





Fabrication of high-conductivity SWCNT fibers and their non-woven fabrics

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Single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) with unique tubular one-dimensional structure and excellent physiochemical properties are considered an ideal building block for the assembly of high-performance with a wide range of applications. We prepared high-quality SWCNTs by a floating catalyst CVD method. Under optimum conditions, the conversion rate of the carbon source to SWCNTs reached 28.8%, and the as-prepared SWCNTs had a purity higher than 96 wt.%. Using the as-prepared high-quality SWCNTs, we spun macroscopic SWCNT fibers with diameters of 10-20 microns by a wet-spinning process. The resulting fibers had a high electrical conductivity of 6.67×10^6 S/m. We further prepared a SWCNT/Cu core-shell fiber by a combined magnetron sputtering and electrochemical deposition method, which showed an ultra-high specific electrical conductivity of 1.15×10^4 S m² Kg-1, 56% higher than Cu. A strong connection of the SWCNT fiber with a copper substrate was realized by soldering. We fabricated a SWCNT fiber non-woven fabric, which showed a high electrical conductivity and excellent electrothermal property.



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