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Graphene Composites as Energy, Catalyst, Environmental and Biomedical Materials, and Full Utilization of Graphite-Mining

Graphene is considered as one potential revolutionary material, due to its collective properties of mechanical strength and flexibility, tunable electronic behavior, optical transparency, etc. Most graphene-related applications are based on graphene composites, as a result of a trade off between performance and cost. In the past decade, our group has demonstrated a series of graphene composites aiming at energy storage and transformation^[1-5], photocatalysis^[6--9], biomedical devices^[10-13], etc. This presentation illustrates some typical works, such as a generator and in situ storage unit based on reduced graphene oxide (rGO)-PVDF-HPF film, and several novel graphene based-electrodes in lithium-ion batteries and super-capacitors. Meanwhile, the explosive development in graphene also stimulates exploitation of graphite. Consequently, a discussion about utilizing all the component during graphite-mining is also carried out, including the flake graphite, low grade graphite, tailings, and so on.

Figures

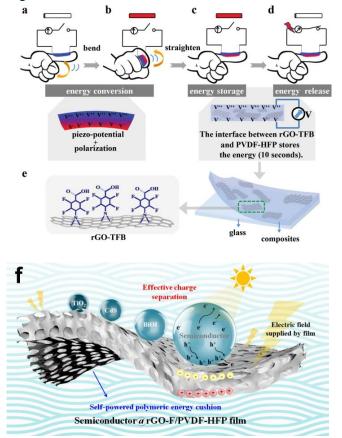


Figure: (a-f) Schematic illustrations of rGO-PVDF-HFP film as both energy generator and in situ Storage Unit; (f) rGO-PVDF-HFP film as substrate for photocatalysis.

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