
Defect-Free Doping on Graphene Using Horizontal Inductively Coupled Plasma System

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Graphene has attracted enormous attention due to its remarkable physical properties which can realize the potential for future applications in electronics, sensors, energy storage and etc. In special, the electronic properties of graphene are influenced by the number of layer, edge state, stacking sequence, and doping of foreign elements. Many studies have been reported on chemical doping by thermal and plasma processes with hydrogen, oxygen, or nitrogen. In spite of the advantages of plasma process such as short treatment time and relatively easy control of doping level, it is still necessary to develop the method to suppress plasma-induced defect formation.

Here, we demonstrate the defect free doping on graphene using a horizontal inductively coupled plasma (ICP) system. The graphene is prepared by mechanical exfoliation and plasma-doped by the ICP system consisting of horizontal quartz tube. We installed an electrically floated grid between the plasma formation region and graphene to control the energy of impinging doping species. The plasma treatment was carried out using nitrogen gas by adjusting the sample position from the ICP coil, grid position, plasma power, pressure, and exposure time. The structural damage is quantitatively and extensively evaluated from the intensities of specific Raman peaks such as, D, G, D' and 2D band. Finally, we confirmed the defect-free doping on graphene and will present the effect of grid insertion on the result.