

# Selected Novel Technologies for Licensing

# Innovative Technologies for Your Products

# **Material**

- Very Low-temperature Growth of Graphene
- High Heat resistant and Transparent Bioplastics
- Mechanochromic Fluorescent Polymers
- "floats on water" AFS (Aluminum Foam Sandwich) Material
- New OLED Structure for High-Definition Display Panel

# **Device**

- Highly Efficient and Compact Leaky Wave Antenna Using Non-Reciprocal Metamaterials
- Printable Elastic Conductors with a High Conductivity for Electronic Textile Applications
- InGAIN-Based Nitride TFTs
- Nano-Rheology Printing Technology for Metal-Oxide Patterns and Devices

# Equipment

- Precisely Controlled Nanocluster Assembly
- •New Measurement Method for Materials : THz Nanometry Microscope
- Low-Energy Inverse Photoemission Spectroscopy (LEIPS)
- -Spin-Polarized Electron Source and the Application

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#### Prof. Jun-ichi FUJITA (University of Tsukuba)

## 1. Background

- Graphene has great potentials for several nextgeneration devices, such as the electrode pattern on heavy-duty/industrial use printed circuit boards and the transparent elements.
- The prominent fabrication methods of a large area/low cost graphene, especially under low-temperature environment, have been long-awaited.



flexible display

# 2. Newly Invented "Very Low-temperature Fabrication Method"

- The very low-temperature fabrication method is newly invented.
- The technique can sufficiently reduce the synthesis temperature and combine graphene synthesis with conventional *Si-based processing*.
- This "two-stage graphene growth technique" should prove useful for a wide variety of graphene-based electrical device applications.



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# Fig. (a) interfacial CVD growth using molten gallium

- \* The source gas of methane is effectively decomposed on molten gallium at **300°C**, which can be easily confirmed by the dark-colored gallium surface after CVD. Although carbon is insoluble in gallium, the concentration of carbon on the gallium surface was large and thus the molten gallium can transport the carbon to feed edge growth around the nuclei.
- Fig. (b) temperature controlling for the two stages of graphene growth
- \* A large area of graphene was grown at 300°C at the interface of a molten gallium catalyst on a sapphire substrate under diluted methane gas ambient of partial pressure of 1/10000atm (≈10 Pa).
   Although the nucleation of graphene requires much higher temperatures of >1000°C, the graphene growth around the nuclei continued even when the temperature was reduced to 300°C.

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#### Associate Prof. Tatsuo KANEKO (Japan Advanced Institute of Science and Technology)

#### **1. Technical Summary**

- A combination of microbial production and photochemical reaction created monomer (2).
  - ① We have established a microbial production conditions of 4-aminocinnamic acid (1), which was generally considered difficult due to incompatibility of aniline compound with microorganisms.
  - 2 By photochemical reaction of 4-aminocinnamic acid (1), the monomer (2) was synthesized in almost 100 % vield.
- Polyamides and polyimide films have been synthesized from monomer (2). These films have a very high heat resistance and excellent transparency.

### 2. High heat resistant and transparent plastics



No interruption to cell proliferation



# 3. Comparison with the conventional techniques

Conventional Techniques	Temperature
The melting point of lead-free solder	183°C~378°C
The heat-resistant temperature of Kapton <sup>®</sup> (DuPont)	>500°C
The heat-resistant temperature of fluorinated transparent polyamides	About 335°C

# 4. Potential applications

The highest heat-resistant in transparent resin		
Thermal decomposition temperature	Maximum 425°C	
Linear thermal expansion coefficient (The values are comparable with metals.)	<10 ppm / K	
Transmittance (High transparency)	88% @ 450 nm	
Young's modulus (Strength of the material)	10 GPa	
High refractive index	1.6	
Other Features: Ultraviolet degradation, self-extinguishing,		

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LED sealant

works

- Flexible Display Devices & **Components**
- Tempered glass-alternative materials

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Various polyimide films processed in our

•Automobile, body material of the aircraft

Assistant Prof. Shohei SAITO (Nagoya Univ.), Associate Prof. Hiroshi YABU (Tohoku Univ.)

# **1. Issues to be cleared for mechanochromic fluorescent polymers**

- •Fluorescent color often changes when grinding the powder sample.
- By merely mixing the fluorescent materials with the polymer, fluorescent color does not change.
- •Some of fluorescent polymers show an irreversible color change.
- •Reported fluorescent polymer that shows a reversible color change takes 2 hours to be restored.



We have created a rapid and reversible fluorescent polymers.

## 2. Material Properties

The fluorescent polymers were synthesized with monomers and fluorescent substance as a crosslinking unit.



## 3. Possible applications

- Our polymer can visualize the tension.
  Our polymer can detect the distortion or destruction of objects.
- Visualization of material distortion on bridges and tunnels
- Visualization of traction force by undifferentiated cells

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#### Associate Prof. Yoshihiko HANGAI (Gunma University)

## 1. AFS structured Metal Foam

- An Aluminum Foam Sandwich (AFS) structure is a composite consisting of an aluminum foam core with two dense metallic face sheets.
- The AFS structured material can be used as the light-weight structural components with high stiffness and high energy/vibration absorption properties.

#### 2. AFS product appearance

(AFS structured panel)



3. New "Friction Stir Processing (FSP)" for fabricating AFS structure

- The low cost "AFS structured material" i.e. panel, cylinder, pipe is developed by using the "Friction Stir Processing (FSP)".
- Newly developed "metal bonding method" is highly productive and NO adhesive is necessary for "AFS structured material".
  - \* FSP was developed from the basic principles of friction stir welding (FSW), which is a solid-state bonding process.

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(AFS structured cylinder)



Material

# New OLED Structure for High-Definition Display Panel

Prof. Hideo HOSONO (Tokyo Institute of Technology)

Succeeded in developing the higher luminance OLED than conventional OLED, by combining New TAOS and Electride.



**Device** 

# **Highly Efficient and Compact Leaky Wave Antenna Using Non-Reciprocal Metamaterials**

#### Associate Prof. Tetsuya UEDA (Kyoto Institute of Technology)

# **Non-reciprocal Metamaterial Technology:**

A new concept that combines the non-reciprocal circuit with different transmission characteristics by the propagation direction and the metamaterial technology.

# 1. Utilization of Non-Reciprocal Metamaterial Technology to Antennas



-1 Application to the leaky wave antenna [Non-reciprocal leaky wave antenna] It can be reused the radio waves by having reflecting at the end.



- -2 Application to the travelling-wave resonator and the beam-scan antenna
  - The resonance condition is automatically satisfied not depending on the resonator size by connecting reflector on both ends.
    - → Possible to change the size of resonator, keeping fixing the resonance frequency. Reduced size of antenna is possible.
  - Phase gradient of the electromagnetic field distribution on the resonator is continuously controllable by an externally applied magnetic field.



→ Small and high radiation efficiency beam-scan antenna is realized.

# 2. Potential Applications

- Beam-scanning antennas for microwave and/or millimeter wave radar
- Beam-scanning antennas for compact wireless communication in which highly-directivity is not required
- Antennas for wireless power transmission

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# Printable Elastic Conductors with a Device High Conductivity for Electronic Textile Applications

#### Prof. Takao SOMEYA (The University of Tokyo)

#### 1. Abstract

- New electronic functional ink which exhibits high conductivity and mechanical durability while being printed on textile have been developed.
- The printed conductors by using the new ink realizes a conductivity of 182Scm<sup>-1</sup> at a strain of 215%, which is currently the highest value reported for stretchable conductors that can be stretched > 150%.

## 2. Highly Stretchable Elastic Conductors

#### 2-1 Fabrication Process of elastic conductor ink



- The elastic conductor ink is prepared by adding Ag flakes as conductive fillers to an elastomeric fluorine copolymer with 4-methyl-2-pentanone as an organic solvent, together with a water-based fluorine surfactant.

- The conductor ink can be readily printed with conventional printing techniques such as stencil printing or dispensers.



# 2-2 Conductivity Dependence on Tensile Strain of Printed Elastic Conductor



(a)Evaluation Method

## 3. As Wearable Sensor



Optical microscope SEM top view SEM cross-section
No surfactant
200µm Ubut surfactant
Without surfactant



(b)Conductivity vs Strain

Elastic Conductor Self-Assembly by Phase Separation



A Muscle Activity Sensor Fabricated on Sportswear Material

- Electrode, wires, and via holes can be printed by a single step printing process. The muscle activity sensor was fabricated combining with an organic transistor amplifier circuit.

Trialed Sample of 12x12 Active Matrix

# 4. As Stretchable Organic Transistor Active Matrix



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#### Prof. Hiroshi FUJIOKA (The University of Tokyo)

#### 1. Abstract

- A transistor having an InGaAIN-based nitride semiconductor layer as a channel is newly invented.
- Even though the film is polycrystalline or amorphous, electrical properties are equivalent to those of a monocrystalline film, in case they are designed in the range of suitable composition ratio of InGaAIN.

## 2. FET Having Thin Film of InN as a Channel

The InN-based nitride semiconductor layer is a polycrystalline or amorphous film having a film thickness of 1-10nm. The InN layer having a film thickness within the range exhibits electrical characteristics equivalent to those of monocrystalline film, even if the layer is polycrystalline or amorphous film.







### 3. InGaAIN-based Nitride Semiconductor



We have found out that polycrystalline or amorphous InGaAIN-based nitride semiconductors, which consist of non-mono-crystalline films, have the same electrical characteristics as the case of a monocrystalline film under the specific composition ranges.



These results indicate :

- Constraints in manufacturing conditions are significantly resolved.

- Excellent electrical characteristics are provided at a reduced cost.

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#### **Device**

# Nano-Rheology Printing Technology for Metal-Oxide Patterns and Devices

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## 1. Abstract

- A new device printing technology is proposed. This device printing utilizes a viscoelastic transformation of the precursor gel when imprinted; it softens at a certain temperature during thermal-imprinting so that the gel can be rheologically imprinted.
- Excellent metal-oxide patterns were formed by this method. Further, thin-film transistors(TFTs) with channel length around 500nm are easily printed under normal atmosphere.

# 2. The Nano-Rheology Printing(n-RP) Technology

#### Process of the Nano-Rheology Printing:

- (1) A solution is coated and dried to make a semisolid thin film.
- (2) Loaded onto the heating stage of the imprinting machine, after which a mold is set onto the semi-solid film and pressure is applied.
   (2)→(3)
  - When the temperature being increased, the semi-solid film softens at a certain temperature.
- (3) The imprinting temperature(T<sub>im</sub>) has to be maintained to complete the imprinting.
- (4) The temperature being lowered and then the mold is discharged.
- (5) The residual film has to be removed by etching in normal atmosphere.



# 3. Metal-Oxide Patterns Formed by the Nano-Rheology Printing(n-RP) Technology



e InGaZnO as post-anneal

150nm

T180nm

d InGaZnQ as post-annealed

b ITO as post-annealed



f SnO as post-annealed L/S=80/40nm

- All samples of formed metal-oxide patterns have a well-defined rectangular shape.
- The deformation after the post-annealing is also slight.



- The nano-rheology printing technology can fabricate the functional devices, with a short process. These devices can be made by using significantly less raw materials and less energy.
- It is possible to print well-defined patterns of several tens of nanometers necessary for high-performance transistors and circuits.

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#### Prof. Atsushi NAKAJIMA (Keio University)

# **1. Features of nanoclusters**

Equipment

Nanocluster means an assembly which consists of several to several hundred atoms or molecules.



Atom	Nanocluster	Bulk solid
E>>kT	ΔE≒kT	∆E=0

△E:Interval of energy levels kT:Thermal energy

As the electronic structure is discrete, a specific catalytic activity point or magnetism appears.

■ A high surface atomic ratio.

## 2. Preparation of Nanocluster

Our Nanocluster can be prepared by the method of high power impulse magnetron sputtering (HiPIMS) in high yield.



When the wave modulation is applied to the sputtering voltage, the duty ratio is adjusted at the same time.

An electric field which has been delayed in synchronization with the sputtering voltage is added at the exit of the electrode of cluster growth chamber.







Size control by the repetition frequency

Mass spectrum of Ag nanocluster

By a variety of parameter settings, it is possible to synthesize the nano clusters and nano particle size for the purpose.

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parameter: Pulse power, Repetition frequency, Pulse waveform, Duty ratio, Voltage blocking electric field, etc.

#### 3. Superiorities to conventional technique and Advantage of our technology

1 nm level's nanocluster can be prepared.
 (2-3 orders of magnitude smaller size than conventional cluster)
 It is not limited to metal. Manufacturing of semiconductors and multi-element nanoclusters also possible.

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New devices in electronic or magnetic field

High-performance catalysts



Nanocluster generator (Trial machine by Ayabo Corporation) Equipment

# New Measurement Method for Materials THz Nanometry Microscope

Emeritus Prof. Susumu KOMIYAMA (The University of Tokyo)

# 1. CSIP: Charge Sensitive Infrared Phototransistor : Single Photon Detector



# 2. Application: THz Nanometry: "passive" near-field microscope



3. Tabletop ultrasensitive THz detector

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# Low-Energy Inverse Photoemission Spectroscopy (LEIPS)

#### Prof. Hiroyuki YOSHIDA (Chiba University)

#### 1. Abstract

Equipment

- Electron affinity (LUMO Level) is the key parameter for the R&D of the organic electronics.
   Conventional Inverse Photo-emission Spectroscopy (IPES) has problems:
- Target materials are easy to be damaged and energy resolution is low.
- Low-Energy Inverse Photoemission Spectroscopy (LEIPS) solves the problems.

## 2. Principle of the Invention



# 3. LEIPS system and Measurement Data

**LEIPS features:** 

- Use of low-energy electron reduces damage to the target material.
  - $\rightarrow$  Damage: negligible
- Emitted photon energy(*hv*) shifts from VUV to NUV region.
  - VUV : Vacuum UltraViolet NUV : Near UltraViolet
- → Easy adaption of the standard spectroscopy technology
- Detection precision/resolution is improved.
  - ightarrow Resolution improved a factor of 2 (< 0.3 eV)



Damages to an organic material



#### LEIPS available at low vacuum: Y2O3 Source & New Optical System

Emission current variation with Time



# 4. Application

For R&D of organic electronics such as organic light emitting diode and organic photovoltaic cells

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# Spin-Polarized Electron Source and the Applications

#### Prof. Toru UJIHARA (Nagoya University)

#### 1. Abstract

Highly spin-polarized electron source with strained superlattice photocathode has been developed. It can provide high beam brightness and high energy resolution due to the narrow energy spread. Since the electron spin direction and temporal structure are controllable, various kinds of electron microscopes such as transmission electron microscope has been constructed.

#### 2. Principle of the Invention



# ① In the strained superlattice layer, spin-polarized electrons are excited to the conduction band due to a spin-selective excitation rule by illuminating circularly polarized light.

- ② The polarized electrons in the conduction band drift to the surface region.
- ③ The electrons extract into vacuum through an NEA surface with applying a negative electrostatic field. (NEA: Negative Electron Affinity)

## 3. Comparison of Brightness in various sources

### **4. Application Examples**

Spin-Polarized Transmission Electron Microscope





## **Other Applications;**

Measurement & Analytical Instruments: SEM, AES, EPMA, ..... Electron Beam Lithography

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