## Innovation in Functional and 2D Advanced Materials



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December 17th, 1903, The Wright brothers
Construction material: giant spruce wood


September 30th, 1968, the first 747

## Latest Commercial Aircraft Composition




## Aircraft Fuselage Manufacturing






## 2D materials development

hBN
(insulator)

$\mathrm{MoS}_{2}$
(semiconductor)


Black phosphorus
(semiconductor)


Graphene (semimetal)

hBN: $\sim 6 \mathrm{eV}$


TMDC: $\sim 1.0-2.5 \mathrm{eV}$


BP: 0.3-2 eV


Graphene: zero-gap

...designing electrical, magnetic, piezoelectric and optical functionalities.

Two-dimensional material nanophotonics Fengnian Xia et al, Nature Photonics, 8, 899 (2014)

## 2D materials engineering

## Graphene's Magical Patterns

Graphene is a flat sheet of carton atoms that form a honeycomb lattice. If you take two graphene sheets, stack them on top of each other, and twist them at a slight angle, the lattices will naturally create a moiré pattern. When the angle between the two sheets is exactly 1.1 degrees - the margin for error is less than a fraction of a degree - the stacked graphene sheets demonstrate exceptional properties, including superconductivity.


How 'magic angle' graphene is stirring up physics
Nature 565, 15-18 (2019)

## 2D materials processir



## Pressure and temperature sensors with

 2D material integration for textronic applications



## 2D material assembly for pulse and EEG sensing



## Advances in display and microelectronics



## Construction: Coatings (fire, moisture and sound)



## Construction:

 new load bearing structures
## Fibre-reinforced bendable

 concrete developed by University of Michigan scientists.By adding polymer microfibres, Nanyang Technological University researchers created a concrete that can flex and bend under tension.


## Multifunctional nanocomposites

Smart structures: strain self-sensing, property tailoring


Nezhad and Thakur, Polymers. 2018, 10(10), 1106

## Enabling self-sensing as well as toughening

- Lotfian et al., J ACS Omega, 2018, 3 (8)
- An et al., J Mat. Today Chem, 2019, 14



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## Circular Materials Manufacturing Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing



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