

# Effect of thermally oxidized SiO<sub>2</sub> Films on the directly grown graphene via Plasma enhanced Chemical vapor deposition

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## Abstract

The development of high-performance biosensors is critical for advancing medical diagnostics and point-of-care testing. This study explores direct graphene growth via Plasma-Enhanced Chemical Vapor Deposition (PECVD) on desired substrates, eliminating transfer steps and preserving material integrity and effect of thermally oxidized SiO<sub>2</sub> films on graphene growth. PECVD enables low-temperature, catalyst-free synthesis directly on dielectric and polymer substrates, enhancing integration with flexible biosensing platforms. By optimizing plasma power, precursor flow, and temperature on 100nm and 300nm SiO<sub>2</sub> films, we produced high-quality monolayer and few-layer graphene. Raman spectroscopy, SEM, and electrical measurements confirm structural quality and conductivity. This direct PECVD-grown graphene platform enables real-time, label-free detection with improved stability, offering significant potential for next-generation biosensors and point-of-care diagnostics.

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## Figures

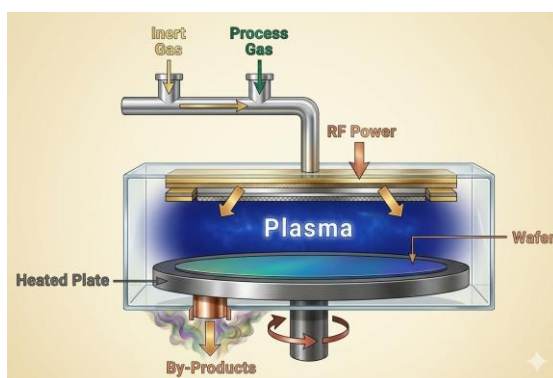


Figure 1 PECVD setup for Graphene growth