TMD) as atomically thin two-dimensional (2D) material has attracted much attention from the viewpoints of fundamental physics and applications [1,2]. The artificial van der Waals heterostructures can be realized by the vertical stacking of different atomically thin 2D TMDs. The van der Waals heterostructures exhibit the intriguing optical and electronic properties, which much differ from their constituting monolayer TMDs [3,4].

In this work, we fabricated the vertical heterostructure of $1L-WSe_2/1L-MoTe_2$ on SiO₂/Si substrate by transfer method and also investigated the optical properties of the heterostructure. Figure 1(a) shows the optical microscope image of $1L-WSe_2/1L-MoTe_2$ heterostructure, as indicated in the squared region. Figure 1(b) shows Raman scattering spectrum of isolated $1L-MoTe_2$, $1L-WSe_2$, and $1L-WSe_2/1L-MoTe_2$ heterostructure. The Raman peaks at 171 and 235 cm⁻¹ are assigned as A_{1g} and E^{1}_{2g} modes in isolated $1L-MoTe_2$. In $1L-WSe_2$, the Raman scattering peaks of 249 and 261 cm⁻¹ as degenerated A_{1g} , E^{1}_{2g} modes and 2nd order Raman process mode are observed. We observe some Raman peaks from each layer of $1L-WSe_2$ and

1L-MoTe₂ in the 1L-WSe₂/1L-MoTe₂ heterostructure. Moreover, the additional peak at 309 cm⁻¹ is appeared, which is assigned as Raman inactive B12g mode in 1L-WSe₂ [5,6]. The out-of-plane B_{2g}^{1} mode becomes Raman active in the bi-layer system. Thus, the B^{1}_{2g} of out-of-plane mode appearance in 1L-WSe₂/1L-MoTe₂ heterostructure suggests the inter-layer coupling between 1L-WSe₂ and 1L-MoTe₂ in the heterostructure. The detail optical properties including photoluminescence and absorption in the 1L-WSe₂/1L-MoTe₂ heterostructure will be discussed.

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Fig. 1 (a) Optical microscope image of WSe₂/MoTe₂ heterostructure. (b) Raman scattering spectrum of WSe₂/MoTe₂ heterostructure, 1L-WSe₂ and 1L-MoTe₂.

Electronic and magnetic properties of porous hydrocarbon networks

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Electronic structure of hydrocarbon molecules is sensitive to their size and network morphology, making them to be building blocks for the various functional nanomaterials which are applicable for wide area of the modern technology. Among possible morphologies, molecules with a triangular shape occasionally exhibit spin polarization arising from the non-boding electron states associated with the imbalance between two sublattices. Phenalenyl: $C_{13}H_9$ is the smallest and representative example of such materials with S=1/2 polarized spin and could be the constituent unit for 2D porous hydrocarbon networks with magnetic ordering. In this work, we design a novel hydrocarbon molecule with radical spin as the 3D version of phenalenyl molecule (Fig. 1). Furthermore, by assembling this molecule, we also design 2D and 3D porous hydrocarbon network (Fig. 2) and explore their electronic and magnetic properties using the density functional theory with generalized gradient approximation.

In the case of 2D networks, because of a triangular and pyramidal shape of the molecule, we can construct two dimensional honeycomb networks of the molecules. Our calculation shows that one of two networks possesses four magnetic states. In contrast, the other network is a semiconductor with the direct energy gap of 1.2 eV. The 3D network is also a semiconductor with the direct band gap of 1.3 eV. Because of the large spacing arising form the constituent molecule, the 3D porous hydrocarbon network is a low-density material of which density is 40% of that of the diamond. The fact indicates that the 3D network is a plausible candidate for the host materials of the energy storage devices in which a number of atoms or molecules are accommodated in the nanometer scale pore.



Fig. 1 Geometric structure and spin density of a hydrocarbon molecule with a triangular conical shape.

Fig. 2 Geometric structure of (a) 2D and (b) 3D porous hydrocarbon network of pyramidal conical molecules.

Construction of graphene – TiO₂ hybrid nano-material using bifunctional protein supramolecule

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Titanium dioxide (TiO₂) has efficient photoactivity, high photostability, chemical inertness, and nontoxicity as a semiconductor material, which is useful in photovoltaic and photocatalysis. The composite of TiO₂ and graphene would contribute to a hybrid nano-material that combines superior properties for specific device applications. Various TiO₂-graphene composite materials have been produced using "graphene oxides" that were modified with functional polymer ^[1]. We introduced new TiO₂ composite method using bifunctional protein supramolecule in this study.

We designed and mass-produced Dps displaying carbon nano-horn binding peptide and Ti binding peptide, which named CDT-1. We previously reported that the CDT-1 adsorbed to graphene using carbon nano-horn binding peptide. In this report, TiO₂ was deposited on graphene using Ti binding peptide in Graphene/CDT-1 bio-conjugates.

Experimentally, Graphene/CDT-1 bio-conjugates (50mM phosphate buffer pH 6.0) were then dipped in Titanium precursor solution. Precipitation of graphene – TiO_2 hybrid nano-material was performed by ultracentrifugation. After the process, TEM–EELS mapping was carried out.

The Fig. 1 shows TEM image of graphene - TiO_2 hybrid material and Ti mapping in TEM-EELS image, respectively. In this result, Ti mapping matched with the graphene TEM image, suggesting TiO_2 was deposited on graphene owing to the Ti binding peptide.

We successfully constructed graphene - titanium hybrid nano-material using bifunctional protein supramolecule. All processes were carried out at room temperature, using an environmentally friendly method.



Fig.1 (a) TEM image of the graphene - TiO₂ hybrid material.(b)EELS mapping of Ti at the same region as (a).

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Rapid and Reversible Dispersibility Tuning of Carbon Nanomaterials by the Photoisomerization of an Azobenzene-derived dispersant

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Carbon nanomaterials such as carbon nanotubes (CNTs), graphene, and carbon black find applications in a variety of areas owing to their unique structural, mechanical, and electrical properties. In order to fabricate high-performance carbon nanomaterial-based devices, it is important to not only ensure that the carbon nanomaterials are of good quality, but also remove the organic additives (e.g., solvents and dispersants) that are used during the fabrication process. In particular, the presence of residual organic components in the nanomaterials negatively impacts the electrical properties of electrical devices. Over the past decade, stimuli-responsive dispersants have been investigated for the purification of CNTs and removal of organic components from CNT-based devices.[1] In this work, we report a new photoresponsive dispersant (**AB**) for carbon nanomaterials based on azobenzene and a quaternary ammonium salt, which act as a photosensitive moiety and solubilizing unit in water, respectively (Fig. 1a).

We successfully obtained a well-dispersed SWCNT aqueous dispersion using AB as the dispersant with bath sonication followed by centrifugation (solid line, Fig. 1b). The dispersibility of SWCNTs in water changed rapidly upon the photoisomerization of AB. Upon irradiation with UV light for a short time (365 nm, 150 mW/cm², 10 min), the SWCNT/AB dispersion changed to the agglomerated state (dashed line, Fig. 1b). The reverse photoreaction of the SWCNT/AB hybrid resulting in transformation from the agglomerated state to the dispersed state was observed upon irradiation with visible light. When the agglomerate was placed under visible light (436 nm, 25 mW/cm², 20 min), followed by sonication for 5 min, the SWCNT/AB hybrid returned to the dispersed state. Over three cycles of switching between the dispersed and agglomerated states by alternate UV and visible irradiation, only a slight spectral change was observed (Fig. 1c).

We would like to discuss about the dispersibility tuning of other carbon nanomaterials (e.g., MWCNT, carbon black and graphene) in presentation.

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Fig. 1 (a) Chemical Structure of AB. (b) UV-Vis-NIR spectra of SWCNT/AB in D_2O at 25 °C. (c) Absorbance changes of the SWCNT/AB solution before UV irradiation (solid circle), after UV irradiation (open circle) and after Vis irradiation (solid square).

Effect of the flow regime on graphene growth

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Graphene is a novel 2D material with significant promise for flexible electronics. interconnects. and 3D devices. The most pressing issue for the application of graphene is the scalable production of high quality material. We have recently developed novel а approach to increase the throughput of graphene CVD synthesis. By using closely stacked copper foil substrates, the amount of graphene grown in one batch can be enhanced twenty-fold.

The adjustment of the distance between copper foils allows us to widely tune the fluid dynamical conditions of the graphene growth process. While we observe free flow conditions for large gap sizes, a transition to the molecular flow regime was identified when the gap size is below the mean free path.

By exploring the graphene growth rate we are able to extract the diffusion coefficient for the carbon precursor for each flow condition. The diffusion coefficient was found to decrease with gap size in agreement with the Knudsen condition.

Our analysis of the graphene

quality, as quantified by spectroscopic and electrical transport measurements, indicates the importance of a transport-limited growth process to achieve high quality and uniform graphene growth.



Figure 1. Horizontal growth process (a) distribution of grain size and grain density along one pore, (inset) photographs of graphene grown at the edge and the center of on copper foil, (b) coverage vs. position along one pore for various growth durations, (inset) extracted values of $\sqrt{4Dt}$ vs. \sqrt{t} .

Synthesis and self-aggregation properties of various triazoliumfullerene

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Ionic fullerenes are useful for medical applications and self-assembly nanocarbon materials based on the amphiphilic intermolecular ionic and hydrophobic interactions [1]. We have prepared ionic triazoliumfullerenes $2^+ \cdot PF_6^-$ by [3+2] cycloaddition of 1,2-triazadienium salt $1^+ \cdot PF_6^-$ with C₆₀ (Figure 1)[2]. A DFT calculation predicts "periconjugation" between the cationic N¹-N²-N³ linkage and fullerene sphere and the more reduced LUMO level and molecular dipole moment than pyrrolidiniumfullerene, a conventional ionic fullerene (Figure 2a).

Vesicles (Figure 2b) and crystalline (Figure 2c) self-aggregates were observed by TEM. When R= H, size of vesicles prepared from THF solution is 21.2 ± 6.4 nm. When R = Cl, molecular dipole moment decreased and size of vesicles increased to 46.6 ± 13.6 nm.



R= H, Cl, Br, CH₃, OMe

Fig. 1 Synthesis of triazoliumfullerene $2^+ \cdot PF_6$



Fig. 2 (a)Molecular structure and (b,c)TEM images of triazoliumfullerene 2^+ prepared from MeOH solution

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Supramolecular Differentiation for Construction of Anisotropic C₆₀ Nanostructures by Time-Programmed Control of Interfacial Growth

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Many of the constituents of natural systems including molecules, biomolecules and cells are composed of asymmetric structures. This asymmetry is an extremely important feature and it is maintained even through complex processes. However, processes of self-assembly in chemistry often only yield simple symmetric nanostructures, due to energy minimization processes. The construction of asymmetric nanostructures requires additional information which can be incorporated by applying molecular design principles, such as can be found in finely tuned complex molecules or polymers where phase-separation processes can be affected by designing non-covalent interactions.

Liquid–liquid interfacial assembly has great potential for the synthesis of asymmetric forms [1]. However, there remain some limitations of these approaches in the fabrication of anisotropic nanostructures. Through a combination of the phase-separation and interfacial assembly technique, anisotropic structures containing specifically designed components can be constructed. We have coined the term "supramolecular differentiation" for this process.

Here, we show the synthesis of an anisotropic fullerene nanostructures bearing a single tube-like structure by combining the liquid–liquid interfacial assembly method with local phase-separation of two fullerene derivatives (Figure 1): pentakis(phenyl)fullerene (**PhH**), and pentakis(4-dodecylphenyl)fullerene (**C12H**) [2]. We have finely tuned the local phase-separation by means of time-programmed control of liquid–liquid interfacial assembly and homogeneous growth. Seed particles with a domain structure, which provides a platform

for formation of tube-like structures, were prepared by liquid–liquid interfacial precipitation (LLIP) method [3]. After pre-incubation time, sonication was applied to the mixture leading to homogeneous growth process, where the tube-like structures formed on the domain structure on the seed particle. Our technique, which is essentially a combination of the interfacial assembly and phase-separation phenomena, can be used to further enable the construction of anisotropic nanostructures.

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Figure 1. (a) Schematic illustration of supramolecular differentiation of fullerene anisotropic structures. (b) Method of supramolecular differentiation. (c) Structures of fullerene derivatives. (d) An SEM image of fullerene anisotropic nanostructures.

Enhancement of Fill Factor in Inverted Organic Solar Cells using Self-Assembled Monolayer of Fullerene Catechol

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The chemical phenomena at the interface of metal oxide are of great importance for organic solar cell performance, because thin-film organic solar cells depend on the interface in facilitating efficient charge extraction. In this regard, inverted organic solar cells (OSCs) can take advantage of the vertical phase separation and concentration gradient in the active layer. Fullerenes as electron acceptors in the photoactive layer have been at the center of OSC technology to date. Fullerene acceptors being near the electron-transporting layer (ETL) has been known to strengthen the charge-carrier transport in an inverted architecture. Thus, technology that can introduce fullerenes on metal oxide can establish the first principles of precise control over the vertical separation.

Self-assembled monolayers (SAMs) with fullerene attached are good motifs for such a prospect. Coating metal oxides or metal with SAMs can change the work function and surface energy of electrodes. There has been a variety of SAMs with fullerenes reported to date. Among those SAMs, catechol-terminated SAMs have attracted the attention owing to their weak diprotic acid nature, which can form bidentate bonding with metal oxide while minimizing damage unlike carboxylic acid- or phosphonic acid-terminated modifiers.

Here, we introduce a simpler catechol-terminated surface modifier that is composed of a catechol end and a fullerene end, which are linked by a simple methylene linker, functioning as effective charge-carrier harvesters. Unlike fulleropyrrolidine, our compound does not contain the nitrogen atom. Catechol, being a weak acid, can bind to TiO_x strongly. Fullerene has high electron mobility and low hole mobility. Therefore, a monolayer of fullerene can function as an additional hole blocker. With fullerene's tendency to attract other fullerene

molecules by π - π interactions, the monolayer of fullerene may even induce the vertical separation effect as evidenced by the enhancement of fill factor (FF) in our study. We fabricated an inverted OSC using a mixture of poly(3-hexylthiophene) (P3HT) and phenyl-C₆₁-butyric acid methyl ester (PC₆₁BM) in a structural configuration of glass/ITO/TiO_x-catechol

 C_{60} /P3HT:PC₆₁BM/PEDOT:PSS/Au. The catechol C_{60} -treated device gave a PCE of 2.81%, while a non treated device sample gave a PCE of 2.46%, where enhancement of FF was the main reason for the improvement.

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Fig.1: Concept illustration of this work.

Solid-State NMR Studies on the Aggregated Structures in Organic Bulk Heterojunction Solar Cells

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Bulk heterojunction (BHJ) organic solar cells are an emerging technology that has the potential to provide a low cost photovoltaic devices. It is well known that the nanomorphology of the polymer:fullerene BHJ is a critical factor which affects the solar cell performance. The addition of processing additives such as 1,8-diiodooctane (DIO) is widely used approach to increase power conversion efficiencies for many organic solar cells^[1-2]. Solid-state solar NMR spectroscopy offers several techniques for the investigation of the morphological, structural, and dynamics properties of BHJ organic solar cells.

We have explored the effects of DIO, 1,8-Octanedithiol(ODT) and 1-Chloronaphthalene(CN) addition of P3HT/PCBM BHJ films on the local crystallinity and morphology by using solid-state NMR spectroscopy. It is reported that the crystallinity of P3HT films also depend on the drying time. In this study, we investigated the change in the crystallinity, morphology, and the properties of molecular motions of P3HT/PCBM BHJ film by changing drying rates by using ¹³C and ¹H solid-state NMR spectroscopy.

Mixed solution of P3HT/PCBM of 1:1(w/w) was prepared by mixing P3HT and PCBM into chlorobenzene at a concentration of 1 wt% for 50 hrs in a glove box under argon atmosphere. Additives were then dropped into the solution and then stirred for 1 hr. The solution was filtered using 0.45μ m filter before making films to remove undissolved materials. P3HT/PCBM BHJ films were prepared by dropping the solution in a glass plate and dried in a glove box under argon atmosphere for 40 hrs and then put in the vacuum. Dried film were removed from the glass plate and sealed into 4 mm zirconia NMR rotor. Solid-state NMR spectra (13C-CP/MAS-NMR, 1H-MAS NMR, and their heteronuclear correlation-NMR) and T_1 were measured by using Bruker AVANCE300 spectrometer. The detailed results will be presented.

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Triplet state of molecular oxygen in openC₆₀

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Fig.1 Structure of O₂@openC₆₀

Molecular oxygen (O₂) is the fundamental bi-radical molecule with the electronic ground state ${}^{3}\Sigma_{g}^{-}$, whose molecular parameters have been studied in gas phase, and well documented. We performed the molecular surgery synthesis of the endohedral fullerene of O₂@openC₆₀, in which O₂ is trapped in an openC₆₀ cage as shown in Fig. 1.^[1] X- and W-band ESR measurements at cryogenic temperatures were carried out to know whether the O₂ molecule trapped in the openC₆₀ cage kept the triplet state of ${}^{3}\Sigma_{g}^{-}$ in the same condition as gas phase.

 O_2 @openC₆₀ exhibited spectra as shown in Fig. 2, which were observed by a X-band ESR spectrometer at temperatures from 4K to 32K. The prominent absorption peaks at the magnetic field around 1200mT were well reproduced by the computer simulation using parameters of the g value of 2.0023 and the zero field splitting constants of D=3.730 cm⁻¹ and E=0.015 cm⁻¹. The peak intensities followed the Boltzmann statistics law, the intensity increased with increasing temperature at the temperature range from 1.5 K to 3K, and decreased at the range above 4K. This temperature dependence is consistent with the energy level order among three spin sublevels, M_s =+1, -1, 0, which is determined by the zero filed splitting

constant of positive value of D. Comparing with parameters of O_2 in gas phase, the value of D=3.730 cm⁻¹ is smaller than that of gas phase, 3.963 cm⁻¹.^[2] It's noticeable that $O_2@openC_{60}$ shows non-zero value of E=0.015 cm⁻¹. These features would attribute to the confinement of the wave function of radical electrons by the openC₆₀ cage.

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Interactions between carbon nanotubes and aromatic amino acids

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Carbon nanotubes are anticipated for use in biological applications such as drug delivery carriers, imaging materials and cancer targeting materials. In these research fields, unspecific interaction between carbon nanotubes and proteins is a crucial factor that affects their functional properties. Fundamental insights into the interaction mechanism should thus be clarified for addressing and controlling the unspecific interaction. Since proteins consist of amino acid residues, the protein–carbon nanotubes. In the present study, we demonstrated that aromatic amino acids, i.e. tryptophan (Trp), tyrosine (Tyr), phenylalanine (Phe), have a high affinity for the single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNT) using chromatographic analyses and molecular dynamics simulations.

Fig.1 shows chromatograms of the aromatic amino acids in the column with or without HiPco SWCNTs as ligands. Retention time of the amino acids increased in the order of Phe < Tyr < Trp in the presence of the SWCNTs, meaning that indole has favorable interactions with the SWCNTs [1]. Fig.2 shows binding free energy of the amino acids onto the armchair and zigzag SWCNT sidewalls, which was obtained by the molecular dynamics simulations. The results were consistent with the experimental data. It should be noted that the binding free energy increased monotonously with increasing SWCNT diameter, regardless of the helicity. Thus, SWCNT curvature was found to be a factor that affects the interaction between the amino acids and SWCNTs. On the basis of the knowledge of the interaction, we succeeded to control protein adsorption onto the SWCNTs using arginine [2].

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Fig.1: Chromatograms of Trp, Tyr and Phe in the presence and absence of SWCNTs as column ligands.



Fig.2: SWCNT-diameter-dependence of the amino acid binding free energy to the SWCNT sidewall.

Synthesis of local phenylboronic acid-modified single-walled carbon nanotubes and its PL behavior

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) emit near-infrared photoluminescence (NIR-PL) that is applicable to advanced optical materials including bio-sensing and imaging applications. Recently, a very small amount of chemical modification on the SWNTs has been reported to enhance their quantum yields dramatically by generation of red-shifted PL (E_{11} *) compared to PL (E_{11}) of pristine SWNTs [1] and we are elucidating the fundamental properties of the E_{11} * [2]. Very recently, we reported emergence of new red-shifted SWNT PL based on proximal doped-site design [3].

In this study, we design and synthesized phenylboronic acid-modified SWNTs (BA-SWNTs) and the aqueous dispersion using sodium dodecylbenzenesulfonate (SDBS) showed the E_{11} * PL at 1138 nm. Interestingly, PL peak shift of the E_{11} * was observed by adding D-fructose to the BA-SWNTs dispersion. D-glucose also induced similar PL peak shift of the E_{11} *. However, clear difference between the two sugar was responsiveness to the concentrations of the added sugars, in which D-fructose showed larger peak shift than D-glucose especially at the low concentration region. This spectral change behavior reflects binding constants of phenylboronic acid with sugars (D-fructose: 4370 M⁻¹ > D-glucose: 110 M⁻¹) [4]. Therefore, these results strongly support that the observed spectral shift is induced by sugar recognition at the modified site and it induces PL property change of the BA-SWNTs. Moreover, we found that surfactants, which are used as dispersants of SWNTs, can affect sugar recognition on the BA-SWNTs. it indicates that adsorption structures of surfactants on BA-SWNTs can be important factor of the responsiveness and the sugar recognition behavior would be modified by changing the surfactants. Details in the surfactant effect will be discussed at the symposium.

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Geometries and electronic properties of MoS₂ nanotube

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 MoS_2 is one of the transition metal dichalcogenides (TMD) with trigonal-prismatic structure [1,2]. Its structure as well as electronic properties has been studied vigorously due to recent experimental realization of various types of atomically-thin layered compounds [3-5]. Contrary to graphene, MoS_2 and other TMD layers are considered to be semiconductors and are attracting attention as future device materials [5,6]. In the present work, we investigate structure and electronic properties of MoS_2 (10,0) single-walled nanotube using local density approximation (LDA) in the framework of density-functional theory.

Prior to the series of studies of MoS₂ nanotube, we have studied bulk MoS₂ with the 2H_b structure and single-layer MoS₂ using LDA. As a result of structural optimization, we have obtained lattice constants of a = b = 3.14 Å for both structures and c = 12.07 Å for the bulk phase. Band structure calculations show direct gap of $E_g = 1.87$ eV at K point and indirect gap of $E_g = 0.74$ eV for monolayer and bulk MoS₂, respectively. Similar trends have been observed in studies of other groups [1,2,7,8].

In the case of the (10,0) nanotube, we obtained c = 5.25Å for the optimized lattice constant along the tube axis, and 5.74 Å for the radius of a cylindrical Mo layer. The calculated total energy of this optimized structure is higher than that of single layer structure by 1.2 eV per MoS₂ unit. Band structures for both elongated and shortened (10,0) nanotubes with c = 5.40 Å and 4.60 Å are calculated, and interestingly the results show metallic gapless properties.

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Theory of optimized power factor of low-dimensional semiconductors and application to semiconducting carbon nanotubes

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A good thermoelectric material is characterized by how efficient electricity can be obtained for a given heat source, where two parameters are often evaluated: (1) power factor ($PF = S^2 \sigma$, where *S* is the Seebeck coefficient and σ is the electrical conductivity) and (2) figure-of-merit ($ZT = PF \times T/\kappa$, where *T* is the average temperature and κ is the thermal conductivity). In applications where the heat source is essentially free of charge (e.g., solar heat), the minimum cost of generating power is achieved by operating at maximum PF [1]. On the other hand, when heat source is expensive (e.g., fossil fuel combustion), obtaining as large *ZT* as possible is important to reduce the cost of generating power [2]. For obtaining thermoelectric materials having high output power, the PF is a more important parameter rather than *ZT* [1, 3]. There are many strategies on engineering phonons and electrons to increase *ZT* over the past two decades [2]. However, enhancement of the PF remains a challenge.

In this work, we theoretically investigate the interplay between the confinement length L and the thermal de Broglie wavelength Λ to optimize the PF. An analytical formula for the PF is derived based on the one-band model assuming non-degenerate and degenerate semiconductors to describe quantum effects on the PF of the low dimensional semiconductors. The PF is enhanced for one-(1D) and two-dimensional (2D) semiconductors when L is smaller than Λ of the semiconductors [Fig. 1]. We apply this theory to semiconducting carbon nanotubes and we find that the PF increases as the tube diameter decreases, which also have the large Seebeck coefficient [5].



Figure 1 Power factor PF of 1D and 2D systems scaled by power factor of 3D system PF^{3D} as a function of L/A ratio of Si, Bi, and PbTe materials. By the PF^{3D} scaling, the PF of different materials can show in the same lines (dashed and dotted lines) for 1D and 2D systems [4].

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Effect of internal structure on the electrical performance of MWCNT-Cu wires

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Carbon nanotube-copper composites (CNT-Cu), which combine the merits of CNTs and Cu offer many advantages, such as low density, electrical conductivity exceeding Cu at elevated temperatures, high ampacity, metal-like thermal conductivity, and low thermal expansion coefficient [1-3]. Consequently, CNT-Cu can potentially be widely used as a lightweight replacement for Cu. We have previously reported CNT-Cu production as sheets and microfabricated patterns [1-3]. However, there is much demand for CNT-Cu wires from the industry to address the rising need for lightweight conductors in smart fabrics, motor windings, electrical wiring, etc.

Here, we report the electrical properties of multiwalled (MW)CNT-Cu wires fabricated by electrodeposition as a function of internal Cu filling. Our results show that full internal Cu filling throughout the wire-length is essential to maximize the electrical performance of the composite wires.

MWCNT-Cu wires with full internal Cu filling exhibited a combination of $(100\times)$ lower resistivity and $(3\times)$ higher current carrying capacity than the neat MWCNT wires. These wires also showed lower resistance-change with temperature than Cu and the temperature coefficient of resistance was $\frac{1}{2}$ that of Cu. In comparison, MWCNT-Cu wires with partial and no Cu filling showed inferior electrical properties. Our work indicates that the seamless CNT/Cu structural integration may be crucial to maximize the synergistic contribution from CNTs and Cu to enhance the composite performance.

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Measurement of photoinduced force acting on polystyrene microsphere by carbon nanotube mechanical resonator

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Polystyrene (PS) microspheres are usually used to measure the interaction force between biomolecules with optical tweezers. Although the force acting on the microsphere was estimated from the interaction between the viscous fluid and perfect sphere, it is hard to realize the direct measurements of the optical force which is very small on the order of a few pN or less. Multiwall carbon nanotubes (MWNTs) are one of promising component for nano electro mechanical systems toward minute force sensing [1]. Here, we demonstrate the measurement of photoinduced force on polystyrene sphere by MWNT mechanical resonator.

We fabricated the MWNT - PS sphere composited device as shown in Fig.1 (a) inset. A PS sphere with a dimeter of $\sim 3 \ \mu m$ was contacted with a very tip of a cantilevered MWNT supported on an Au coated Si substrate under the direct observation of optical microscopy in air. During the contact, a focused laser (power: >3 mW, spot size: $\sim 1 \ \mu m$) beam was irradiated to the MWNT in order to heat the MWNT higher than melting temperature of PS ($\sim 240 \ ^{\circ}$ C). As a result, we successfully welded the target PS sphere to a very tip of the MWNT.

The irradiated laser power dependence of the resonance frequency was measured, where the resonance frequency shift was estimated from the phase change of the resonance characteristic as shown in Fig. 1 (a). Note that the laser was focused on the PS sphere through an x50 objective lens with NA = 0.7 (Fig. 1 (a) inset). Because of the gradient of the laser intensity, the spring constant of the mechanical resonator is modified according to the force gradient induced by the intensity gradient of laser light. Thus, the resonance frequency should be changed by the irradiation of the focused laser beam to the PS sphere. Fig. 1(b) shows the irradiated laser power dependence of the resultant phase change of the fabricated resonator. The phase shift from 1.4 μ W to 72 μ W corresponds to ~4 Hz increase of the resonance frequency, which indicates that 0.1 µN/m of the force gradient was acted on PS sphere at 72 µW. It is well agreed with the theoretical value ($< 0.09 \mu$ N/m at 72 μ W) of the photon radiation pressure.

Thus, we have successfully measured the gradient force induced by the photon radiation pressure less than 0.1 μ N/m on the 3 μ m-diameter PS sphere using the MWNT mechanical resonator.

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Fig. 1: (a) Drive frequency dependence of the amplitude and the phase of the MWNT mechanical resonator. Inset shows a schematic image of the measurement. (b) Laser power dependence of the phase shift of the resonator.

Photothermoelectric properties of carbon nanotubes terahertz imagers and inspection applications

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Imaging and sensing applications based on terahertz (THz) technologies have recently attracted as a powerful tool for non-destructive inspections in a large variety of fields including security, the characterization of organic/inorganic materials, and medical and biological inspection [1]. We previously fabricated a carbon nanotube (CNT) THz detector based on photothermoelectric effect (PTE) and achieved THz detection at room temperature [2][3], but their fabrication process, wet-transfer process, is unsuitable for device integration, hampering practical applications of THz imaging. In this paper, by using a wafer-scale and flexible CNTs film [4], we studied a photothermoelectric properties of integrated THz detector array, and demonstrated inspection applications of THz imaging such as visualizing metals concealed behind opaque objects and a flexible/passive biometric scan of a human hand.

Figure 1 shows the sketch of a CNT THz detector and detected signal under room temperature. The voltage/current signal was generated with THz irradiation via PTE. We then controlled the Fermi level of a CNTs film in order to maximize the Seebeck coefficient, because the sensitivity of PTE is proportional to the Seebeck coefficient. By employing the field-effect techniques, we succeeded in controlling the carrier density of a CNTs film with a few tens micro meter thickness, and in enhancing the THz response. Also we analyzed the thermal conduction in the CNTs film via THz irradiation by both simulation and experiment, enabling us to miniaturize the detector size with keeping its sensitivity.

On the basis of the study about the physical properties of CNTs film, we produced a flexible THz detector array, and demonstrated the inspection applications of THz imaging. We expect that the THz technologies based on the nano-carbon materials will contribute to the field of non-destructive inspections.

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Source-drain voltage [mV]

Fig.1: Sketch of THz detector (inset) and detected signal for THz irradiation at 1.4 THz. Voltage/current signal was generated with THz irradiation.

Flexible heater and temperature sensor for temperature range higher than 100 °C using multiwall carbon nanotube

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Flexible electronics device is one of emerging fields of recent electronic devices. The research of flexible film heater and thermal sensor can widen possibility of application flexible device. Here, we report on flexible film heaters which can temperature sensing for temperature range higher than 100 °C using multi-wall carbon nanotubes and polyimide film.

The film heater was composed of a sandwich structure of polyimide (PI)-CNT film-PI (total 4.3 µm thick) as shown in Fig. 1, where the PI layers were formed by spin-coating on a Si substrate. Note that multiwall CNT film was formed by spray coating method. Finally, the free standing film heater was obtained by exfoliating the film heater from the substrate.

Figure 2 shows the temperature dependence of electrical resistances measured at heating and cooling process. From the slope, the temperature coefficient of the resistance is \sim 700 ppm/K, which is comparable to that of CNT yarn [1]. One of origins of the temperature dependence is the presence of shallow scattering sites on the current path owing to potential fluctuations. In this case, the scattering probability should decrease at higher temperatures owing to the thermalization of charge carriers. Another possible origin is the decrease in the contact resistance between CNTs. The sheet resistance of our CNT film composite (~ 200 Ω /sq.) is low enough to perform the Joule heating. Here we demonstrate the pressure gauge application based on the heat exchange between the surrounding gases similar to the Pirani gauge. Figure 3 shows gas pressure dependence of the electricity for maintaining the temperature to ~60 °C. The electricity increases with in increasing the surrounding gas pressure, which is most likely due to the heat exchange between the heater and the gas.

Thus. we have successfully fabricated the MWCNT film heater and thermal sensor for temperature range higher than 100 °C through simple fabrication process using spray coating method.

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Novel method to detect dopamine with high sensitivity based on adsorption onto carbon nanotube surface

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A small amount of neurotransmitters play essential role in brain to convey information from a neuron to neuron. Their unusual concentration, however, causes neuropathies such as Parkinson disease and schizophrenia. Monitoring the concentration of neurotransmitters is helpful to treat patients and to understand the causes of such neuropathies. Carbon nanotube (CNT) is known as an excellent material for electrochemical sensors to detect dopamine (DA), one of important neurotransmitters, because of its electro-catalysis and rapid electron transfer kinetics [1]. Previous electrochemical DA sensors based on CNT have demonstrated the detection of DA in nM regime [2]. In this work, we propose a novel method to detect DA in sub-nM regime on the basis of adsorption of DA onto CNT surface.

We fabricated electrochemical sensors with clean single-walled CNTs on a plastic substrate [3]. After forming a CNT thin film by the dry transfer process based on floating-catalyst CVD [4], the sensor electrodes were fabricated by conventional lithography process. A SiO₂ protection layer was employed to prevent the CNT film from contamination during the fabrication process.

The proposed DA-detection method consists of two steps, that is, the adsorption and detection steps. In the adsorption step, DA is adsorbed onto the CNT surface by applying bias voltage in phosphate buffer saline (PBS) solution containing DA. Here, we applied -0.1 V (vs. Ag/AgCl) to CNT electrode for 600 s. It is known that electrochemically active catechol is adsorbed on activated carbon [5]. After washing CNT electrode by deionized water, the cyclic voltammetry was carried out in 2-M H₂SO₄ solution in the detection step. Figure 1 shows the voltammogram obtained by scanning potential from 0 to 0.5 V (vs. Ag/AgCl). A fine peak corresponding to oxidation current from adsorbing DA was clearly obtained for the 100-pM DA

sample (solid line), while no peak was observed for the control sample (dotted line). The result demonstrates higher sensitivity in DA detection than previous reports by factor of 10 [3].

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Fig. 1 Voltammogram of DA sample (solid line) and control (dotted line) measured by the novel method.

Single-walled carbon nanotube synthesis by alcohol catalytic CVD in high vacuum using Rh catalysts

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) have been anticipated for applications to electronic devices because of their tremendous electrical properties. To realize SWCNT devices, it is necessary to reduce the growth temperature below 500°C. Previously, we reported SWCNT growth by alcohol catalytic chemical vapor deposition (ACCVD) using Pt catalysts [1]. However, the SWCNT yield from Pt catalysts decreased drastically below 600°C. Recently, theoretical researches showed that there is a low dissociation barrier for ethanol molecules on Rh surface [2]. In this study, we carried out SWCNT growth by a gas source-type ACCVD using Rh catalysts. By controlling the ethanol pressure precisely, we attained SWCNT growth below 500°C.

Rh catalysts were deposited on Al₂O₃/SiO₂/Si substrates using rf sputtering deposition. SWCNT growth was carried out on these substrates using a gas source-type ACCVD system. The grown SWCNTs were characterized using SEM, Raman and photoluminescence.

Fig. 1 shows a SEM image of SWCNTs grown at 460°C. fibrous products were observed on the substrates. Taking into account Raman spectra, these were SWCNTs grown from Rh catalysts and the diameters were distributed between 1.0 and 1.2 nm. Below 600°C, the growth rate decreased with the reduction of the growth temperature, but the SWCNT yield from Rh was higher than that from Pt. The activation energy for SWCNT growth from Rh catalysts estimated from the growth rate was lower than that from Pt, resulting in the higher SWCNT yield in the low temperature region.

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Fig.1: SEM image of SWCNTs grown from Rh catalsts at 460°C.

Combinatorial screening of binary metal catalyst for chirality-selective growth of single-wall carbon nanotubes

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Chirality-controlled growth of single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) is desired for many applications, especially optoelectronic devices and transistors. Post-growth chirality separation has been extensively studied, however, direct growth of SWCNTs with single chirality is another attractive option. Chirality-controlled growth of SWCNTs was previously reported using cobalt (Co) and tungsten (W) binary catalyst [1]. If both the amount and the composition of the catalyst, chiral selectivity and production yield of SWCNTs will be enhanced further.

In this research, we applied our combinatorial masked deposition (CMD) method [2] to optimize the Co-W catalyst conditions on a single substrate. By placing a physical shadow mask with slit above the substrate during RF sputtering, we changed the nominal thickness of both Co (0.004–1.4 nm) and W (0.006–1.3 nm) by >two orders of magnitude on a 15×15 mm² substrate. Appling this method to *x*- and *y*-axes, we made orthogonal thickness/composition profiles of Co and W on SiO₂(90 nm)/Si substrates (Fig. 1). After annealing them with H₂, we grew SWCNTs via chemical vapor deposition (CVD) by feeding pure ethanol at different

pressures (1, 3, 10 Torr) and temperatures (700, 800, 900 and 1000 °C) (total 12 conditions). Each sample was analyzed by Raman spectrum at 10×10 points by automated mapping to roughly search catalyst conditions for narrow chirality distributions, which were then analyzed more carefully using three different wavelengths (488, 514, and 633 nm) to search conditions for single radial breathing mode (RBM) peak. ethanol at 900 °C. Fig. 2 shows typical Raman spectra of such careful analysis at nine points with a pitch of 150 µm. In most areas including Area A, multiple RBM peaks were observed (Fig. 2a), whereas an intense RBM peak was observed at 195–197 cm⁻¹ in Area B with 0.47–0.54 nm Co and little W (Fig.2b). According to the Kataura plot [3], it is expected that (12, 6) SWCNTs grew selectively. We will report such analysis for different CVD conditions in the presentation.

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Fig. 1: A combinatorial sample after CVD using 1 Torr ethanol at 900 °C.



Fig. 2: Raman spectra at Areas A (a) and B (b) in Fig. 1 with three different excitation wavelengths.

Substrate design for high efficiency single walled carbon nanotube synthesis

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For high efficiency growth for single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs), immense research has been reported on the ambient, e.g. the hydrocarbon carbon feedstock, additive gases (water and carbon dioxide etc.), plasmas, hot filament, and the substrate-catalyst system, e.g. catalyst buffer materials, porous substrates, alloyed catalysts [1,2]. With the development of the water-assisted (super-growth) method, high yield synthesis for flat substrates could be envisioned [3]. However, uniform source gas delivery to all surfaces of the substrates represents a significant issue in the scaling of uniform height and qualities (SW)CNTs synthesis from flat substrates.

Here, as an alternative to flat substrates, we investigated the use metal (stainless steel) meshes for high efficiency SWCNT synthesis. The (metal) mesh provides a unique substrate structure, which combines both a rounded surface suitable for non-turbulent gas flow, as well as, high surface area compared with a flat substrate. Our results have found the high growth rate synthesis of SWCNT forest with an overall yield surpassing that of flat substrates (> 4.4 mg/cm²): long SWCNTs with ~3.0 mm could be grown in 10 min at the optimum growth conditions (total flow: 1500 sccm, C₂H₂: 9 sccm, H₂O: 200 sccm, N₂: 1291 sccm at 775 °C). Due to the nature of stainless steel meshes, both the diameter and the spacing (open porosity) were used to balance the gas conductance and total surface area on substrate to achieve high efficient SWCNT growths and yields.

Our results showed that although high-speed SWCNT synthesis was possible, abrupt strain-induced growth termination occurred due to the contact between adjacent SWCNT forests. Furthermore, although decrease in spacing was initially expected for higher yield growth, decreased spacing, which caused by CNT growth, led to decreased gas conductance against catalyst on (mesh) substrate and therefore approaching the continuum flat substrate extreme.

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Control of catalyst surface states towards synthesis of single chirality single-walled carbon nanotubes using plasma CVD

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) have many outstanding properties stemming from its unique one dimension structures, which make them as a promising candidate of material for high performance optoelectrical devices. However, as the physical properties of SWNTs strongly depend on the chirality, obtaining specific single chirality SWNTs with high

quality is regarded as a critical issue in this scientific community. Recent years, our group has been working on chirality-controlled SWNTs synthesis and we have developed some unique technics towards the growth of narrow chirality-distributed SWNTs using the time-controlled synthesis precise with plasma CVD [1-3], resulting in the controlled synthesis of (6,4) dominant and (6,5) dominant SWNTs (Fig. 1). For the further control of the SWNTs chirality distribution, it is important to elucidate the correlation of catalyst structures and surface states with the chirality species. Based on background, systematical such investigations were carried out aiming for finding out the correlation between catalyst states and chirality distributions for (6,4)dominant and (6,5) dominant samples. The catalyst structures and surface state were analyzed using atomic force microscopy (AFM), X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and transmission electron (XPS).



Fig.1: Typical photoluminescence-excitation mapping of (a) (6,4) dominant and (b) (6,5) dominant SWNTs grown by plasma CVD.

microscopy (TEM). We find out that there is a clear difference in the catalyst structures between (6,4) dominant and (6,5) dominant SWNTs. Such narrow chirality-distributed SWNTs are very sensitive to the surface state of catalyst, which can be tuned by the appropriate surface treatments. We think that our findings can contribute to the growth of single chirality SWNTs.

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First-principles calculations of electronic states and solid state NMR parameters in alkali halides encapsulated single-walled carbon nanotubes

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) have a hollow space in the nanometer size that can be encapsulated various functional molecules. The confined molecular assemblies may exhibit unique low-dimensional structures and solid state properties that can not be realized in the bulk. Synthesis and structure of alkali halide encapsulated SWNTs have been reported [1-4]. However, the systematic studies of tube diameter dependence, chirality dependence and temperature dependence on the local structures and electronic properties of alkali halides encapsulated in SWNTs have not been reported. In this study, we report the effects of the diameter and chirality of SWNTs on the local structures and electronic properties of the encapsulated alkali halides by using first-principles DFT calculations.

We calculated the band structures and solid ¹³³Cs- or ¹²⁷I-NMR parameters (NMR chemical sift tensors and electric field gradient (EFG) tensors. All of the calculations were done by using a Open-Source computer code package PWscf and GIPAW in Quantum ESPRESSO. We used the pseudo potential methods.

Table 1. shows the chiral vector dependence of 133 Cs-NMR chemical shift tensors in CsI@SWNT. Figure 1 shows the band structure and electronic density of states of CsI@(10,10)SWNT.

Table 1. ¹³³ Cs-NMR chemical sift tensors in CsI@SWNT				
Materials	δ _{iso} (ppm)	<u>⊿</u> δanis=3/2(δ33-δiso) (ppm)		
bulkCsI	0	0		
CsI@(6, 6)SWNT	-187.68	786.75	E (e)	
CsI@(8, 8)SWNT	-50.41	591.75		
CsI@(9, 9)SWNT	90±5	119±5		
CsI@(10, 10)SWNT	9.12	236.75	v	
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Detailed results will be presented.

Fig.1 Band structure and DOS of CsI@(10,10)SWNT.

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CVD growth of nitrogen doped multilayered graphene by mixing the melamine vapor to methane and their characterization

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Several layered (less than 10 layers) graphene was grown on the Cu sheet with a 0.05 mm thick by the chemical vapor deposition of methane including various amounts of melamine vapor. By changing the pressure of melamine vapor, doping amount of nitrogen was controlled in the range of 0 to a few atomic %. Prior to growing the multilayered graphene, Cu sheet was annealed at 1000 °C in one atmospheric pressure of H₂ flow (20 sccm in 30 mm in diameter of quartz tube) for 9 hours. PR gas (10% CH₄ in Ar) was used for the carbon source and the melamine vapor (N source) was controlled at temperature between 150 and 230 °C, corresponding the vapor pressure of 10⁻³ to 1 Torr. Melamine vapor was carried to CVD furnace set at 1000 °C by using a flow of either PR or Ar gas, depending on the mixture ratio of CH₄ and melamine. Additionally a 2 % of H₂ was introduced to CVD furnace during the growth of graphene.

Samples prepared were characterized by the Raman scattering, XPS, RBS, UV-vis, HRTEM and sheet resistivity measurements. By the Raman scattering, we mainly evaluated the sp² bonded carbon network feature from the signals of D, G and G' bands. XPS and RBS were used to determine the doping amount of nitrogen and the chemical bonding nature of N atom. Figure 1 is XPS spectra of samples. From this figure, one can see that the pyridinic N would dominate at higher doping amount of N than that at



Fig. 1. XPS spectra of N-doped multilayered graphene. Doping amounts of N are indicated with atomic %, which were determined by signal intensity of XPS.

lower one, where the quaternary (graphitic) N dominates. The number of layers were evaluated by the transmittance of UV-vis at 550 nm and RBS. Sheet resistivity was evaluated at temperatures down to 5 K from RT. Detailed results will be discussed. Here we present some sheet resistivity data in Table 1. It is obvious to see a decrease of sheet resistivity for both N doped m-Gr 1 and m-Gr 2, in which N was quaternary substituted for C.

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Sample code	Doping amount of	Sheet resistivity,	Transmittance at	Number of	Rs / sheet
	N (at%)	Rs (Ω /sq)	550 nm (%)	layers	(Ω /sq per sheet)
N doped m-Gr 1	0.23	~2.0 k	81.8	9	~18 k
N doped m-Gr 2	0.30	~2.5 k	85.9	7	~17 k
N doped m-Gr 3	0.45	~67 k	94.5	2	~134 k
m-Gr	0	~14.9 k	89.4	5	~75 k

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Effect of crystallization of Ni catalyst on low-temperature direct-precipitation of multilayer graphene

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Because of its outstanding characteristics, graphene is highly expected to apply in a wide range of fields, such as electrical wiring, and transparent electrodes of light emitting diodes (LEDs). In recent years, a direct growth of graphene on a substrate has been studied for the advantages on device applications. We also succeeded in a direct growth of multilayer graphene by precipitation method using W capping layer [1]. In order to avoid a thermal-destruction of devices for the fabrication of opto-electric integrated circuits. It is necessary to lower the process temperature, for example, less than 700 °C. In this study, to directly grow the multilayer graphene at low temperature, the effects of crystallization of Ni catalyst and the cooling rate after growth were studied.

Ni (300 nm) layer was deposited on a sapphire (0001) substrate using electron-beam deposition. After the crystallization of the Ni layer, amorphous carbon (a-C) (1 nm) and W (20 nm) were deposited. Then, the samples were annealed at 700 °C for 30 min in vacuum and cooled with rapid or slow rates.

Fig. 1 shows D/G ratio of Raman spectra of the grown samples, the D/G ratio was successfully decreased by the slow cooling of the Ni crystallization, and it further decreased by the combination of these two processes. The grain size of the graphene was probably increased by the sooth and large-size of grains of the crystallized Ni layer. The small supersaturation during the precipitation by the slow cooling was also beneficial to decrease the density of nucleation. The cause of the quality-improvement of the precipitated graphene will be discussed at the conference site.



Figure 1. D/G ratio vs. precipitation processes

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Diffusion of Pt atoms on non-metallic atom-doped graphene support

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Introduction Hydrogen is a promising candidate for sustainable energy source. A polymer electrode fuel cell (PEFC) has drawn a great deal of attention because it can generate electricity effectively using hydrogen. It's known that Pt atoms, main catalyst of PEFC, diffuse and aggregate during operation due to weak bonding between Pt atom and carbon support, which causes catalyst degradation. Recently, it has been reported that non-metallic atoms, such as N and B, doped graphene support prevents such diffusion and agglomeration.[1] In this study, we investigate diffusion behaviors of Pt atoms on non- metallic atom-doped graphene support using first principle calculation based on density functional theory (DFT).

Methods DFT calculations were performed using the Vienna ab initio Simulation Package (VASP). A graphene 4×4 supercell with periodic boundary conditions was used. The Pt / graphene systems were separated from their periodic images in the perpendicular direction to a graphene sheet with vacuum space of 15 Å. Non-metallic atom-doped graphene was modeled substituting one carbon atom in graphene with one non- metallic atom, i.e. B, N, Si, P and S.

Results Fig.1 shows the calculated adsorption energy of Pt atoms on non-metallic atom-doped graphene. Fig.2 shows the calculated diffusion barrier of Pt atom on non-metallic atom-doped graphene. Fig.1 and Fig.2 indicate that S, P, Si doped graphene support bonds to Pt atoms more strongly and prevent Pt diffusion more effectively than pristine graphene. These results suggest that S, P, Si doped graphene is promising PEFC support.



Fig.1 Adsorption energy of Pt atom at the most stable adsorption site on non-metallic atoms doped graphene. The origin of adsorption energy is set to the adsorption energy of Pt atom on pristine graphene.



Fig.2 Potential energy change with diffusion of Pt atom on non-metallic atom-doped graphene. The origin of potential energy is set to the energy which Pt atom adsorbs on the most stable site.

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Electrochemical characteristics of enzyme/graphene electrodes

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Graphene is attractive as electrode materials for biofuel cells because of its high electrical conductivity and chemical stability. The enzyme electrode with high current density and excellent reproducibility can be fabricated by utilizing two-dimensional structure of graphene with a large specific surface area and high uniformity. Stable immobilization of the enzyme is important in applications of enzyme-based biofuel cells. To our knowledge, there are few reports on evaluation of the electrochemical characteristics of enzyme-immobilized graphene planer sheets prepared by chemical vapor deposition (CVD). We focus on CVD-grown graphene sheets as electrode materials for biofuel cells because they are highly uniform, and the shape and size can be accurately controlled by conventional photolithography processes. In this study, we immobilized enzyme on CVD-grown graphene sheets by physical adsorption and evaluated electrochemical characteristics of the enzyme/graphene electrodes.

Graphene sheets were grown by CVD on Cu foil. To evaluate the intrinsic electrochemical characteristics, the graphene sheets were transferred onto electrochemically inert SiO₂/Si substrates by a using polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA) method. The transferred graphene sheets were confirmed to be monolayer by Raman spectroscopy. We immobilized an enzyme, glucose oxidase (GOx), in two ways. One was the easiest procedure, deposition adsorption, in which the graphene sheets were soaked for 12 h in GOx solution [1]. The GOx/graphene electrodes were covered by cellulose membranes to prevent desorption of GOx. The other procedure used noncovalent functionalization of the graphene surface. 1-pyrenebutanoicacid succinimidyl ester (PBSE) was used as a chemical linker on graphene [2]. The pyrenyl group of PBSE interacts strongly with the graphene surface by π -stacking and the succinimidyl ester parts combine with the amino base of GOx. The graphene sheets were soaked in 1 mM PBSE in pure methanol for 3 h followed by soaking in GOx solution for 12 h. Electrochemical characteristics of these electrodes were evaluated by cyclic voltammetry (CV) at a scan rate of 10 mV/s in phosphate buffered saline (PBS:pH 7.0) containing glucose of 25 mM.

Fig. 1 shows the cyclic voltammograms recorded using graphene (dotted line), GOx/graphene (dashed line), and GOx/PBSE/graphene (straight line) electrodes. GOx catalyzes the oxidation reaction of glucose and current due to the oxidation reaction is generated by the addition of glucose. As shown in Fig. 1, the current responses were clearly observed for two enzyme-immobilized electrodes, in which the current density of the

GOx/PBSE/graphene electrode had twice as high as that of the GOx/graphene electrode. The result suggested that the immobilization of the enzyme using PBSE formed strong connectivity between graphene and the enzyme, leading to a higher current density.

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Fig.1: Cyclic voltammograms for 3 electrodes

Electrochemical properties of CVD-grown monolayer graphene oxidized by UV/O₃ treatment

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Electrochemical properties of chemical vapor deposition (CVD) grown monolayer graphene electrodes oxidized by ultraviolet (UV)/ozone (O₃) treatment were studied. Graphene has attracted considerable attention as electrode materials for fuel cells and capacitors due to its high electrical conductivity, chemical and mechanical stability, and high specific surface area. Defects involving edge planes and the oxygen-containing functional groups such as hydroxyl, carboxyl and epoxide groups are key factors that determine electrochemical properties of graphene [1]. This work investigated electrochemical properties of CVD-grown monolayer graphene sheets, in which defects were introduced using UV/O₃ treatment, focusing on its application to electrodes for fuel cells.

Graphene sheets were prepared by CVD on copper foils and transferred onto SiO₂/Si substrates *via* a poly-methyl methacrylate (PMMA) assisted transfer method. Graphene sheets were oxidized by UV/O₃ treatment at room temperature. The presence of defects after oxidization was verified by Raman spectroscopy. The electrochemical properties were evaluated by cyclic voltammetry. We used a hexa-ammine-ruthenium (III) solution containing potassium chloride as a supporting electrolyte, which was degassed with oxygen-free nitrogen. The reaction rate constants k⁰, which allow to categorize reaction rate of graphene electrodes as reversible, quasi-reversible or irreversible systems, were estimated as a functional of redox peak separations ΔE_p from cyclic voltammograms using Nicholson's theorem [2].

Figure 1 shows cyclic voltammograms and Raman spectra of the pristine graphene, 2 min and 9 min UV/O₃ treated graphene. The redox peak separations ΔE_p were 194 mV, 88 mV and 270 mV, respectively. The intensity of D band as shown in the inset of Fig.1, which is ascribed to the structural defects, increased in proportion to the UV/O₃ treatment time. The results showed that 2 min UV/O₃ treatment led to a small ΔE_p , and on the other hands, 9 min treatment increased ΔE_p . The reaction rate constant k⁰ of the graphene electrode after 2 min treatment was estimated to be 9.4×10^{-3} cm/s, which was quite close to reversible systems (k⁰ > 10⁻² cm/s) such as platinum electrodes.

The electrochemical property was improved due to the edge planes on the graphene surface induced by oxidization. The results suggested that the UV/O_3 treated graphene electrodes have potential for applications to electrodes of fuel cells.

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Fig.1 cyclic voltammograms of UV/O₃-treated graphene sheets. Inset shows Raman spectra.

The effect of graphene on growth and viability of bacteria and yeast

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Graphene has attracted much attention for biotechnological applications, such as biosensors and biofuel cells. A significant issue for implementation of these applications is to understand the possible interactions of biological components and living organisms with graphene [1]. Antibacterial activity of graphene oxide [2] and graphene films [3] and toxicity of graphene-related materials [4,5] have been reported. However, the understanding of bio-compatibility and bio-affinity of graphene and its derivatives is still insufficient. In this study, we investigated the occurrence and significance of graphene sheets or powders on growth and viability of gram-negative bacterium *Escherichia coli*, gram-positive bacterium *Bacillus subtilis* and yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Graphene powder, graphene oxide (GO), graphene oxide treated with K_2CO_3 (GO-base) and reduced graphene oxide (rGO) were thoroughly washed with MilliQ water and autoclaved prior to use. Cells of individual species were cultured in growth media with shaking in the presence (800 µg/mL) or absence of the graphene derivatives for overnight. Then, small aliquots of the cultures were spread on plates to form colonies for counting. We found that the graphene powder increased the final cell density twofold in *E. coli* while other graphene derivatives slightly reduced it. There was no significant effect of the graphenes on the final cell density in *B. subtilis* and *S. cerevisiae* (Fig. 1). The result suggests that the graphenes do not have an adverse effect on growth and viability of the three microbial species as far as tested under the given conditions.



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Edge-disorder effect on I_d - V_g characteristics of GNR-FETs

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Graphene is expected to be a channel material of field effect transistors (FETs) because of its high carrier mobility. However, no band gap of the graphene is a serious problem for its FET application. One possible way to overcome the gap-opening problem is to process it in the form of a nanometer width ribbon, referred as graphene nanoribbons (GNRs). They have been successfully applied to FETs with high on-off ratio. We recently reported that resistance of GNR increase dramatically with edge disorder [1][2]. However, the edge-disorder effect on the GNR-FET properties has not been clarified yet.

In this study, we have theoretically investigated the influence of edge-disorder on I_d - V_g characteristics (I_d : drain current, V_g : gate voltage) of GNR-FETs using the nonequilibrium Green's function method combined with a tight-binding model [3]. In our simulation, edge-disordered armchair GNRs (AGNR) were used as channel materials of FETs, and the edge vacancies were modeled by adding or removing pairs of carbon atoms at the edges (Fig. 1). We have calculated I_d - V_g characteristics of 2.21nm width AGNR-FETs by changing the roughness concentration P from 0% to 30% (Fig. 2). We found that a variance of on current (ΔI_{on}) is independent of I_{on} and ΔI_{on} is constant (universal conductance fluctuation), where P is under 10 %. On the other hand, when P exceeds 10 %, ΔI_{on} and variance of subthreshold become large drastically.



Fig. 1 Edge-disordered AGNR-FET



Fig. 2 Id-Vg curves of edge-disordered AGNR-FETs

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Effect of metal nanoparticles on carrier accumulation in graphene under an electric field

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Graphene has been keeping a premier position not only in the field of the low-dimensional sciences but also in the electronic device engineering due to its unique structural and electronic properties. For the fundamental and applied sciences of graphene, it is mandatory to precisely control their electronic structure by external conditions. In particular, the band gap engineering and the Fermi level tuning are highly important. In usual situations, graphene inherently possesses hybrid structure with foreign materials, such as insulating substrate and atoms/molecules. Under such hybrid structures, the microscopic mechanism of the carrier injection into graphene is not fully elucidated yet. Thus, in the present work, we aim to give theoretical insight into the electronic properties of graphene hybrids, which consist of graphene and Al nanoparticles, under the external electric field, using the density functional theory

combined with effective screening medium method. To simulate the graphene hybrid under the electric filed, we consider a structural model shown in Fig. 1, in which an Al nanoparticle (Al₄) is physically adsorbed on graphene with the optimum spacing as a charged impurity.



Fig.1: Structural models of graphene adsorbing Al_4 with top (left) and bottom (right) gate electrodes.

Our calculations show that the E_F is located above the Dirac cone, because of the electron transfer from Al nanoparticle to graphene. The characteristic electronic structure indicates that the electrons injected by the electric field is not accumulated into graphene but accommodated

into the Al nanoparticle. However, by investigating the distribution of the accumulated electrons under the electric field, we find that the distribution depends on relative arrangement of the gate electrode to the Al nanoparticle (Fig. 2).

Fig. 2: Isosurfaces of accumulated carriers of graphene adsorbing Al_4 with the top (left) and bottom (right) gate electrodes.

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Probing interface strain in graphene and boron nitride in-plane heterostructures

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Graphene and hexagonal boron nitride (hBN) in-plane heterostructures have attracted much attention due to their unique physical properties and applications for atomically thin circuitry [1,2]. Because of the presence of lattice mismatch of around 2% between graphene and hBN, the heterostructures should have lattice strain around interface. However, such interface strain has never been observed so far, in spite of its impact on interface properties. To probe the interface strain, we have focused our attention on the Raman spectra of graphene. In particular, it is known that the defect-induced Raman mode (D mode) is selectively enhanced at the edges of graphene grains due to the double resonance processes [3]. For this reason, we can expect that the D mode can be used to probe the structural and electrical properties at the interfaces of graphene-based lateral heterostructures. In this work, we have investigated the interface strain of graphene and hBN in-plane heterostructures by using Raman spectroscopy.

To prepare the in-plane heterostructures, graphene grains were firstly grown on Cu foil by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) with methane, and then, hBN was grown from the graphene edges by CVD of ammonia borane (Fig.1a), as reported in our previous study [1]. The samples were transferred from Cu foil to SiO₂/Si substrates for Raman measurement (Fig. 1b). In Raman spectra (Fig. 1c), we found that the edge and bulk of graphene before hBN growth have almost the same peak positions of D mode. In contrast, only the D-mode of G/hBN interface shows downshift of $6 \sim 8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. This D mode downshift suggests the presence of tensile strain at the heterointerface. In the presentation, the details of the changes in Raman spectra and origin of D mode softening will be discussed.



Fig. 1 (a) Structure modal and (b) optical image of CVD-grown graphene/hBN in-plane heterostructure. (c) Normalized Raman spectra of (i) bulk and (ii) edge of graphene before hBN growth, (iii) bulk and (iv) edge of graphene after hBN growth.

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Polarity and magnetism of rippled graphene with topological defect

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Surfaces and edges of binary compounds induce polarization at or around these imperfections caused by the imbalance of the charge neutrality among constituent elements and the lack of translational symmetry [1,2]. In addition, recently, we demonstrated that the monoelemental materials, such as graphene and fullerenes, inherently exhibit polarization because of the inhomogeneous charge density of their covalent bonds arising from bond alternation, although they do not possesses edges or surfaces. Fullerenes with asymmetric cages possess dipole moment along particular direction depending on the arrangement of 12 pentagonal rings on the cage [3]. The fact indicates that the topological defect on graphene is expected to induce polarization around them. In this work, we aim to investigate geometric and electronic properties of rippled graphene with topological defects using the density functional theory, combined with the effective screening medium method.

Figure 1 shows the structural model of rippled graphene with topological defects which

consist of fused pentagons and heptagons. Under the equilibrium lateral lattice constant of 0.87 nm, the sheet is a metal with flat dispersion bands near the E_F leading to the spin polarization with the moment of 1.52 μ_B/nm^2 . In addition to the spin polarization, the sheet exhibits electric polarization normal to the sheet with the potential difference of 0.19 V under the equilibrium lattice corresponding to the dipole moment of 0.84 D/nm² (Fig.2). Therefore, the rippled graphene with topological defects possesses both magnetic and electric polarization. We further investigate the stability of the polar properties of the sheet under the biaxial strain. By increasing the lateral lattice parameters,

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Fig.1: Top and side view of optimized structure of rippled graphene at a = 8.7 A.



Fig.2: Potential difference of rippled graphene as a function coefficient of flexibility.

Valley polarization mapping in transition metal dichalcogenides heterostructures

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Recently, optoelectronic technology relying on valley degree of freedom of electrons, called valleytronics, has attracted increasing attention for developing low energy consumption and high speed optoelectronic devices. One of the possible candidate materials is monolayers of transition metal dichalcogenides (1L-TMDs) such as MoS_2 and WSe_2 [1-3]. These 1L-TMDs are atomic layered materials with hexagonal crystal structures similar to graphene, but semiconductors with finite direct band-gaps. In addition, broken inversion symmetry and strong spin-orbit interaction in these materials enable valley-selective excitation (*K* or *K*') in momentum space using circularly polarized light [1,2]. Since the first demonstrations on the optical generation of the valley polarization [1,2], there have been intensive studies on the valley-polarized states in 1L-TMDs. However, it has still remained unclear how the valley polarization properties are affected by various local conditions such as interactions with other

1L-TMDs, inhomogeneous carrier density, local strain, and lattice defects.

Here we examine the effects of the interactions between two different 1L-TMDs artificially stacked with each other (heterostructures) on the valley polarization properties. Various TMDs heterostructures were prepared and photoluminescence (PL) spectra and valley polarization degrees were measured as a function of spatial coordinates using a home-built optical system under excitation photon energy of 1.96 eV.

Figure 1 shows the Atomic Force Microscope (AFM) image and the PL intensity map of 1L-WSe₂ and WSe₂/MoTe₂ at 15 K. The PL intensities of the WSe₂/MoTe₂ heterostructure are lower than 1L-WSe₂ on the SiO₂/Si substrate. This result implies interlayer energy transfer from WSe₂ to MoTe₂, because WSe₂/MoTe₂ is a heterostructure with a straddling gap (type I). We will show the results for various TMDs heterostructures and the spatial dependence of the observed valley polarization under low temperature conditions. The correlations between the local conditions indicated by the PL spectra and the morphologies observed by optical microscope and AFM will be also discussed.

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Fig.1 AFM image (top) and PL intensity map (bottom) of 1L-WSe₂ and WSe₂/MoTe₂ (hetero) at 15 K. PL intensities were integrated for the photon energies of 1.74-1.75 eV (exciton PL). White dotted lines indicate the edges of these materials.

Photoluminescence properties of monolayer MoS₂ FETs fabricated by dry-transfer process

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Recently, transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) have attracted much attention as novel two-dimensional semiconductors. These materials are also promising candidate for the future optical and electronic devices, which opens the new research fields [1,2]. The field effect transistors (FETs) fabricated by monolayer TMDs have shown significant potential for enabling new electronic applications [3]. The typical TMD FETs reported to date have been fabricated using conventional electron-beam or photo-lithography technique followed by multiple wet processes. The fabricated TMDs FET with wet process using the polymer may affect the device performance and optical properties [4]. As an alternative method, the multilayer MoS₂ FET fabricated by the dry transfer process has been reported [5].

In this work, we investigated the device performance and optical properties of monolayer MoS_2 FET fabricated by using dry-transfer process. Figure 1(a) shows the optical image of MoS_2 FET fabricated by dry-transfer process. The monolayer FET was annealed in high vacuum condition to improve the contact between the monolayer MoS_2 and the electrode. The

inset shows photoluminescence (PL) spectrum of monolayer MoS₂ in this FET device. The PL spectrum shows the A peak at 1.86 eV, composed of exciton and charged exciton emission. Figure 1(b) shows the source-drain current (I_{DS}) as a function of source-drain voltage (V_{DS}) with varying the gate-voltage (V_G). The I_{DS} is clearly modulated by V_G , which shows the characteristic behavior of FET operation. We will discuss the detail device performance and PL properties of monolayer TMDs fabricated by the dry-transfer process.

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Fig.1 (a) Optical microscope images of device. (b) $I_{\rm DS}$ as a function of $V_{\rm DS}$ of device after 350°C annealing.

Growth and characterization of monolayer Mo_{1-x}Re_xS₂ alloys

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Atomic layers of transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDCs) have attracted much attention because of their unique physical properties and potential applications. To control their electronic properties such as bandgap and carrier concentration, many research groups have studied the growth of TMDC-based alloys so far. In our previous studies, we have also reported the growth and characterization of Mo_{1-x}W_xS₂, Nb_{1-x}W_xS₂, and Mo_{1-x}Re_xS₂ monolayers [1-4]. In this study, we have investigated the structure and electronic properties of Mo_{1-x}Re_xS₂ monolayers by using the combination of electron microscopy and scanning tunneling microcopy/spectroscopy (STM/STS).

Monolayer $Mo_{1-x}Re_xS_2$ alloys were formed on graphite and quartz substrates by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) of sulfur, molybdenum oxide, and rhenium oxide. Scanning transmission electron microscope (STEM) observation reveals that Re atoms were substitutionally doped into Mo sites (Fig.1a, b). By using STM/STS, we found that the doped Re sites result in the formation of midgap impurity state as shown in Fig.1c. Such impurity states have never been observed for the W-doped MoS₂ monolayers, and are unique characteristics for Re-doped MoS₂. In the presentation, we will report the details of composition-dependent structure and electronic properties.



Fig.1 (a) ADF-STEM image and (b) structure model of monolayer $Mo_{1-x}Re_xS_2$. (c) Map of color scale dI/dV curves calculated from the spatially resolved STS spectra of monolayer $Mo_{1-x}Re_xS_2$.

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Anisotropic optical absorption and Raman spectra in GaTe with the interference effect of the substrates

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Gallium telluride (GaTe) is one of the atomic layer materials, which consists of 6 Ga and 6 Te atoms in a unit cell as shown in Fig. 1(a). Bulk GaTe is a semiconductor with a direct energy gap (~1.65eV) [1] and can be a good candidate for opto-electronic device applications because of high responsibility (10^4 A/W) and short response time (6 ms) [2]. We have an interest in the low symmetry properties of GaTe (C_{2h}^3 space group in bulk GaTe) and verify the anisotropy of the optical absorption and Raman spectra by (1) calculation of the electron-photon matrix element from DFT, (2) analysis of the group theory, and (3) consideration of the interference effect of the substrate in order to reproduce the experiment.

We evaluate the anisotropy of the absorption probability of GaTe on the 0.5 mm quartz substrate, calculated by transfer matrix method for the optical absorption probability [Fig. 1(b)] and the enhancement factor [3] of GaTe on the SiO₂(300nm)/Si substrate for the Raman intensity [Fig. 1(c)] as a function of thickness. We found that the interference effect with the substrates plays an important role in the anisotropy of the optical absorption and Raman intensity. This indicates that the thickness of the GaTe sample and substrate, and the laser energy of incident light are important parameters to give the anisotropy of the optical properties in the experiment.

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Fig.1: (a) Crystal structure of GaTe. a_1 , a_2 , and a_3 are the primitive lattice vectors. (b) Thickness dependence of the absorption probability of bulk GaTe on the 0.5mm quartz substrate for x- and y-polarized light with three laser wavelength (532, 633, 785 nm). (c) Thickness dependence of the ratio between the Raman enhancement factors [3] on the SiO₂(300nm)/Si substrate for x- and y-polarized light with three laser wavelength (532, 633, 785 nm).

Bandgap modulation of bilayer MoS₂ by electric field effect

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Bandgap engineering of transition metal dichalcogenide (TMDC) atomic layers is one of the most important challenges for their potential applications in electronics and optics. In our previous works of WS_2/MoS_2 vertical heterostructures, we reported the bandgap narrowing by interlayer coupling and the observation of interlayer excitons [1]. In contrast, giant Stark effect has been predicted theoretically for similar bilayers of TMDCs [2]. Therefore, it is interesting to investigate the electric field effect of bandgap and optical properties for such bilayer TMDC systems. In this study, we have measured the electric-filed dependent photoluminescence (PL) spectra of bilayer MoS_2 by using electric double layer capacitors (EDLCs).

Bilayer MoS_2 were grown on boron nitride (BN) substrates by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) using MoO_2 and sulfurs (Fig. 1a). To study the electric field dependence, Au electrodes were deposited on the bilayer MoS_2 , and the MoS_2 -based EDLCs with ionic liquid were fabricated (Fig. 1b). Using the EDLC, the PL spectra of bilayer MoS_2 were recorded at different electric field (Fig. 1c). Interestingly, by applying positive gate voltage, we observed a remarkable redshift for the PL peaks derived from indirect transition. Compared to the predictions of first principle calculations [2,3], these results can be explained by the bandgap narrowing due to Stark effect. In the presentation, we will discuss the origin of the peak shift and electric field effect for bilayer TMDCs.





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Growth of Diamond Nanocylinder Forest Using Template-Assisted Microwave Plasma Chemical Vapor Deposition

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Recently, great effort has been devoted to the modification of the geometric structures of diamond. Among these structures, cylinder structures are expected to play crucial role in future nanotechnology. For example, diamond nanocylinder forest (DNF) is a promising candidate for electrode materials for fuel cells due to its high surface area, high porosity and electrochemical stability. ^[1]In the case of transistor, planar boron-doped diamond film is good electrochemical electrode due to the large voltage window. As a result, it is supposed that boron doped DNF (BDDNF) will also show high electrochemical performance. ^[2]

Various methods have been tried to fabricate well-aligned DNF, including dry air plasma etching ^[3] and radio frequency Ar/O_2 plasma etching^[4]. The common disadvantage for the mentioned etching method is that the quality of DNF will be degenerated by etching. In order to get rid of etching, porous alumina membrane template-assisted microwave plasma chemical vapor deposition (MPCVD) was used to fabricate DNF and two different structures of diamond cylinders have been successfully obtained by optimizing growth conditions in this work. And influence of substrate temperature on the growth process of DNF was studied as well.

Table 1 shows the classification of DNF depending on the morphology. The DNF fabricated with a temperature of 750-900°C were diamond like carbon (DLC) tubes showed in fig.1, while DLC rods were observed with a temperature of 800-950°C. When the temperature was raised up to 1000°C, the obtained DNF were confirmed to be diamond rods. The diamond cylinders with high surface are and porosity fabricated by us is a promising material for applications in electrode and photovoltaic devices. **Table 1**, products obtained at different growth temperature

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Fig.1:top-view SEM image of DLC tubes obtained at 900 °C

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In situ synchrotron X-ray diffraction study of structural changes on neutron-irradiated highly oriented pyrolytic graphite under static high pressure and temperature

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Several methods have been developed for synthesizing diamonds such as direct conversion of graphite under static high pressure and temperature, shock compression, and chemical vapor deposition. Polycrystalline diamond of 10-20 nm across, which exhibits an excellent hardness, was synthesized by direct conversion of graphite under static high pressure and temperature [1]. It was also found that neutron-irradiated graphite can be transformed to amorphous diamond by shock compression and rapid quenching [2], where defects produced by the irradiation are considered to work as the nucleation sites for diamond.

In this study, *in situ* structural analysis for neutron-irradiated and unirradiated HOPG samples under static high pressure and temperature was done, by using a Kawai-type multianvil apparatus with synchrotron X-ray irradiation at BL04B1 of SPring-8. After simultaneous high pressure of 16.4 GPa and high temperature of 1400 °C process, the structural properties of the recovered samples were characterized by optical microscopy, X-ray diffraction, Raman spectroscopy, and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). In addition, soft X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) measurements were performed to characterize electronic states of the recovered samples at BL09 of NewSUBARU.

Figure 1 shows XAS spectra for the recovered sample of neutron-irradiated HOPG with

diamond powder as a reference. It was found that the XAS spectra for the neutron-irradiated HOPG exhibited a characteristic dip around 303 eV of diamond. This result indicates that sp^3 -hybridized carbon atoms increased in the neutron-irradiated HOPG after the simultaneous high pressure and high temperature process. Detailed structural changes for the neutron-irradiated HOPG will be discussed at the conference.

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Fig.1: XAS spectra for the recovered sample of neutron-irradiated HOPG with diamond powder as a reference.

Upconversion photoluminescense imaging of carbon nanotubes in mice tissues

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) have been considered as promising luminescent probes for deep-tissue bioimaging because of their intrinsic photoluminescence (PL) in the near infrared wavelength range of ~1000-1300 nm called NIR-II [1, 2]. The near infrared light readily penetrates into highly scattering media such as biological tissues; this enables PL imaging of deep inside of them. However, it is necessary to use Stokes PL at longer wavelengths than ~1100 nm to avoid autofluorescence from the biological tissues, and standard Si-based detectors cannot be used in this wavelength range. Recently, efficient upconversion PL (UCPL) of SWNTs has been discovered [3]. The UCPL phenomena enable SWNTs excited at wavelengths longer than ~1050-1200 nm to emit PL shorter than 1000 nm in which standard Si-based detectors have finite sensitivity. The availability of the UCPL thus drastically enhances the usefulness of SWNTs as luminescent probes in their bioimaging applications.

Here we demonstrate the first UCPL imaging of SWNTs in biological tissues of mice with negligible autofluorescence using a Si-based CCD camera. We observed microscopic PL and UCPL images of sectioned liver tissues of mice into which SWNTs were intravenously injected. Figures 1(a)-(c) show an optical transmission image, a Stokes PL image (excited at 658 nm), and a UCPL image (excited at 1064 nm), respectively. Figs. 1(b) and (c) were captured using the same CCD camera. In the case of Stokes PL imaging in Fig. 1(b), PL of both SWNTs (bright spots) and the tissue itself (autofluorescence, bright back ground) were observed. In contrast, only the UCPL of SWNTs (bright spots) was clearly observed in Fig. 1(c); this indicates nearly perfect reduction of the autofluorescence in the UCPL imaging. Results for stained samples will also be discussed.



Fig. 1(a) Optical transmission image, (b) Stokes PL image excited at 658 nm, and (c) UCPL image excited at 1064 nm of the sectioned tissue of a mouse liver with the infused SWNTs. In (b) and (c), PL in 950-1000 nm was selectively detected. All images were taken at the same position of the sample.

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Thermal interface materials of vertically aligned carbon fibers embedded densely in polymer matrix

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The energy consumption of electric devices has been increasing rapidly, and efficient cooling of the devices becomes an important issue. In many devices, thermal interface materials (TIMs) are used to dissipate the heat from substrates to heatsinks, and improving the performance of TIMs is highly required. Because the materials for TIMs should have both good thermal conductivity and softness, carbon fibers (CFs), which individually have axial conductivity as high as 900 W/m K [1], are expected to be the candidate materials for novel TIMs. As the CFs do not form a self-supporting film without binder (e.g. polymer), the method to make a CF/polymer composite is an important issue. Especially, aligning the CFs vertically in the composite film is important for TIMs. For example, TIM with aligned CFs were achieved using electrical field [2]; however, CF content was up to 13.2 wt%.

In this study, TIMs with vertically aligned CFs densely embedded in polymethylmethacrylate (PMMA) matrix are fabricated by a simple process. First, CF/PMMA ink was prepared with toluene as solvent and rod coated on a substrate to make a film. During the rod coating, CFs aligned well to the moving direction of the rod because of the rod-shearing stress (Fig.1). Fabricated CF/PMMA film is then rolled up with the axis parallelly to the CFs alignment and heat pressed to form a rod. The rod is cut to ~100 µm which is proper thickness for the TIMs (Fig.2). We achieved the vertically aligned CFs in the polymer matrix with the CF contents as high as 60 wt%. When the thickness of TIMs become thinner than CFs length, some of individual CFs penetrated the TIMs. Such CFs will greatly enhance the overall thermal conductivity due to the absence of junction resistance between the CFs in vertical direction. The highest conductivity of 35.4 W/m K was achieved so far with 50 wt% CF/PMMA TIM.





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Ultrathin graphene-based solar cells

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Decreasing the device thickness of multilayered heterojunction devices to atomic scales has many advantages. For example ultrathin solar cells [1] exhibit high transmittance, high mechanical flexibility, high conversion efficiency and low cost. The major issue that limits the thinning is an increase in leakage current due to the formation of pinholes.

We here demonstrate the use of graphene to lower the leakage current for enhanced device performance. We find that graphene electrodes can be safely suspended over voids that would cause leakage currents with traditionally deposited electrodes and a decrease in leakage current by 6 orders of magnitude was observed.

This ability enabled the fabrication of solid-state dye-sensitized solar cells with TiO_2 thicknesses between 5 nm and 100 nm, which represents some of the thinnest solar cells produced to date.

At those new length scales, unusual device characteristics were observed, such as two-dimensional dye loading and decreased interfacial charge compensation which highlight the limits of scaling ultrathin solar cells.



Fig.1(a) AFM image of graphene on 10 nm
TiO2/Z907, (b) height histogram before and after deposition of graphene on 10 nm TiO2/Z907, (inset) depiction of origin of different roughness, (c) comparison of leakage currents for graphene on 10 nm and 100 nm TiO2 and Pt on

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Preparation of methanofullerene derivatives: [70]PCBM and bis-[70]PCBM with high regioselectivity

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Bulk heterojunction (BHJ) organic solar cells consisting of p-type conjugated polymers and n-type fullerene derivatives are considered to be attractive candidates for a low-cost sustainable energy source, and have become one of the most growing areas over the past decade. One of the most widely used electron acceptors in BHJ organic photovoltaic devices (OPVs) is fullerene derivatives, particularly [6,6]-phenyl-C61/C71-butyric acid methyl ester ([60]PCBM or [70]PCBM) [1].

The mono substitution toward C_{60} fullerene gives single isomer, whereas mono addition of C_{70} affords an isomeric product mixture in many cases due to the less symmetrical C_{70} cage.

We recently reported facile synthesis of PCBMs by reaction of semi-stabilized sulfur ylides with C_{60} and C_{70} , in which the desired [6,6]-isomer ([60]PCBM) was directly obtained without the generation of the corresponding [5,6]-open fulleroid [2]. Herein we wish to report extension of our study to regioselective synthesis of [70]PCBM (scheme 1).



Scheme 1. Synthetic protocols for [70]PCBM

Introducing two isopropyl groups with sulfur atom reached almost maximum values to afford α -type PC₇₁BM in high regioselectivity. Additionally, the use of excess sulfonium salt afforded bis-adducts (bis[70]PCBMs), in 57% yield, with a fairly high component ratio (*ca.* 97 : 3) compared to the conventional method.

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Structure Determination of Saturn-Like Oligothiophene Macrocycle with $C_{61}H_2$ and C_{70}

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X-ray single crystallographic analysis for fullerenes such as fullerene derivatives, exotic metallofullerenes, and higher fullerenes is still one of powerful characterization tool to obtain precise structural information and structural properties. When we encounter difficulty of obtaining single crystals, we usually consider the use of supramolecular host molecules such as cobalt octaethylporphyrin to make co-crystals through non-covalent interaction for structural characterization.[1-3] These host molecules have been contributed to crystal structure determination of fullerenes that have been undetermined with ordinary crystallization methods. Furthermore, development of new good host molecules broadens opportunity for highly attractive structural, optical, and electronic properties of fullerene complexes.

Oligothiophene macrocycle is a promising candidate for supramolecular hosts for above-mentioned purpose. A Saturn-like complex of this macrocycle with C_{60} have been reported.[4] In this work, we chose dihydromethanofullerene, $C_{61}H_2$, as a guest fullerene derivatives that had not been crystallographically characterized even through $C_{61}H_2$ has a very simple structure.[5] Also we demonstrated complexation with C_{70} for detail examination of supramolecular formation.



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Preparation of [C₆₀]Fullerene Nanowhisker-Silver Nanoparticle Composites and Their Catalytic Activity for Oxidation of Tetramethylbenzidine with Hydrogen Peroxide

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Silver nanoparticles solution was prepared by dissolving trisodium citrate dihydrate $(C_6H_5Na_3O \cdot 2H_2O)$, sodium borohydride $(NaBH_4)$, cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide $(CTAB,(C_{16}H_{33})N(CH_3)_3Br)$, ascorbic acid $(C_6H_8O_6)$ and silver nitrate $(AgNO_3)$ in distilled water, and then the resulting solution was irradiated ultrasonication for 3 h. $[C_{60}]$ Fullerene nanowhisker-silver nanoparticle composites were prepared using C_{60} -saturated toluene, silver nanoparticles solution and isopropyl alcohol by liquid-liquid interfacial precipitation method. The formation of $[C_{60}]$ fullerene nanowhisker-silver nanoparticle composites was confirmed by X-ray diffraction, Raman spectroscopy, scanning electron microscopy, and transmission electron microscopy. The catalytic activity of $[C_{60}]$ fullerene nanowhisker-silver nanoparticle composites for oxidation of tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) with H_2O_2 was confirmed by UV-vis spectroscopy.



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Color tuning of semitransparent organic solar cells using oxide/metal/oxide transparent anode

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Semitransparent organic solar cells (OSCs) have attracted a great attention for their potential applications such as power-generating windows for building-integrated photovoltaics and sun shading for automobiles. The former are especially interesting due to their multiple functions of light harvesting, lighting and indoor temperature control. However, the transmission spectra of semitransparent OSCs have been so far dominated by the materials used as the active layers. For the common bulk-heterojunction OSCs using poly(3-hexylthiophene):(6,6)-phenyl C61 butyric acid methyl ester (P3HT:PCBM), a red-purple color is observed because of a high absorbance at approximately 500 nm and the cut-off absorbance spectrum of P3HT:PCBM at 650 nm. Previously, we reported semitransparent OSCs based on a low-bandgap polymer of PTB7 and PC₇₁BM utilizing a MoO₃/Au/MoO₃ anode [1]. In this work we demonstrated the fabrication of color-tunable semitransparent PTB7:PC₇₁BM solar cells by adopting different metal layers in oxide/metal/oxide trilayer anode.

The device structure was Glass/ITO/PFN/PTB7:PC₇₁BM/MoO₃/thin metal/MoO₃ (Figure 1). For the thin metal layers sandwiched by the two transparent MoO₃ layers, Ag(20 nm), Au(20 nm) or Al(2 nm)/Cu(18 nm) were used, which acted as an optical spacer as well as electrode. Figure 2 shows the corresponding optical transmittance spectra for the semitransparent cells. By combining flat transmittance of PTB7:PC₇₁BM film with MoO₃(10 nm)/metals(Ag, Au or Al/Cu)/MoO₃ (20 nm) anodes, the colors of

the semitransparent cells were broadly tuned to blue, green and gray, while maintaining a similar cell performance. The detailed device characteristics will be discussed. This work was supported by KAKENHI Nos. 16K17497, 25220602.



Figure 1 Schematic illustration of semitransparent solar cell.







Isolation of a missing fullerenes Gd@C_{2n} derivatives

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The extraction of endohedral metallofullerenes $M@C_{2n}$ (e.g., M = Y, La, or Gd etc., 2n = 60, 70, 72, or 74) has been a long-standing challenge in fullerene ever since the experimental discovery in 1985[1]. The high reactivity of these fullerenes has led to form their polymer, hindering the solvation in common organic solvents and the subsequent isolation process. Thus, no study has ever done on the elucidation of property and structure of these so called missing fullerenes.

Recently, our group has reported a new stabilization method of missing fullerenes by *in situ* functionalization of trifluoromethyl (CF₃) groups which enables their isolation[2]. Here, we demonstrated the separation of individual derivatives of Gd@C_{2n} missing fullerenes by chromatographic separation as shown in Fig. 1(a). MALDI- TOF mass spectra of an isolated derivative, as shown in Fig. 1(b), exhibits an intense peak of Gd@C₇₄(CF₃), indicating that mono-functionalization with CF₃ group has stabilized Gd@C₇₄ that allow its isolation. This isolation method of missing fullerenes will allow us to study their structure and property, significantly advancing the research of fullerenes.



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In-situ TEM study on structure and optical emission during Joule heating of a multiwall carbon nanotube

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In previous study, some broad peaks in addition to the blackbody radiation spectrum during Joule heating of a multiwall carbon nanotube (MWNT) were observed in a scanning electron microscope [1]. However, the origin of the peaks has not been clarified yet. In this study, in order to make it clear, the structure of the MWNT during Joule heating of the MWNT was observed with simultaneous measurement of the optical emission.

MWNTs attached to an edge of a gold (Au) plate by dielectrophoresis were mounted on a specimen holder for *in-situ* transmission electron microscopy (TEM). An edge of a MWNT protruding from the Au plate was brought into contact with an Au-coated tungsten needle in TEM. The structure changes induced by Joule heating of the MWNT were observed by *in-situ* TEM. The bias voltage and current were measured simultaneously with the optical emission spectra.

Figures 1(a) and 1(b) show TEM images observed before and after the MWNT was fractured near the Au electrode by Joule heating, respectively. After the fracture, the diameter of the capped MWNT tip decreases, as shown in Fig. 1(b). The optical emission spectra before and after the fracture by the Joule heating are shown in Fig. 2(a) and 2(b). The intensity of the spectra continuously rises with the increase of the wavelength, indicating that the spectra include blackbody radiation components. Some peaks besides the blackbody radiation spectra are observed. After the fracture of the MWNT, the intensity of the peaks significantly increases. The peak energies are 1.40, 1.52, 1.70, 1.83 and 2.10 eV. The energies 1.40 and 1.52 eV are close to energy differences between van Hove singularities in a semiconducting carbon nanotube (CNT) with diameter 6.38 nm. The other peak energies correspond to CNTs with diameter 7.20, 4.73, and 5.55 nm, respectively. The peaks observed in optical emission spectra during Joule heating of the MWNT are considered to be attributed to the interband electron transitions in the MWNT.



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Fig.1 TEM images of a MWNT (a) before and (b) after the fracture of the MWNT near the Au electrode.



Fig. 2 Optical emission spectra during Joule heating of the MWNT at a power of \sim 390 μ W. (a) before and (b) after fracture.

Novel Dispersion and Evaluation Method for CNTs by Using Ultrasonic Mixer, PR-1

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Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are strongly aggregated by van der Waals' force, and ultrasonic has been utilized to deagglomerate CNTs. Nano Premixer, PR-1 (Thinky, Tokyo) rotates CNTs in an enclosed vessel inside the ultrasonic bath and irradiates ultrasonic simultaneously from two directions, side and bottom, to disperse CNTs. With the combination of the rotation and the dual ultrasonic process, highly reproducible and stabilized CNT-dispersion can be obtained.

The evaluation result for CNT-dispersion is conventionally obtained by indirect approaches by using SEM and/or Four-terminal method; however, since the evaluation is based on powdered CNTs, the result does not reflect the actual dispersibility and stability of CNT-dispersion.

At this report, we will introduce the method to disperse several different CNTs with PR-1, and evaluate the dispersion using CPS Disc Centrifuge High Resolution Particle Size Analysis System.



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Pyrene dimer and monomer on single-walled carbon nanotubes

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The close solid-state structure-property relationships of organic π -aromatic molecules have attracted interest due to their implications for the design of organic functional materials. In this regard, a dimeric structure is considered as a minimum unit for evaluating intermolecular interactions precisely. In this study, selective formation of the dimeric and monomeric π -aromatic units on an sp² carbon network of single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) was achieved using one- and two-step methods, i.e., direct addition of the pyrenylphenyl (PP) radical onto the SWNT sidewall (Py-1-SWNT) and stepwise addition consisting of first addition of the iodinephenyl (PP) radical onto the SWNT sidewall, followed by the second Suzuki coupling between the PhI-functionalized SWNT and pyrene boronic ester (Py-2-SWNT) (Fig. 1) [1]. Py-2-SWNT presented monomeric pyrenes located on the SWNT sidewall, whereas dimeric pyrenes were formed on the SWNT sidewalls of Py-1-SWNT, as demonstrated both theoretically and experimentally. In particular, we successfully visualized for the first time the linking of dimeric molecules onto the outside of nanocarbon scaffolds at a single molecule level using the high-resolution transmission electron microscopy (HR-TEM) technique. Reflecting the unique orientation and separation distances between the two pyrene moieties, Py-1-SWNT exhibited an additional distinct band in the absorption spectrum and a photoinduced charge separation in the transient absorption (TA) spectrum, which is in marked contrast with Py-2-SWNT. The present methodology used

form to and probe molecular dimers on SWNT is applicable to any organic molecules that contain aryl groups, including π -conjugated molecules small and oligomers. Thus, this method can be used to provide basic information regarding the close structureproperty relationships existing within dimeric molecules of interest.



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Electronic structure of CNT thin films with nanoscale interfaces under an electronic field

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Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are attracting much attention owing to their unique geometric and electronic properties. Because of the unusual physical properties, they are keeping a premier position in emerging materials for the future electronic devices. Indeed, it has been demonstrated that CNTs work as conducting channel of field effect transistors (FETs). In the FET, CNTs form a mat film structure in which CNTs intersect each other with nanometer scale interfaces. Although the CNT mat films can work as conducting channel in real devices, the microscopic mechanism of carrier accumulation in the CNT thin films under an external electric field is still unclear. Thus, in this manuscript, we aim to elucidate the fundamental electronic properties of CNT thin films with nanoscale interfaces among CNTs under an external electric field, which injects electrons/holes into the CNTs, using density functional theory with local density approximation. In this work, to simulate the CNT-FET device structure, we consider the CNT double-decker structure consisting of (10,0) and (11,0) CNTs which are intersect each other with angles of 60, 75, and, 90 degrees (Fig. 1). For both electron and hole doping, the accumulated carriers are mainly distributed on the CNT situated at the electrode side. In addition, under the particular conditions, the distribution of accumulated carriers shows the unusual feature, inducing the inversion electric field to the applied external electric field. We further investigate the capacitance of the CNTs.



Fig. 1 (a) A structural model of CNT thin films in the FET structure under the electron field. (b) The top views of CNT thin films.

Voltage generation by movement of electrolyte solution on carbon nanotube thin film

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Energy harvesting from environment energy sources is emerging technology for driving sensor devices for IoT. Recently, the voltage generation of a few millivolts from the movement of electrolyte solution have been demonstrated by using graphene [1, 2] and carbon nanotubes (CNTs) [3]. In this work, we fabricated the voltage generators using the single-walled CNT thin film on flexible substrate. Their characteristics such as the dependences on concentration of electrolyte solution and thickness of CNT thin film have been studied.

Highly-conductive CNT thin films were formed on polyethylenenaphthalate (PEN) substrate by the dry transfer process based on the floating-catalyst chemical vapor deposition. [4]. The size of the CNT thin film was 30 mm x 4 mm (Fig. 1 (a)). Ag-paste electrodes were formed on the both edges. 2-mol/l NaCl aqueous solution was used as the electrolyte. The droplet of the electrolyte solution was moved on the CNT thin film between two electrodes

(Fig. 1 (b)). We measured open-circuit voltage by semiconductor device parameter analyzer.

Figure 2(a) and 2(b) show the voltage wave forms generated by moving electrolyte droplet for CNT film thickness of 40 and 10 nm, respectively. The CNT film thickness was measured by laser scanning confocal microscope. The maximum open circuit voltage was 220 µV for the CNT film thickness of 40 nm (Fig. 2 (a)). Thinner CNT film of 10 nm generated higher voltage as 2.72 mV. This is probably due to the elimination of shunt current flowing through the underlayer CNTs.

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Fig. 1 (a) Photograph of fabricated device, (b) schematic of measurement system.



Fig. 2 Voltage wave forms generated by moving electrolyte droplet on CNT film. The thicknesses of CNT films are (a) 40 nm and (b) 10 nm, respectively.

Controlled n-type doping of carbon nanotube thin-film transistors with salt and crown ether

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Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) have attracted much attention for various applications such as flexible, printable thin-film transistors (TFTs). CNT-TFTs generally show p-type behavior possibly due to unintentional hole doping by oxygen and/or water, so stable n-type doping has been anticipated especially for logic-circuit applications. Although organic molecules such as poly(ethylene imine) (PEI) and venzyl viologen have been reported as air-stable dopants, their stability is still controversial. Recently, Nonoguchi et al. proposed new n-type doping agents comprising salts and crown ether families that display prolonged air stability of negative Seebeck coefficients even under elevated temperatures [1]. Here, we have succeeded in controlling the electrical properties of CNT-TFTs with the salt and crown ether dopants. By changing the concentration of the dopant in solvent, CNT-TFTs changed from p-type to ambipolar, and eventually n-type characteristics.

Solution of 18-crown (0.1 mol/L) and KOH (saturated conc.) in N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) was prepared. The solvent was diluted by NMP as needed. CNTs synthesized by using the enhanced direct-injection pyrolytic synthesis method [2] were used and enriched to semiconductive ones by using an electric-field- induced layer formation (ELF) method [3]. CNT-TFTs were fabricated on Si/SiO₂ substrates. The I_D - V_{GS} characteristics of the devices showed sccessive changes from p-type to n-type, depending logarithmically on the concentration of dopants.

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High-yield fabrication of n-type carbon nanotube thin-film transistors on flexible plastic substrate

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Carbon nanotube thin-film transistors (CNT TFTs) are envisioned to enable high-performance flexible electronic devices due to its highly desirable electrical and mechanical properties [1,2]. As-fabricated CNT TFT devices are normally p-type under ambient conditions, due to the chemical doping by adsorbing oxygen molecules. However, n-type TFTs are also required for constructing complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS)-based circuits with low power consumption and good noise margins. In this work, we achieved a relatively high yield of 95.3 % for more than 800 n-type CNT TFTs on a flexible substrate.

Bottom-gate type TFTs were fabricated on a flexible and transparent poly(ethylene naphthalate) (PEN) substrate as shown in Fig. 1. Semiconductor-enriched CNTs were used for the channel material. Prior to n-type doping, we confirmed that all devices (831 devices) showed p-type behavior with on/off ratio of $\sim 10^4$ and rather uniform characteristics. Then, polyethyleneimine (PEI) (Sigma Aldrich, MW = 800) was spin-coated to achieve n-type doping. An Al₂O₃ passivation layer was formed by atomic layer deposition [3].

Figure 2 shows the transfer characteristics of 827 operational devices after PEI doping with Al₂O₃ passivation. 99.5% of 831 devices were converted to n-type behavior by the PEI doping

method without significant degradation of on current and mobility. The other devices (4 devices) did not work after doping due to gate leakage current or damage during measurement. Although low on/off ratio and threshold voltage shift toward the normally-on condition were observed for a few percentages of devices, a majority of the TFTs maintained on/off ratio of ~10⁴, with a small hysteresis width of 0.25 V on average.

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Fig.1 Schematic structure of n-type device.



Fig. 2 $I_{\rm D}$ - $V_{\rm GS}$ characteristics at $V_{\rm DS} = 0.5$ V of 827 CNT TFTs after PEI doping.

Response to pH of carbon nanotube thin-film transistors for sensor applications

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Carbon nanotube field-effect transistors (CNT FETs) are promising platform as highlysensitive electronic biosensors because of its excellent electrical property [1]. On the other hand, they lack in controlling the uniformity and mass production, causing large variation in characteristics. In our previous work, thin-film transistors (TFTs) based on a random CNT thin film are advantageous, compared to FETs based on individual CNTs from the viewpoint of uniformity and reproducibility [2]. In this study, we investigate sensor behavior of CNT TFTs to understand their operation in biological environments, which are typically electrolytic solutions.

CNT TFTs were fabricated in an electrolyte-gated transistor architecture, where singlewalled CNT thin film connected two metal electrodes, source and drain (Fig. 1 (a)), and directly contacted with electrolytic solution. A liquid gate potential was applied to an Ag/AgCl (3-M NaCl) reference electrode respect to the grounded source electrode. The TFT was placed in a fluidic channel to avoid evaporation of test solution and make it easy to change solutions as shown in Fig. 1(b).

First, we examined the response to pH without varying the ion species and ion strength. Figure 2 shows the time-domain response measured at $V_{\rm DS}$ = -0.05 V and $V_{\rm GS}$ = -0.1 V when pH was varied between 6 and 8. Here, the electrolytic solution was 1-mM PBS and 10-mM NaCl solutions. The I_D exhibited linear dependence on pH as shown in the inset of Fig. 2. The response can be explained by ionization and deionization of functional groups on the CNT surface, depending on proton concentration [3].

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Fig. 1 (a) Fabricated CNT TFT, (b) schematic of measurement system.



Fig. 2 Response to pH in 1-mM PBS and 10-mM NaCl solution. (inset) Drain current vs pH.

n-Type Thermoelectric Properties of Single-walled Carbon Nanotubes encapsulating 1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene

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n-Type single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) have been investigated for the development of flexible p-n junction devices including solar cells [1] and FETs [2]. n-Type SWNTs have been regarded as unstable under ambient condition, which has motivated us to improve air-stability by means of molecular doping. We have recently demonstrated that adsorption of phosphine derivatives alters the sign of majority carriers of SWNTs from p-type to n-type [3]. However, phosphine-SWNT composites showed limited stability in air.

In this work, we report on the n-type doping and the stabilization of n-type SWNTs using the encapsulation of phosphine derivatives in SWNTs. The internal space of nanotubes is expected to suppress the oxidation. We chose 1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene (dppf) as a dopant since it shows a stable redox behavior. We prepared SWNTs encapsulating dppf (dppf@SWNTs) by heating dppf/SWNTs composite films at 200 °C *in vacuo*.

TEM observation reaveled that dppf was encapsulated into SWNTs (Fig 1). The conductivity of the dppf@SWNTs significantly enhanced compare to raw SWNTs, presumably due to the electron transfer from dppf to SWNTs. This composite showed comparatively high power factor (195 μ W/mK²) with the negative Seebeck coefficient (-51 μ V/K) by encapsulation of dppf (Table 1). Moreover, we found this n-type film was stable over 120 h in air [4].

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Figure 1. TEM micrograph of dppf@SWNTs

	Seebeck Coefficient (µV/K)	Conductivity (S/cm)	Power factor (μW/mK²)
SWNTs	48	600	141
dppf/SWNTs	-4.6	596	1.5
dppf@SWNTs	-51	758	195

Table 1. Thermoelectric properties of SWNTs, dppf/SWNTs, dppf@SWNTs

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Gradual etching and long-length burning of metallic single-walled carbon nanotubes toward semiconducting nanotube arrays

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High carrier mobilities and finite band gaps of semiconducting (s-) single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) make them a promising candidate for channel materials of future electronics. While random networks of separated s-SWCNTs have provided high enough performances for thin film transistor applications, high-purity and well-aligned s-SWCNT arrays are required for high-speed field-effect transistors (FETs) in logic circuit applications. Direct-growth of aligned SWCNTs together with long-length selective removal of metallic (m-) SWCNTs is a possible way for scalable fabrication of s-SWCNT arrays.

We developed methods for controlled etching as well as long-length removal of m-SWCNTs. Firstly, horizontal arrays of SWCNTs were grown on crystal quartz substrates by alcohol chemical vapor deposition [1] and transferred onto silicon with silicon dioxide substrates. Back-gated FET structures were fabricated by defining source and drain electrodes with 20 μ m channel width and 5 - 20 μ m channel lengths. Source–drain voltages were applied to SWCNT channels in various atmospheres, including ambient air, vacuum, water vapor, and oxygen with water vapor. Sequential application of increased voltages to SWCNTs in water vapor conditions was found to induce gradual extension of nanogaps in SWCNTs (Fig. 1) [2]. We also found that the long-lengths of m-SWCNTs were burnt away by applying voltages to polymer-coated SWCNTs under water vapor and oxygen conditions (Fig. 2).





Fig.1: Gradual etching of Fig.2 SWCNTs.

Fig.2: (a) Before and (b) after long-length selective burning of m-SWCNTs.

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Effect of 7,8-substituents of Flavin Derivatives on Selective Separation of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes

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Single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs) are classified to metallic (m-) or semiconducting (s-) SWNTs according to their chirality, which is expressed by chiral index (*n*,*m*). Separation of them is very important for use them in many applications. Several efficient sorting methods including gel chromatography method ^[1], density gradient ultracentrifugation method ^[2,3], use of oligo DNA ^[4], aqueous two-phase extraction method ^[5], use of dynamic coordination ^[6] and hydrogen polymer-based supramolecular chemistry ^[7] have been reported.

Recently, we found that a flavin derivative that has a long alkyl chain and an imidyl hydrogen can selectively sort s-SWNTs^[8] by synthesizing various types of flavin derivatives by changing the length of an alkyl chain and replacing an imidyl hydrogen with a methyl group. It was revealed that the imidyl hydrogen and methyl group(s) on the 7,8-positions of the aromatic ring are essential for selective separation of s-SWNTs. However, it is not clear whether the substituents of 7,8-positions affect the selective separation or not. We now synthesized flavin derivatives that have a different substituent of 7,8-positions, and focus on the size and the electronic property of the substituents. From both experimental and simulations, we reveal important factors that recognize/sort s- and m-SWNT chirality.

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Here we report the efficient growth of super-small diameter SWNTs, high-quality SWNTs (G/D > 70) and selective growth of SWNTs by extending the work window of conventional alcohol catalytic chemical vapor deposition (ACCVD). CVD temperature was varied from 350 °C to 1000 °C combined with the pressures range over 6 magnitudes. Scanning Raman with many laser lines, absorption, and photoluminescence (PL) were used to characterize the chirality and abundance of SWNTs. TEM was employed for examining the quality of SWNTs and for exploring the condition of catalysts around growth boundary. Super-small diameter SWNTs assigned as (6,4), (5,4), (5,3), (6,1) etc.. (0.8 nm > d_t > 0.52 nm) were obtained around 500 °C, 5 Pa, and their abundances were significantly increased comparing to previous reported works. At 850 °C, 65 Pa, high-quality SWNTs which is nearly no defect were obtained. In addition, growth mechanism is clarified through discussions on the experimental map of extended CVD.

Furthermore, effect of the carbon feedstocks [ethanol, dimethyl ether (DME) and acetonitrile] and catalysts (zeolite-supported Fe-Co, Cu-Co and W-Co) were studied in the extended CVD. Gas-phase thermal decomposition of ethanol, DME and acetonitrile were simulated using the chemical kinetic models under various SWNTs growth conditions. In addition, the different effects on the diameter and diameter distribution of SWNTs by ethanol, DME and acetonitrile were discussed. By using Fe-Co as the catalyst, the efficient growth of super-small diameter SWNTs was achieved in extended ACCVD. Cu-Co and W-Co were used to obtain chirality controlled SWNTs. Using Cu-Co catalysts, (6,5) became predominant at 500 °C. Growth of super-small diameter SWNTs, high-quality SWNTs and the chirality controlled SWNTs in extended ACCVD suggest the promising future works for application and fundamental understanding of growth of SWNTs.

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Growth of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes from Solid-Phase Cobalt Carbide Nanoparticles by Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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Since single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) grow from metal nanoparticles in catalytic chemical vapor deposition (CCVD) process, observation of metal nanoparticles is indispensable for understanding the mechanism of SWCNT growth. While it is difficult to observe nanoparticles in atomic scale experimentally, simulation is useful to observe them.

In this study, we performed molecular dynamics (MD) simulations to investigate the melting point of Co catalyst particle and the time evolution of SWCNT growth, using home-made Tersoff-type and Brenner-Tersoff potential. We put a Co nanoparticle at the center of 10-nm cubic cell and annealed it for 2 ns measuring the kinetic energy and the potential energy of the system, and then supplied carbon atoms into the cell. During the simulation, metal atoms were under Nosé-Hoover thermostat to keep the temperature of the system.

Figure 1 (a) shows the potential energy of pure Co nanoparticles depending on the cluster size and the temperature. We estimated the melting points from the energy jumps and confirmed that the melting point is a linear function of cubic root of the number of metal atoms (Fig. 1 (b)). Though pure Co₈₀ and Co₁₂₀ clusters are liquid at 1550 K, they formed solid carbide structure when carbon atoms were supplied to them. The particles remained solid carbide during and after the cap structures appeared (Fig. 2). Carbon atoms adsorbed and diffused on the surface of particles to reach the edge of SWCNTs, and then contributed to the SWCNT growth.



(b) Size dependence of melting points estimated from (a). (b) Layered carbide, 120 Co atoms, 1550 K.

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In-Plane TEM Imaging of Bimetallic Catalyst for SWNT Growth

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Catalyst is critical for the formation of single walled carbon nanotubes (SWNTs), while obtaining the intrinsic morphology and structure of these nano-sized particles at growth or near-growth conditions remains challenging. We propose an in-plane TEM approach, which enables a direct characterization of catalyst particles on a thin SiO₂ film. After optimization, collective information of many particles, as well as atomic resolution of catalyst structure can be obtained. With this new technique, we systematically investigated mono- and bi-metallic particles including Co, Fe, Ni, Pd, Pt, and W, and studied their behaviors at high temperatures.

In this work, we focus on two bimetallic catalyst systems that are recently proposed: Co-Cu and Co-W. The combination of Co-Cu was found to be able to produce all sub-nm vertically aligned SWNTs. [1] In-plane TEM clearly shows that, with addition of Cu, much smaller Co particles form epitaxially on Cu. This authoring effort contributes to the formation of high density small active growth sites. Co-W recently raises to be a promising catalyst for chirality-selective growth. [2] We used a sputtered Co-W and produced spatially uniform (12,6) SWNTs with enrichment of 50-70%. [3] An intermediate Co_6W_6C structure is unambiguously identified by selective area electron diffraction. High resolution TEM and high-angle annular dark-field (HAADF) STEM images reveal the details of this complex catalyst. We believe this in-plane TEM technique provides atomic yet statistic information that is so far the closest to a realistic growth process.

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Oxidative Decomposition of Carbon Nanotubes and Extraction of Encapsulated Materials

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Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) have cylindrical structure which provide an ideal cavity to create one-dimensional (1D) nanomaterials. Recently, we have established synthesis of thin single-wall BN-nanotubes and diamantane polymers inside CNT [1,2]. However, since the synthesized 1D materials are remained inside CNTs, it is hard to reveal the actual properties of 1D materials. Hence, removal of the CNT shell is required to isolate encapsulated 1D nanomaterials.

In this research, we developed oxidative decomposition of CNTs under mild conditions. With the reaction progress, absorption spectra of CNTs were gradually decreased (Fig.1a). Most of peaks were finally disappeared after 24 hours. Interestingly, D/G ratio was improved in early stage of the reaction (Fig.1b). The decomposition was indicated to have high selectivity, as the reaction start from defects of the CNT shells. We then demonstrated the extraction of C_{60} fullerene from C_{60} @SWCNT nano-peapod by using this CNT decomposition technology (Fig.1c). Isolation of other encapsulated 1D nanomaterials will also be reported in this presentation.



Fig.1: (a) UV-Vis-NIR spectra and (b) Raman spectra of CNT dispersion at each reaction stage (c) Mass spectra of toluene extraction before and after the decomposition treatment of C_{60} @SWCNT

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Growth of Single-Crystal Bi-Layer Graphene Using Alcohol CVD

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Graphene, an sp²-bonded single-layer carbon sheet, is an attractive material due to its extraordinary mechanical, thermal, and electrical properties. However, single-layer graphene (SLG) is the zero band-gap material and unsuitable for some applications which need finite energy gaps. Several groups reported that a bandgap up to 250 meV can be opened by an external electric field in AB-stacked bi-layer graphene (BLG) [1]. Therefore, efficient synthesis of BLG is essential for electronic applications of graphene. Chemical vapor deposition (CVD) is a reliable method for the synthesis of large-scale graphene. Since grain boundaries in polycrystal graphene degrade its superior properties, many efforts have been focused on enlarging the size of single-crystal graphene. As a result, single-crystal SLG of centimeter sizes has been synthesized using CVD, but the size of single-crystal BLG domains is still limited.

In this study, we investigated the method for the single-crystal BLG synthesis and succeeded in synthesizing BLG domains of several hundreds of micrometers. Graphene was synthesized using alcohol catalytic chemical vapor deposition (ACCVD) [2]. We used a copper foil as the catalyst and oxidized and folded it into a pocket before synthesis. CVD was performed at 1065 °C with various pressures of Ar/H₂ and ethanol. We found that SLG, BLG, and multi-layer graphene can be grown by controlling the total pressure of the CVD condition. Figure 1 shows large-size single-crystal BLG together with SLG. Figure 2 is the relationship between the graphene size and the growth time. This revealed that there is an incubation time for BLG growth after starting alcohol supply.





Fig. 1 Optical image of SLG and BLG.

Fig. 2 Relationship between BLG size and growth time.

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Effects of nanobar-catalyst types on structure of graphene nanoribbon grown with advanced plasma CVD

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Graphene nanoribbons (GNR) combine the unique electronic and spin properties of graphene with a transport gap that arises from quantum confinement and edge effects. Although GNR can be made in a variety of ways, the reliable site and alignment control of GNR with high on/off current ratios remains a challenge.

Up to now, we have developed a novel method based on the advanced plasma CVD with nano scale Ni catalyst (Ni nanobar) for directly fabricating suspended GNR devices [1, 2]. Although this method has outstanding advantages in terms of precise site and alignment controlled growth of suspended GNR, there still remain a space to be studied about this method, especially for the structural controllability of GNR such as layer number, width, and length. At the current state, the dominant GNR structures are few layered GNR with ~10 nm width and relatively short length (~500 nm). Monolayer GNR with narrower width and longer length should be useful for the optoelectrical applications of suspended GNRs with higher performance.

In this study, we attempted to elucidate the effects of catalyst types with nanobar structures on the structure of GNRs. Based on our previous study about the growth model of GNR, it is found that the nanobar structure becomes liquid phase under the high temperature condition during the GNR growth and the wettability of liquid phase nanobar is very important to grow suspended GNR [2]. Then, we systematically carried out the growth of GNR with various types of catalysts such as Ni, Cu, and those of bi-metals with different mixture ratios. The averaged GNR length grown with Cu nanobar becomes longer than that grown with Ni nanobar, which can be explained by the difference of carbon solubility, wettability, and thermal stabilities of Cu nanobar. GNR grown with Cu nanobar shows the relatively higher on/off ratio, this can imply the layer number of GNR can be reduced by using Cu nanobar.

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Enhancement of laser-induced water decomposition by 2D sheets studied by first-principles simulations II

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This work was motivated by recent report of metal-free photocatalysis consisting of graphitic carbon nitride (gC_3N_4) [1,2] and we have proposed usage of high-intensity pulse laser as an alternative to ordinary light-source for achieving higher yield of H₂O decomposition. Continuing to our presentation in the last meeting, we are still investigating property of 2D material in enhancement of laser-induced H₂O decomposition by means of the first-principles simulation. Here we present updated results; 1) We have compared threshold laser intensity of H₂O decomposition for an isolated molecule and for molecules above 2D-sheets, and we will present dependence of pulse-width of the laser. 2) We have proposed an idea to combine electrical hole-doping in graphene and pulse-laser H₂O decomposition for higher yield of H and OH generation.

We have obtained significantly lower threshold laser-intensity of H_2O decomposition when H_2O is above 2D sheets. [3] The cause of the threshold lowering is attributed as a field enhancement effect by the 2D sheets studied by this work. The threshold is further decreased when we extended the full-width-of-half-maximum (FWHM) from 10 fs to 20fs, yet the estimated laser fluence for the H_2O becomes larger with wider FWHM. The details of the computational method, results,

and potential application for generating hydrogen fuel will be discussed. The figure shows snapshot of the H₂O dynamics which was strongly bind to graphene under electrical hole-doping condition. (At the beginning, the O-side of water is closer to graphene due to polar



Snapshots of H_2O dynamics upon pulse-laser illumination (FWHM=10fs, 800nm) with laser field intensity 7V/Å.

is closer to graphene due to polar nature of the H₂O molecule.)

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Size separation of graphene nanosheets by gel chromatography

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Top-down graphene production via the exfoliation from graphite produces a mass of graphene, but with structural variations in layer number, sheet size, edge type, and defect density, which strongly affect the electronic structure of graphene. For the useful application, the subsequent structural separation of graphene is mandatory. Graphene dispersion

In this study, we demonstrated simple separation of graphene using multicolumn gel chromatography [1]. The graphene dispersed in the aqueous surfactant solution was separated via flowing through the allyl dextran-based gel columns in series (Fig. 1).

At the first column, by the filtering effect, the unexfoliated graphite fragments are separated out, and the unbound fragment consisted of thin graphene sheets. By the chromatographic separation at the subsequent columns, it was observed that the large-size graphene tends to be unbound by the gel (Table 1). In this chromatographic separation, the surfactant affinity affects the adsorption priority on the gel. The reduction of surfactant absorption density on the graphene caused by the structural disorder, in-plane defect and edge, will result in the preferential attachment Gel columns

Fig.1 Schematic diagram of gel chromatography

of small-size graphene on the gel surface [2, 3]. This scalable simple separation method will contribute to the

Table 1. The average sheet sizes of the unbound graphene for each column

Column Number	1	3	10
Sheet Size [nm]	56.70	71.12	142.5

further precise separation of graphene structure, and promote the industrial application of graphene.

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Evaluation of GO Catalyst regarding oxidative amine coupling reaction

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Graphene oxide (GO) having oxygen-containing groups is expected as metal-free and environment-compatible catalyst. The research on GO catalyst progressed [1][2], although the detail mechanism for GO catalytic activity is not clear yet. Investigating GO properties before / after the catalytic reaction is a promising strategy for clarification of the mechanism. Our previous study found that the synthesis of a xanthene derivative in water solvent might relate with the functional group of C=O and COOH in GO [3]. But the simultaneous structural changes by a thermal reduction was problem. In this study, we conduct the oxidative amine coupling reaction of benzylamine (1) to *N*-benzylidenebenzylamine (2) using GO progressing even at the lower temperature, where the promotion by π - π interaction is expected.



Scheme 1 Oxidative amine coupling reaction of benzylamine to N-benzylidenebenzylamine

The following reaction using GO synthesized by Hummers method was conducted (Scheme 1). A mixture of (1) (3 mL) and GO (0.1 g) was stirred at 60° C for 24 hours after pre-ultrasonication. After filtration of GO from the reaction media and washing with ethanol, the reaction media was characterized by GC-MS. The chemical structure of GO before / after the reaction was evaluated by FTIR.

The GC-MS yields for (2) in the condition with / without GO were 15% and 2%, respectively. According to the FTIR spectrum for oxidative amine coupling reaction (Fig.1), the reduction of oxygen-containing functional groups of GO does not occur in the control condition (only GO and water), while those are considerably reduced after oxidative amine coupling reaction. In contrast, the spectra for the reaction in water solvent are almost same in the control condition and after reaction. It was suggested that the reaction mechanism for oxidative amine coupling reaction significantly differs from that for the reaction in water solvent, where GO works as Brönsted acid.



Fig.1 FTIR for GO on oxidative amine coupling reaction





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Magnetic Characterization of NO_x adsorption by Nanographene Host Material

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 NO_x are one of the major chemical species causing acid rain pollution, where NO molecule is major species at the source of pollution. To eliminate gaseous NO_x diluted in huge volume of air, adsorption by activated carbon fibers (ACFs) is investigated as a promising strategy [1]. However, the details mechanism of NO_x adsorption has been not well known yet. In microscopic view point, ACFs consists of 3D random network of nanographenes, which is interesting host material having nanospace between nanographenes and the localized spins originating from the electronic states at edge part. In this study, adsorption properties and chemical reactivity of NO and its derivatives in activated carbon fibers as nanographene host material is investigated in terms of spin magnetism.

Gaseous NO molecule was adsorbed into activated carbon fibers (FR-20, Kuraray) vacuum-heat-treated in advance. The magnetic susceptibility was measured by SQUID magnetometer (MPMS-1 Quantum Design) at 1 T in the range of 2 – 300 K, where the magnetization was measured in the field of 0 – 1 T at 2 K. X-band ESR measurement was performed by using JEOL FA-300. The temperature dependence of the susceptibility indicates the significant reduction in the localized spin density Ns of ACFs upon adsorption of 5.7 kPa of NO gas (Ns = 7.9×10^{19} to 3.3×10^{19} spin g⁻¹), where the Weiss temperature θ decreases from -7 to -2. The reduction in the exchange interactions between spins is also confirmed by the magnetization curve at 2 K. This is well explained by the NO pressure dependence of ESR for ACFs (Fig. 1). The rapid reduction of ESR linewidth and g-value upon even slight amount of NO molecule indicates strong antiferromagnetic interactions between edge-state spins and

NO spins caused by adsorption of NO molecule on the edge of nanographene. On the other hand, the ESR intensity gradually reduces at the lower NO pressure but becomes increasing and decreasing again at the higher pressure, suggesting the termination of the edge-state spins by NO chemisorption on the edge of nanographene with simultaneous physisorption of magnetic NO molecules and their dimerization at the higher NO pressure. The mechanism of elimination NO by ACFs are revealed as the fast chemisorption process on the edges of nanographene followed by physisorption into nanospace among nanographene in ACFs in by investigation in terms of spin magnetism as probe.

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Fig. 1 NO pressure dependence of ESR intensity (a), linewidth (b), and g-value (c)

Electrochemical grafting of aryl molecules onto graphene on Au

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Graphene has been expected to be used as electronic device materials thanks to its high mechanical strength and electroconductivity. Graphene surfaces can be modified to control its electronic properties and interactions with other materials. Aryl molecules are chemically grafted to graphene monolayers on SiO₂ and Al₂O₃ (sapphire) substrates.^[1] To make tunnel junctions, we need to graft molecules densely packed and highly oriented on graphene electrodes.

Herein, we report electrochemical grafting of aryl molecules onto graphene on polycrystalline Au, Au(poly). Graphene was grown on Au(poly) substrates by chemical vaper deposition.^[2] Electrochemical grafting of 4-propylphenyl group onto the graphene surface was performed by electrochemical reduction of *in situ* generated aryldiazonium cations.^[3, 4] Graphenes before and after molecular grafting were characterized by Raman spectroscopy.

Raman spectra showed that a few layers of graphene covered Au(poly). D band intensity over G band intensity ratios (I_D/I_G) of graphene were determined to be 0.438 and 2.66 before and after grafting, respectively. This result indicated that 4-propylphenyl groups may be grafted onto edges and defects of graphene on Au(poly). We will also discuss electrochemical grafting of aryl molecules onto graphene on Au(111).

Scheme 1: Electrochemical reduction of in-situ generated aryldiazonium cations on gold.





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Fabrication of Graphene Composite Plasmon-Active Photoelectrode

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It is well known that Au nano-structures supported on TiO_2 (Au / TiO_2) substrate generate photocurrent under near-infrared light illumination due to the excitation of localized surface plasmon resonance. Although it is possible to improve the usability of light beyond the intrinsic limits of the materials, the photoelectronic conversion efficiency is still low for the application in photovoltaic devices. In order to enhance the photoelectronic conversion efficiency of this system, it can be expected that the formation of nano multi-layer structures using thin materials is one of the effective way. Graphene, which has good mechanical, electrical, and optical properties, can be considered as an appropriate material for the system. In this study, we tried to fabricate the graphene composite Au / TiO_2 photoelectrode for high efficiency photoelectric conversion devices. In addition, micro Raman measurement was also carried out for the analysis of its properties.

Plasmon active Au nano structures were deposited on an n-type TiO₂ substrate. Single

graphene layer synthesized by CVD method was transferred onto the Au / TiO₂. Then, Au nano structures were deposited on the graphene layer again (Au / Graphene / Au / TiO₂). SEM image of the prepared substrate is shown in Fig. 1. From the image, the formation of Au / Graphene / Au layer structure was confirmed. Additionally, through the photoelectrochemical measurements, it was found that the photocurrent response was completely different from Au / TiO₂ substrates. As the next step, *in-situ* electrochemical Raman measurements were performed as shown in Fig. 2. Consequently, we have succeeded in evaluating the career transfer process and electronic state of the Au / Graphene / Au / TiO₂ system.

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Fig. 1. SEM image of the Au / Graphene / Au / TiO₂ substrate.



Fig. 2. Schematic illustration of the system for *in-situ* electrochemical Raman spectroscopy. C.E.: Pt wire, R.E.: Ag/AgCl (sat. KCl), electrolyte solution: 0.5 M Na₂SO₄. Excitation wavelength was 785 nm.

Direct observation of ultrafast carrier dynamics in graphene on SiC(0001) studied by time- and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy

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Because of its broadband absorption, high carrier mobility, and ultrafast optical response, graphene attracts the attention of many researchers as a promising material for next-generation optoelectronic devices. Nowadays, many graphene-based optoelectronic devices are test-manufactured and demonstrated to have a certain practical capability. However, contrary to this fact, the most elementary phenomena, i.e., the photo-excited carriers in graphene, is not exactly understood. Therefore, uncovering the carrier dynamics in graphene is essential not only for designing graphene-based optoelectronic devices but also for improving their performance.

In this study, we performed time- and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (TRARPES) on graphene epitaxially grown on a SiC(0001) C-terminated surface to reveal underlying relaxation mechanisms of photo-excited graphene carriers. TRARPES has been one of the most powerful experimental techniques to trace a transient distribution of photo-excited carriers owing to its simultaneous accessibility to both momentum and energy spaces. As an example, Figure 1 shows the TRARPES spectra of the C-face graphene taken at several delay times ($hv_{pump} = 1.55 \text{ eV}$, $660\mu\text{J/cm}^2$, 300 K). In the poster session, we will show the pump fluence and lattice temperature dependence of the obtained transient electronic temperatures and discuss the possible decay scheme of the photo-excited graphene carriers.





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Work function modulation of edge functionalized graphene nanoflakes

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Electronic structure of graphene nanoflakes is sensitive to their sizes, edge atomic structure, and edge functionalized groups. Graphene nanoribbons with hydrogenated edges are known to be either metals or semiconductors depending on their width and edge morphology. According to their tunable electronic structure by the morphology and chemical modification, graphene nanoflakes are keeping a premier position in emerging materials for various functional devices in the wide areas of the modern technology. Therefore, in the present work, we aim to investigate how the work function and electronic structure of the graphene nanoflakes depend on the functionalized groups using the density functional theory with the local density approximation. To investigate the effect of the functionalized groups attached to the graphene edges, we consider the graphene nanoribbon with width of 1.5 nm and zigzag edges of which edges are asymmetrically terminated by H and functionalized groups R, where R are -O, -OH, -COH, and -COOH. Figure 1 shows the electrostatic potential of the asymmetrically terminated graphene ribbons on the plane normal to the ribbon direction. For all functionalized groups except OH, the work function at the edge functionalized by these groups is larger than that at the H-terminated edge. In contrast, the edge with OH functionalization exhibits opposite nature: The calculated work function at the OH-terminated edge is smaller than that at the H-terminated edge.



Fig. 1: Electrostatic potential of asymmetrically edge functionalized graphene ribbons with O, OH, COH, and COOH groups.

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Charge/Covalent Interactions at the Interface between Graphene and Electrolyte

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Phenomena at the interface between carbon electrode and electrolyte such as storage and degradation mechanism, Solid Electrolyte Interphase (SEI) formation are crucial for the performance of energy storage devices. However the phenomena are still unclear because of complicated structure of conventional carbon electrode materials. In this study, the electrochemical interactions at the interface between graphene electrode as the model structure of carbon electrode materials and electrolyte solution is investigated in order to clarify the phenomena in energy storage devices.

Gate voltage dependence of the conductivity was measured for graphene FET on SiO₂ substrate with the bipolar electrochemical configuration, where the graphene channel and Pt wire in the electrolyte were applied as working and counter electrodes, respectively. 1 M KCl and 1 M LiCl aqueous solution and 1 M LiBF₄ organic solution (EC/DMC) were used as electrolyte solution. Raman spectroscopy (532 nm) was carried out under an atmospheric condition. A reversible behavior of the transfer curve and an irreversible behavior of the electrochemical currents upon cycles of sweeping top gate voltage were observed in both KCl and LiCl solutions. In the case of LiBF₄ organic electrolyte solutions, increment of electrochemical current below – 2 V becomes suppressed after cycles of gate sweeping (Fig.1). This is attributed to SEI formation by the reaction between graphene and EC/DMC [1] [2]. In either condition, the position of G band and 2D band didn't change in Raman spectroscopy, indicating the absence of chemical doping. On the other hand, D band appeared at only edge parts in graphene in 2D-Raman mapping after electrochemical cycles in LiBF₄ (Fig.2). SEI formation occurs by the reaction between chemically active graphene edges and EC/DMC, suggesting significant roles of edge of carbon electrode in actual energy storage devices.







Fig.2 D band mapping of graphene after electrochemical cycles

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Growth and optical properties of Nb-doped WS₂ monolayers

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For atomic layers of transition metal dichalcogenides, alloying is one of the most useful ways to control their physical properties. To date, several groups have been reported that composition dependence of bandgap on monolayer $Mo_{1-x}W_xS_2$ alloys [1, 2]. In contrast, it is still an important issue to understand the effects of substitutional doping of the other elements to create impurity states and modulate carrier densities. To solve this issue, we have developed a growth method of monolayer Nb-doped WS₂ and investigated its optical properties [3]. In this presentation, we report the nonlinear behavior of photoluminescence (PL) intensity in monolayer Nb-doped WS₂.

Monolayer Nb-doped WS₂ crystals were grown on SiO₂/Si substrates by halide-assisted chemical vapor deposition (CVD) [4] using WO₃, Nb and NaCl powders at 800 ~ 850 °C under argon/sulfur atmosphere. Scanning transmission electron microscope observation reveals that the Nb atoms were substituted into the W site at a rate of 0.5%. Nb-doped samples have new PL peaks (L) at 1.4-1.6 eV with free excitons peak (X) at room temperature (Fig. 1a). The intensities of peak L show a saturation behavior with the increase in excitation power (Fig. 1b). We found that this behavior can be reproduced by the rate equation model for a three-level system consisted of free excitons (X), localized excitons (L), and ground states (Fig. 1b). These results indicate that the observed PL peaks are assignable to the emission from impurity states generated by the substitution of Nb as shown in Fig. 1c.



Fig. 1 (a) Normalized PL spectra of Nb-doped WS_2 measured at four different laser powers. (b) PL intensities of L (upper panel) and X (lower panel) peaks plotted as a function of excitation density. Solid lines indicate the fitting results. The inset shows a schematic of the three-level system of doped WS_2 . (c) Schematic illustration of PL from an Nb-doped site in monolayer WS_2 .

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Layer number controlled synthesis of integrated WS₂ array

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Recently, relatively new type of two-dimensional (2D) nano materials such as graphene and transition metal dichalcogenide (TMD) initiate new avenue in electronic science domain as their atomically thin thickness, superior electrical, mechanical and optical properties [1-4].

As one of the promising nano-materials, graphene possesses high carrier mobility and high optical transmittance, which can be a potential candidate for next generation electrical devices with high performance. Nevertheless, it is very difficult to be straightly applied for the semiconducting device fields due to its zero band gap. Layered TMD that is well known as its excellent semiconducting properties, which can be tuned from indirect band gap to direct band gap by controlling its layer number from multilayer to monolayer. However, there still remain lots of issues we have to conquer for the practical applications with TMD-based devices. Above all, position, crystal size, orientation, and layer number controlled synthesis are regarded as crucial issues at the current production stage.

In our research group, we have developed a unique method, which can realize the position controlled synthesis of monolayer and single-crystal WS₂ in large scale with Au dot as a nucleation guide [5]. In this research, we improved the previous method and realized layer number controlled synthesis of the integrated WS₂ array by adjusting the growth condition. Since the suitable layer number of TMD crystal strongly depends on the type of applications, layer number control for the integrated WS₂ is very important subject. We explored that the Ar gas flow rate is very sensitive to the layer number of WS₂ grown from gold dot. With Ar gas flow rate ranging from low to high, layer number of WS₂ can be controlled from monolayer to few-layer, which may attribute to the difference of growth speed ratio of vertical to lateral direction within the range of Ar flow rate used in our study.

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Polarization-resolved photoluminescence spectroscopy on monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides under electrostatic gating

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Mono- and few-layers of transition-metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) MX₂, where M and X are a transition metal (typically Mo, W, Ta) and a chalcogen (typically S, Se or Te), respectively, have recently emerged as two dimensional (2D) semiconductors promising for future electronics and optoelectronics applications beyond graphene [1-6]. Their hexagonal lattice structures are similar to those of graphene, but unlike graphene with zero band gap, some monolayer (1L) TMDs have finite direct band gaps; this facilitates semiconductor device applications of these 2D materials. In 1L TMDs such as MoS₂ and WSe₂, there are two inequivalent valleys, K and K', in momentum space. The strong spin-orbit interaction and the intrinsic structural inversion asymmetry enable a mutual conversion between valley polarized states and circularly polarized photons [3, 4]; this unique property further makes these materials attractive, especially for exploiting new families of devices relying on valley degree of freedom in signal processing, called valleytronics. However, relaxation of the polarized valley state is very fast, and it has been strongly desired to clarify the valley relaxation mechanism and prolong the valley lifetimes in 1L-TMDs.

Here we examine the effect of carrier density on the polarized photoluminescence (PL) properties reflecting the vallev polarization states and lifetimes of excitons (and trions) to understand the valley relaxation mechanism in 1L-TMDs. Fig. 1 shows the source-drain current (I_{ds}) versus gate voltage (V_g) measured on a 1L-MoS₂ field-effect transistor (FET) device (inset) fabricated to modulate the carrier density. Effects of the electrostatic gating on the polarization-resolved photoluminescence spectra at low temperature conditions will be discussed.

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Fig. 1. Source-drain current (I_{ds}) versus gate voltage (V_g) measured on the fabricated monolayer MoS₂ FET device. Inset shows a picture of the device.

Electron beam lithography induced strain in MoS₂ crystal

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In recent studies, molybdenum disulfide, MoS₂, which has layered structure, has been attracted lots of interests because of its properties [1]. Typically, it exhibits semiconducting properties having a band gap of 1.8 eV in the monolayer structure. Therefore, it has been studied so as to be utilized as a field effect transistor (FET). In our study, we use scanning gate microscopy (SGM) to examine characteristic of MoS₂. SGM can visualize local transport properties in semiconducting materials using a metallic coated cantilever as a mobile top gate.

Single layer MoS₂ crystals which were directly grown on SiO₂/Si substrates by chemical vapor deposition and provided by the Ajayan group at Rice University [2]. Source and drain electrodes (Cr/Au) were patterned by electron beam lithography [3].

In our previous study [4], we reported that unusual SGM response was observed inside the channel. In addition, huge potential drop was occurred at the same position where SGM response was observed. We concluded that a different electric property was induced by electron beam exposure.

Here, we measured photoluminescence and Raman mapping of MoS_2 crystal having exposed and unexposed region. From the results, compressive strain is induced by electron beam exposure. Moreover, the exposed region has slightly wider band gap than the unexposed (usual) one. Therefore, a small potential barrier is formed at the boundary between the exposed and the unexposed MoS_2 and then it behaves active in the SGM image.

Furthermore, we calculated the relationship between a band gap shift and an induced biaxial strain to estimate by a first principle DFT calculation. We estimated that ~ 0.3 % strain is induced by electron beam exposure.

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Optimization of Preparation Conditions for Fibrous Aggregates of Single-Walled Carbon Nanohorns

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Single-walled carbon nanohorns (SWCNHs) usually assemble in spherical forms [1], and they are attractive having high dispersibility in solutions and large specific surface area. However, for example, when used for electrical capacitors, the low electrical conductivity has been a drawback. Recently, we have succeeded in preparing SWCNHs aggregated in a fibrous form, named as carbon nanobrushes [2]. The carbon nanobrushes have high dispersibility in solutions, large specific surface areas, and high electrical conductivity [3]. Therefore, they are highly expected to show the high performance when used in various electrical devices. The carbon nanobrushes are prepared by CO₂ laser ablation of iron-containing carbon target at room temperature. Currently, the yield of carbon nanobrushes is small and the major products are the spherical aggregates of SWCNHs. In this study, we have optimized the iron-concentration in carbon target to achieve the high yield of carbon nanobrushes. Their structure and electrical properties were also characterized.

In the experiments, the various iron concentrations in the target were tested. The target of 30 mm in diameter and 60 mm in length was rotated at 2 rpm for 30 second during the laser ablation. The CO_2 laser was operated at the power of 3.5 kW in the continuous-wave mode. The buffer gas was nitrogen, and its pressure and flow rate in the growth chamber were kept at about 760 Torr and 10 L/min, respectively, by controlling the evacuation rate.

From SEM and STEM observation of the obtained samples, the ratio of the carbon nanobrushes in samples depended strongly on the iron concentration in carbon targets. Especially, we found that a lot of carbon nanobrushes were prepared at the 1 at %. The TGA measurements showed that combustion temperature of carbon nanobrushes and spherical SWCNHs was almost same. From EDX and XPS measurements, the iron particles were found in carbon nanobrushes, and they were metal iron. The details will be shown in the presentation.

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Ambipolar transistors based on random networks of WS₂ nanotubes

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Tungsten disulfide (WS₂) nanotubes, which have a cylindrical structure of two-dimensional WS₂ sheet, can exhibit various unique properties because of their quantum conditions along circumference direction. In contrast to single walled carbon nanotubes, which are well-known nanotube materials and have not only semiconducting but also metallic types, WS₂ nanotubes exhibit only semiconducting characteristics regardless of how the sheet is rolled, and thus have great advantages for semiconductor device application such as transistors. However, the random networks of WS₂ nanotubes have not yet shown evidence of suitable electronic properties for applications. For example, previously reported electronic characteristics, such as opto-electronic and field-effect properties, are limited only to a single rope of the WS₂ nanotubes. [1] In this study, we investigated capability of carrier injections on WS₂ nanotubes networks through electrolyte gating approaches, and investigated the potential of WS_2 nanotubes films as semiconducting channels [2]. First, we fabricated WS2 nanotube random network film on the PTFE-membrane-filter by filteration processes. Then we fabricated a WS2 nanotube film on a channel between the source and drain electrodes by a transfer process, and compared field-effect transistor characteristics with carrier injections using ionic liquid gating and SiO₂ gating (Fig. 1). In the case of SiO₂ gating, we couldn't observe any field-effect on the source-drain current. However, in the case of ionic liquid gating, we could observe the ambipolar characteristic. Here carriers were injected to WS₂ nanotubes through formation of

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Self-assembled nanofibers of fluorinated bisanthene derivatives

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Nanographenes, small pieces of graphene, are regarded as promising fluorescent materials for sensor and bioimaging.¹ There are mainly two ways to prepare nanographenes, that is, top down and bottom-up methods. A bottom-up method has an advantage to synthesize atomically precise nanographenes, which is important for fine-tuning the physical property and understanding the structure-property relationships. A bisanthene is regarded as the smallest type of nanographene with the peak at 650 nm in concentrated sulfic acid.² While a pristine bisanthene has a fascinating zigzag edged graphene nanoribbon (GNR) character which shows low band gap compared with arm-chaired GNR character,³ it is highly unstable due to the high highest occupied molecular orbital energy level. Therefore, the highly stable bisanthene derivatives are desirable for practical applications.

On the other hand, fluorine has unique properties such as the second smallest van del Waals radius and the largest electronegativity. Therefore, fluorination is known as the powerful method to tune the stability, solubility, redox potential, optical property, and solid state packing of compounds. Here we report the synthesis of *meso*-substituted bisanthene derivatives with different degree of fluorine substitution on bisanthene core. Triisopropylsilyl(TIPS)ethynyl group and phenyl group were introduced at *meso*-position to enhance the stability of the electron rich bisanthene. The effect of fluorine substitution on the physical property and the supramolecular architecture were also investigated.

Briefly, fluorine substitution on bisanthene core effectively tuned the physical properties. The absorption and emission maxima were blue-shifted with increasing the degree of fluorination. It should be noted that TIPSethynyl substituted octafluoro-bisanthene derivative (F8) displayed strong fluorescence at 657 nm with high fluorescence quantum yield (84%) and excellent photostability. We also found that F8 strongly stacked in the solid state and self-assembled into bundles of crystalline-like long nanofibers.

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Sulfur-doped graphene oxide provides an emerging applications such as the material for lithium ion battery, dye-sensitized solar cells and the composition with metal nanoparticles. However, reported methods of sulfur-doping to graphene oxide have employed some harsh reaction conditions such as thermal annealing with sulfur reagents [1].

Here we present synthesis of sulfur-doped graphene oxide by the reaction with Lawesson's reagent. Graphene oxide, prepared by using a modified Hummers method [2], was refluxed with Lawesson's reagent in THF solvent. Resultant sulfur-doped graphene oxide was observed by transmission electron microscopy (TEM) (Figure 1). Energy dispersive X-ray spectrometry (EDX) measurement and X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) analysis revealed successful sulfur-doping to graphene oxide. Other characterizations will also be reported in this presentation.



Figure 1. TEM image of synthesized sulfur-doped graphene oxide

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