

Graphene-Based Ion-Selective Field-Effect Transistor for Sodium Sensing

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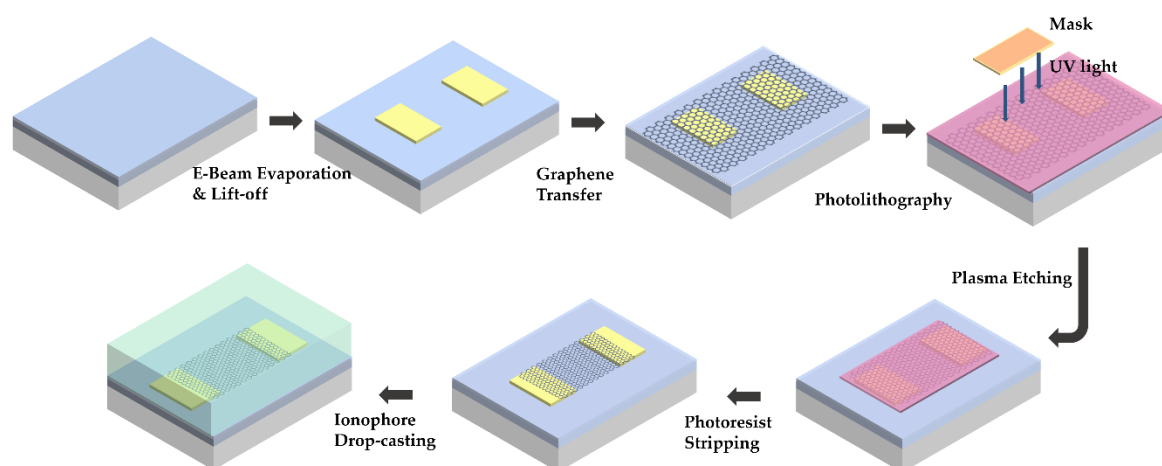


Figure S1. Schematic of the scalable fabrication process of the G-ISFETs. Graphene was grown via atmosphere pressure CVD on a Cu foil and wet-transferred to the pre-patterned SiO₂/Si wafer using a PMMA-assisted bubbling transfer method. The graphene channel was defined by a photolithography process and etched through a plasma etcher, followed by stripping of the remaining photoresist. The prepared sodium Ionophore was applied by drop-casting.

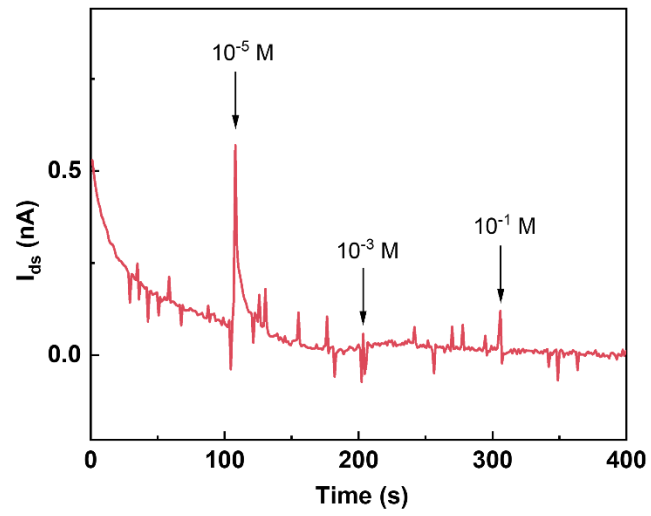


Figure S2. Real-time measurement of drain-source current with a bare ISM, against varying sodium concentrations (10^{-5} M, 10^{-3} M, and 10^{-1} M). The drain-source current is at the nA level, three orders of magnitude lower than the G-ISFET. This result indicates that the leaking current through the sodium solutions was negligible in our study.

Table S1. Comparison of ion sensitivities for sodium sensing.

Type	Sensing channel	Detection Range	Sensitivity	Ref
ISFET	silicon nanowire (SiNW)	$10^{-4} - 10^0$ M	1464.66 mV/dec	[1]
ISFET	Carbon Nanotube (CNT)	$10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$ M	71.7 mV/dec	[2]
OFET	Poly(3-hexylthiophene)	$10^{-6} - 10^{-1}$ M	62 mV/dec	[3]
FinFET	Al ₂ O ₃ Nanoseaweed	NA	432.7 mV/ dec	[4]
ISFET	Graphene	$10^{-4} - 10^0$ M	55.4 mV/dec	[5]
ISFET	Graphene	$10^{-5} - 10^{-1}$ M	49.2 mV/ dec	[6]
ISFET	Graphene, Graphene/ hBN	$10^{-4} - 10^0$ M	135, 160 mV/ dec	[7]
ISFET	Graphene	$10^{-8} - 10^{-1}$ M	152.4 mV/ dec	This work

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