

Biomimetic inter-connecting of graphene on fibrin fiber to prepare conductive multi-functional composites for biosensing

Yingchun Fu
College of Biosystems Engineering and Food Science
Zhejiang University
ycfu@zju.edu.cn
May 25, 2018





Contents

- Food safety
 - Our researches
- The fibrin-graphene composites case
- **Conclusions**

Some facts and data about food safety

Foodborne diseases encompass a wide spectrum of illnesses and are a growing public health problem worldwide (WHO, October 2017).

- Over 200 diseases are caused by unsafe food
- 1 in 10 people fall ill every year from eating contaminated food
- 420 000 people die each vear as a result
 Children i Detection ith some ry year.

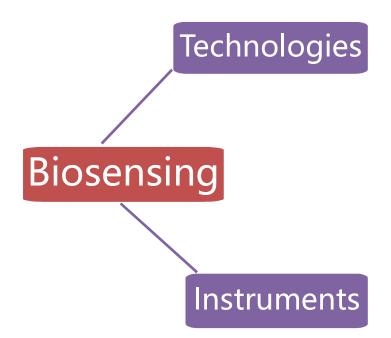
USDA: U.S. Foodborne Illnesses Cost More Than \$15.6 Billion Annually

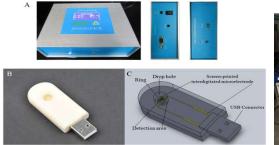
Poses major economic risks, especially in a globalized world.

Germany's 2011 E.coli outbreak: US\$ 1.3 billion in losses for farmers and industries; US\$ 236 million in emergency aid payments to 22 European Union Member States.

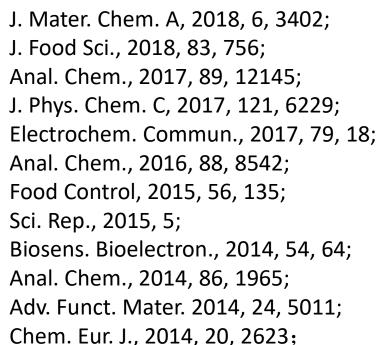
Our biosensing researches

Immobilization









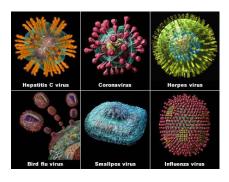












Biomimetics: inspiration of functional materials

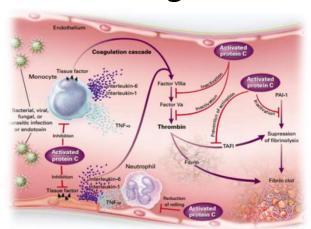
Mussel adhesion

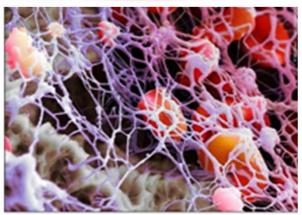


Biomineralization



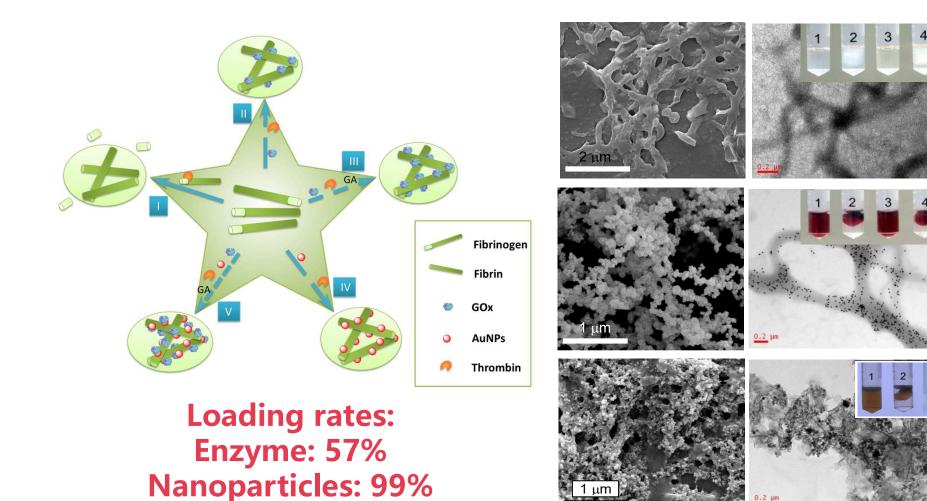
Blood coagulation





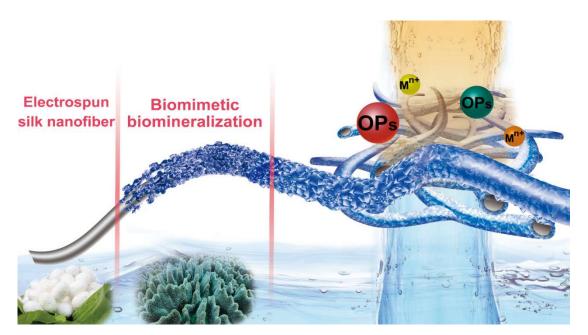
Adhesive 3-D fibrin fiber network

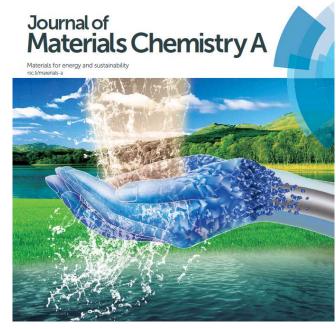
Blood coagulation-inspired immobilization matrices with high efficiency



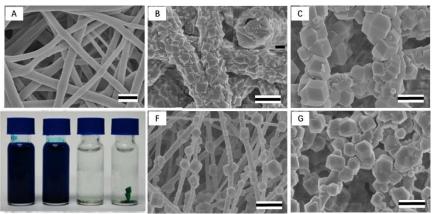
Adv. Funct. Mater. 2014, 24, 5011

Biomineralization-mimetic growth of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) on silk nanofibers





- Loading rate of MOFs: 38%
- Adsorption rate of dye and heavy metal ions: 99%



J. Mater. Chem. A, 2018, 6, 3402 (Front cover paper)

Protein-loaded conductive composites?

Protein: insulating

Bio-/chem-functions



Conductivity: Electrochemistry

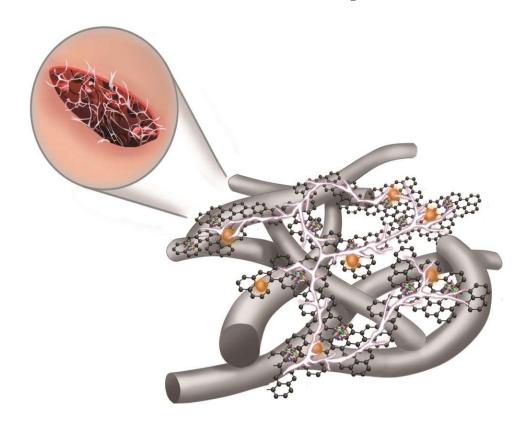
Conductive composites



To be conductive

- Linking of enough conductive materials
- → high loading rate + organized (assembled)

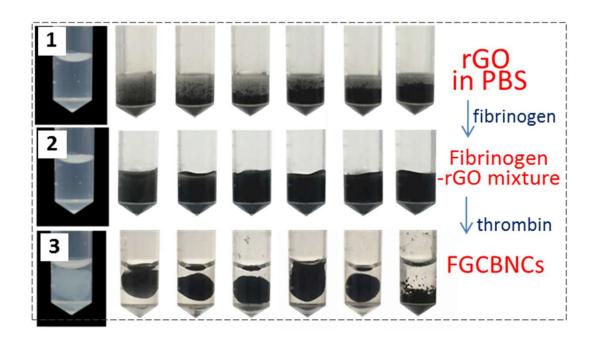
Blood coagulation-inspired inter-connecting of graphene on fibrin fiber to prepare conductive multi-functional composites

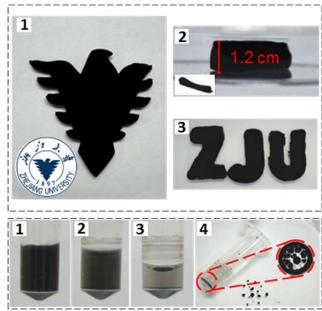


Loading + inter-connecting

Unpublished work

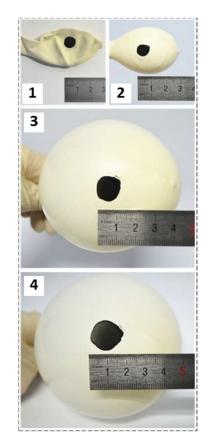
Preparation

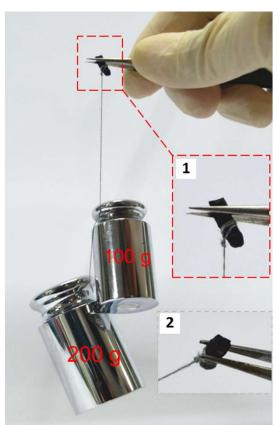


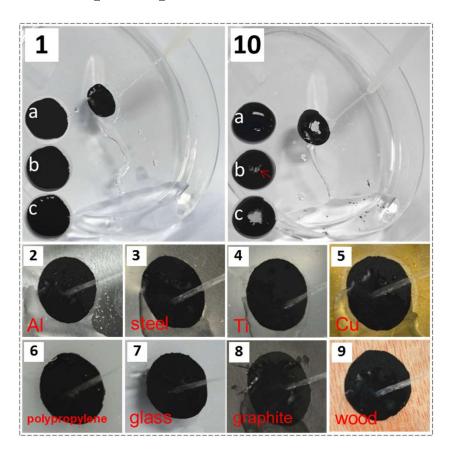


- Gel-like composites
- High-load of Graphene
- Easily modulated shapes

Characterizations: mechanical properties



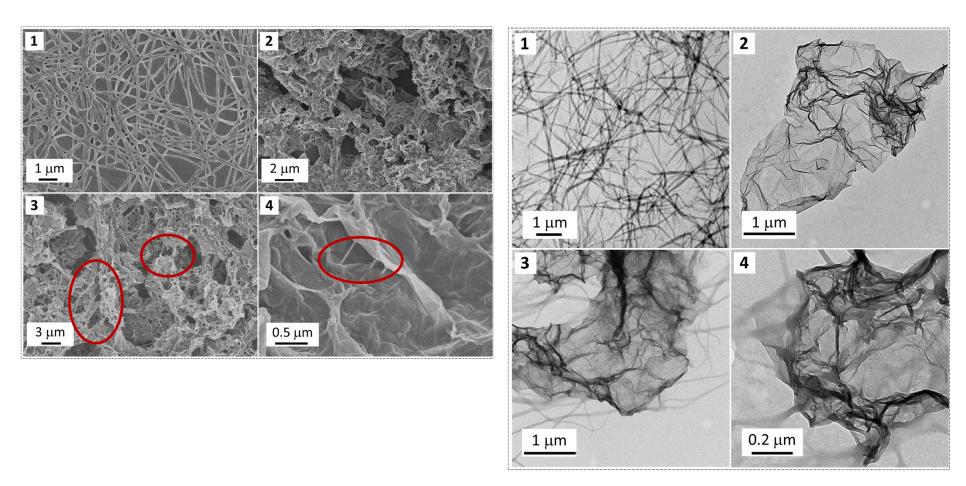




- Flexible in wet state
- Good mechanical strength in dry state
- High adhesion on various surfaces

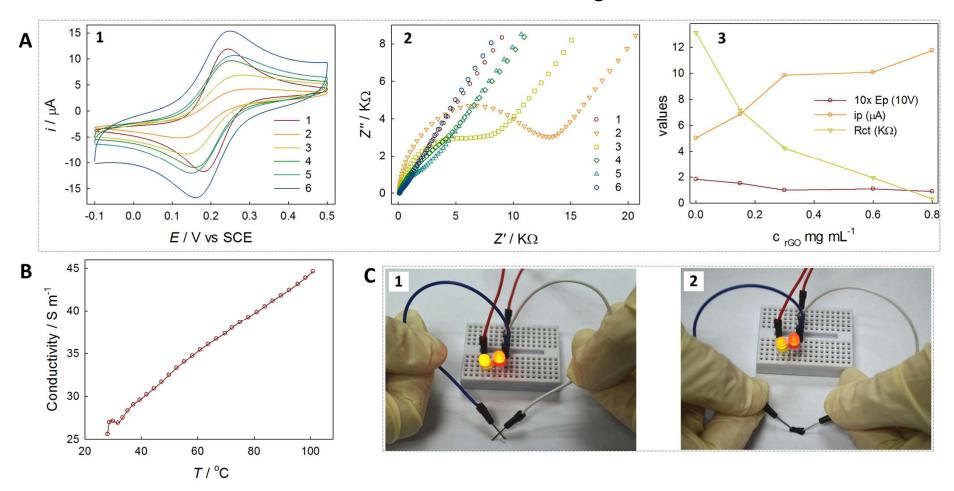
Coating and modification

Characterizations: SEM and TEM



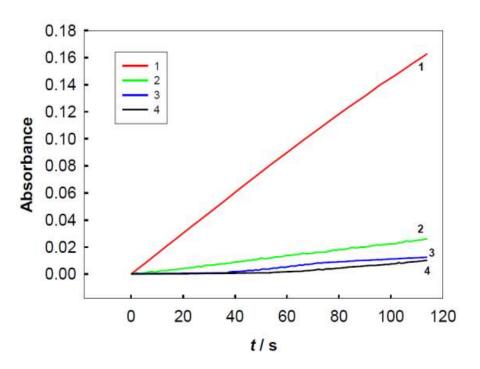
Loading + inter-connecting

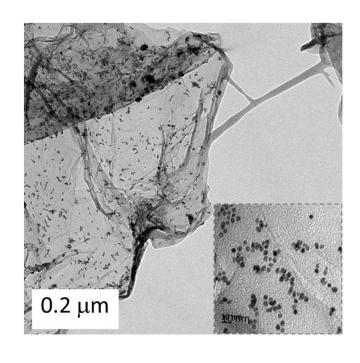
Characterizations: Conductivity



- Electrochemical activity comparable to that of bare electrode
- 27 S m⁻¹ (close to protein-free conductive composites)

Characterizations: Loading rates

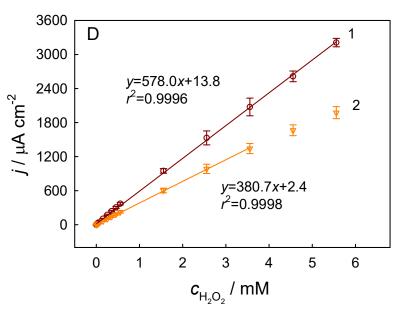


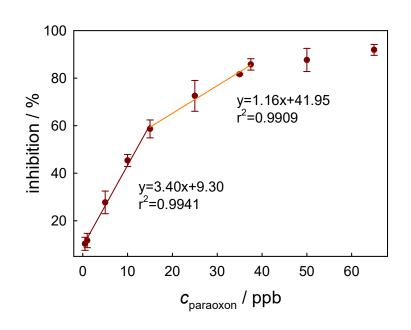


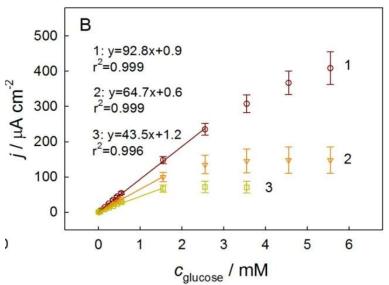
- Graphene: 100% (0.8 mg mL⁻¹)
- Enzyme: 94% (1 mg mL⁻¹)
- Pt nanoparticles: 90% (ten-fold concentrated)

All in the best range

Detection performance







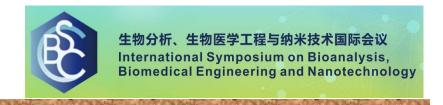
Detection limits of H₂O₂, glucose and paraoxon are better than most analogues

Conclusions

Biomimetics offers a great way to innovate multi-functional materials

High loading and organization of conductive materials on protein fibers could be promising to develop conductive and multi-functional composites for electrochemical applications





Thanks to Collaborators

Prof. Yibin Ying

Prof. Yanbin Li

Prof. Shouzhou Yao

Prof. Qingji Xie

Prof. Jianping Wang

• • •







Funders









Thank you



