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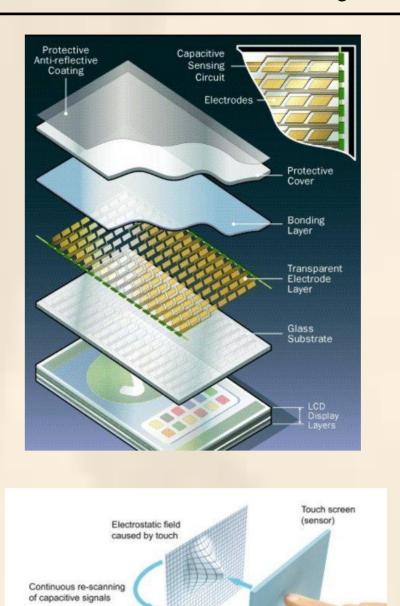
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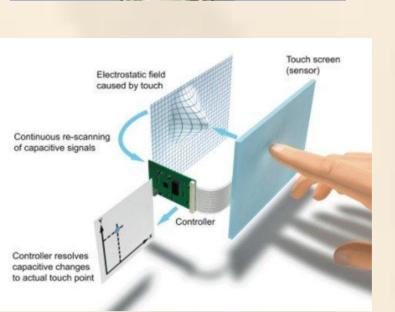
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Introduction

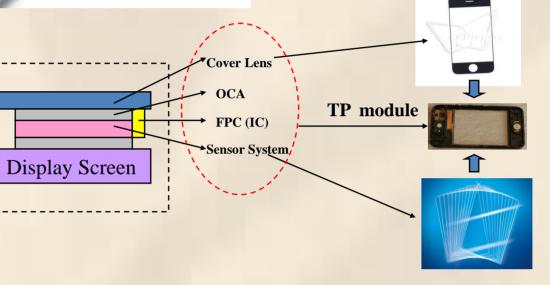
- ◆Indium tin oxide (ITO) has been the transparent conductor of universal choice for touch screens.
- *Non-ideal, ever-increasing costs of scarce material on the earth
- Tend to crack with use due to its brittle nature
- Incompatible with plastic substrates such as polyethylene terephthalate (PET) due to its high-temperature processing
- ♦Novelly alluring alternative single-walled carbon nanotube (SWCNT) has been researched unprecedentedly over last two decades that stems from advantageous properties.
- *Abundant carbon resource in nature and sustainable
- Excellent electrical conductivity and transparency
- *Superior mechanical strength (flexibility) and chemical resistance
- Good adhesion with substrates and wet processing





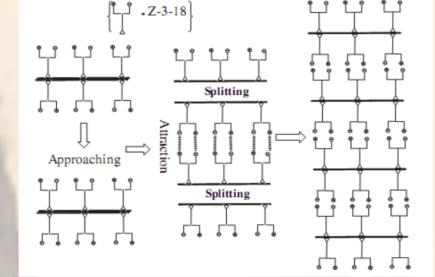




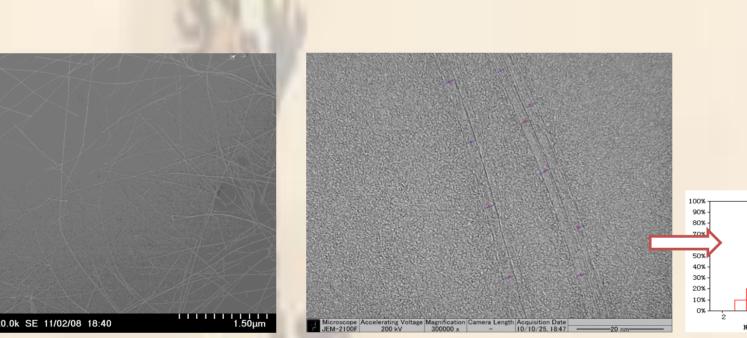


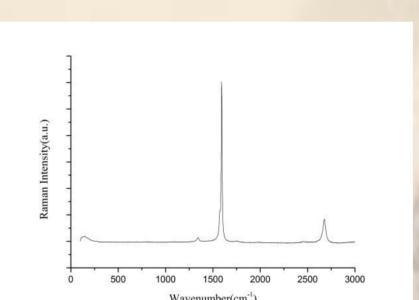
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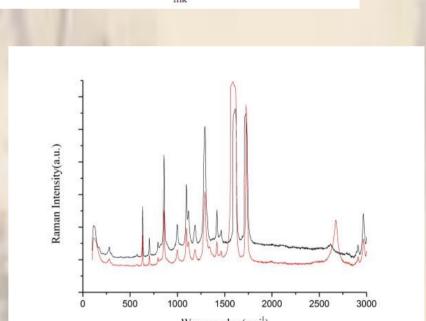
- 1 Individual dispersion of SWCNT as reported by our group
- 2 Using bar-coating route to prepare the transparent and conductive film
- 3 Removal of insulator by acid technique
- 4 Post treatment of the obtained film



Devising a simple yet powerful method to disassemble the SWCNT bundles(ropes) into individual nanotubes







The ideal individual dispersion effect of SWCNT was Raman response of dispersed SWCNT produced as previous published work of our group

and SWCNT/PET(red line)

The homogeneous distribution of

substrate was portrayed by SEM.

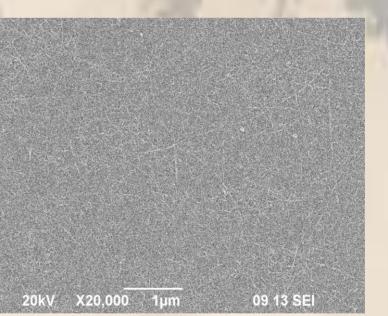
SWCNT network coated onto PET

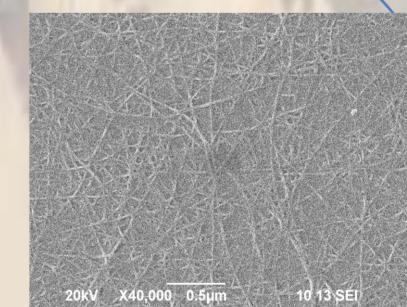




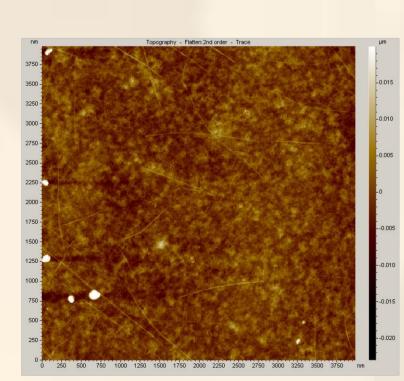


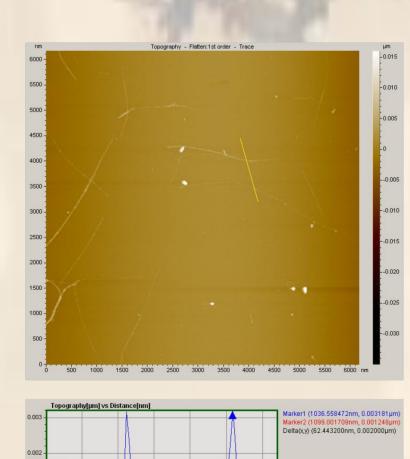


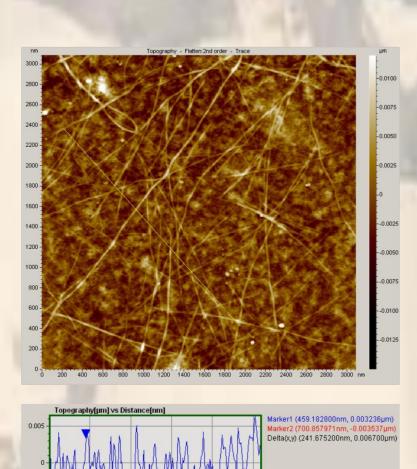


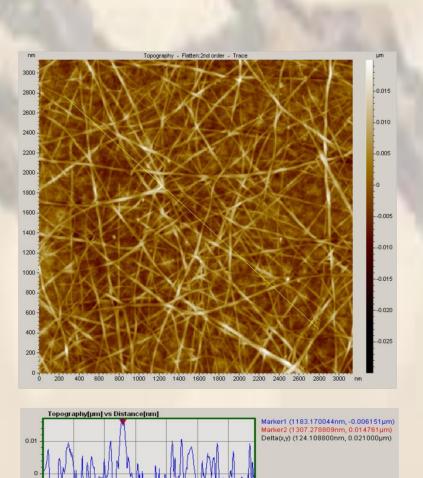


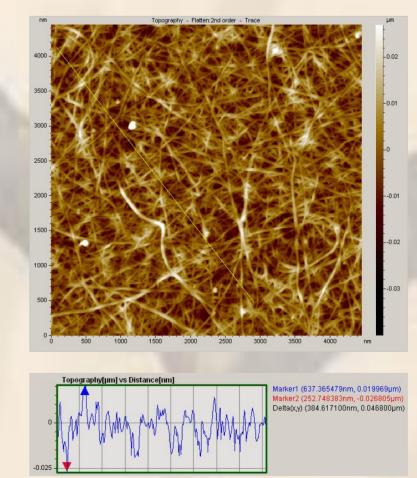
Photos of SWCNT/PET films with incremental concentration of dispersion solution 0.001wt%, 0.003wt%, 0.01wt%, 0.02wt%

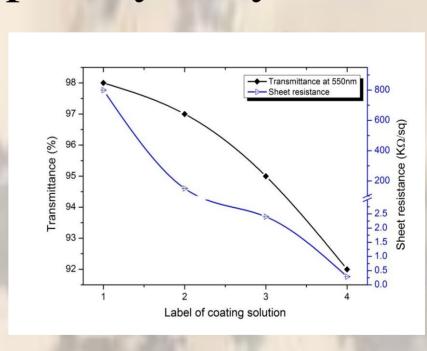












Transparency and conductivity

Corresponding AFM images of prepared SWCNT/PET films showing the wavy fiber segments

4 Conclusions

- 1 Ideal individual dispersion of SWCNT
- 2 Highly electrically conducting thin films were prepared
- 3 Homogeneous feature make sure its transparency and post etching

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