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ABSTRACT

Amorphous carbon (a-C) films of varying thicknesses (0.5-18 nm) were deposited by the filtered cathodic vacuum arc technique on Ni/SiO₂/Si substrate and then annealed in vacuum at 800°C for 15 min and cooled down to room temperature to obtain graphene. The samples were characterized by Raman spectroscopy, transmittance, high resolution transmission electron microscope (HRTEM), optical microscopy and atomic force microscopy. Raman spectra showed that the values of I_{2D}/I_G , I_D/I_G and full width at half maximum of <u>D and</u> 2D peaks were in the range 0.18-0.51, 0.82-1.02, <u>104-208.1 cm⁻¹</u> and 101.2-128.0 cm⁻¹, respectively, for varying thicknesses of graphene. The transmittance decreases from 97 to 63.7% with the increase in thickness of prepared graphene film. The mobility of ~725.4 cm²/V.s of field effect transistor using graphene <u>synthesized</u> from a-C film of 1 nm thickness.

Keywords: Graphene, Filtered cathodic vacuum arc, Raman, Transmittance, <u>HRTEM</u>, Field effect transistor

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