Supplemental Information

Electrospinning Graphene – Retention of Anisotropy

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Electrospinning

Our electrospinning procedure used the apparatus shown in Figs. SI-1 and SI-2. This apparatus, a QZNT-E01 electrospinning system, was obtained from Foshan Guangzi Precision Measurement and Control Technology Co. Ltd. (model QENZ-E01, Foshan, China).

An adjustable high-voltage DC power supply is illustrated resting on top of the safety chamber illustrated in Fig. SI-1. A syringe drive and collector rotational controls are illustrated on the lower front panel of this safety cabinet. Aluminum foil is wrapped around the motor-driven roller 4 in Fig. SI-2 to serve as current collector. The needle holder assembly 2 in Fig. SI-2 sits atop a drive 3 that rasters the needle assembly back and forth a distance of about 10 cm.

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Figure SI-1. Photograph of QZNT-E01 electrospinning apparatus. Front view of apparatus cabinet (safety enclosure) and front control panel and digital high-voltage supply illustrated resting on top of cabinet. Through the front window are visible the cylindrical collector drive on right, the needle holder and back and forth rastering-assembly (middle), and syringe drive partially visible in upper left corner of window.

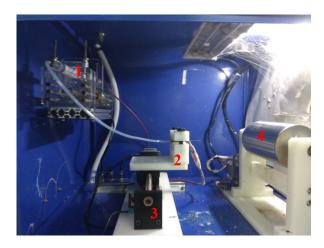


Figure SI-2. Photograph of interior of electrospinning apparatus. (1) Syringe drive assembly with syringe in place and tubing connecting syringe to needle; (2) needle holder assembly with needle in place and connected via tubing to syringe; (3) rastering drive for moving needle holder assembly back and forth; (4) rotating collector cylinder with drive motor only partially visible behind rear plastic cylinder mounting support.