Tailoring Mechanical Instability of Atomically-thin Materials



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Atomically-thin, 2D Materials



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Controlled Out of Plane Deformation



Wang & Kang

U.S. Patent 9,908,285 (2018); Wang & Nam, Nano Letters (2015); Kang & Nam, Advanced Materials (2016).

3D Structures by Controlled Shrinkage

Overall process of large-area, conformal transfer



Detailed phenomena during shrinking/conformal adaptation process



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Choi & Nam, Nano Letters 15, 4525 (2015).

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Crumpling of Hybrid 0D-2D Materials



• Au nanoparticles integrated on crumpled 3D graphene could serve as optical signal enhancer as well as light-triggered delivery of biomolecules

Crumpling of Hybrid 0D-2D Materials



- As shrinkage increases, hybrid graphene-Au 3D structures are formed
- 3D hybrid graphene-Au structures exhibit a microscale crumpled topography and nanoscopic integrated Au antennae
- The structure is fully adaptive to complex microscopic 3D surfaces by the shrinkage process

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Topography vs. Surface Energy



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Topography vs. Surface Energy





- Crumpling graphene enables the enhanced plasmonic resonance in the near/mid infrared wavelengths (1-10 µm) which is difficult to achieve with the lithographically patterned graphene nanostructures (e.g. graphene ribbons, disks, rings, and stacks).
- Stretching/releasing of crumpled graphene enables new possibilities of reconfigurable graphene plasmonics (meta-materials).





Kang & Nam, *Light* 7, 17 (2018).





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Topography vs. Plasmons



surface plasmon resonance of crumpled graphene with small to large h/λ_c (0.2–2).

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 $\alpha = \pi - 2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2h}{\lambda_c} \right)$

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Stretchable Graphene Photodetector with Enhanced & Tunable Photoresponsivity



- Corrugated graphene enables stretchability of graphene photodetector
- The control of corrugation allows modulation of light absorption, which leads to tunable photoresponsivity of graphene photodetector
- 400% increase in photoresponsivity was realized by 200% pre-stretching

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Kang & Nam, Advanced Materials 28, 4565 (2016) [Cover].

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Hybrid Stretchable Graphene Photosensor Integrated with Optomechanical Modulator



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Plasmonically-Enhanced Stretchable Graphene/Au Photodetector with Strain-Tunable Photoresponsivity





Conclusions

Mechanical Self-assembly

- Out-of-Plane Deformation
- Integration onto Templates
- Crumpling Hybrid Materials

Emerging Properties

- Tunable Surface Properties
- Reconfigurable Plasmonic Properties
- Mechanical Stretchability & Strain Tunability



