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## Abstract

This study reveals an unprecedented capacity of flake graphene sheets in manipulating semisolid deformation of aluminium matrix nanocomposites by restricting the grain growth of the nanograins during the reheating process to significantly enhance (173%) the yield strength of the fabricated composites. The graphene sheets with onion shape have also shown the unique capability in alleviating the agglomeration of SiC nanoparticles, attributed to the manipulated Hamaker constant of these particles as a result of wrapping graphene sheets. A devised mathematical approach has authenticated, for the first time, the effect of wrapping graphene sheets on subtle adjusting the Hamaker constant of SiC nanoparticles to stimulate engulfment of these nanoparticles within solidifying matrix rather than agglomeration at grain boundaries. This, therefore, has resulted in diminishing the porosity and stimulating multi-scaled micro/nano grains, thereby significantly enhancing the tensile properties of the fabricated composites. Graphical abstract: Download English Version:

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