

Electronic Supplementary Information

In-situ construction of multifunctional femtosecond laser-induced graphene on arbitrary substrates

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Supplementary Notes

Note S1: COMSOL simulation of temperature distribution in femtosecond laser irradiating PI tape. The thermal simulations were performed using the Heat Transfer Module based on finite element method (FEM) in COMSOL Multiphysics software. In this model, the temperature after laser pulse irradiation evolution on the surface of PI tape can be described by the thermal conduction equation:

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho C_p \mathbf{u} \nabla T + \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{q}) = Q \quad (\text{S1})$$

where ρ is the density, C_p is the heat capacity, T is the temperature, \mathbf{u} is the fluid flow speed, \mathbf{q} is the heat flux density, and Q is the local heat source from the laser absorption of PI tape, respectively. Due to the femtosecond scale and extremely high temperature, the effects of heat radiation and heat conduction were mainly considered, while heat convection was neglected. The boundary condition of laser and PI interface is given by the equations:

$$-n \cdot (-k \nabla T) = Q_L \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$-n \cdot (-k \nabla T) = \varepsilon \sigma (T_{amb}^4 - T^4) \quad (\text{S3})$$

where k is the thermal conductivity, ε is the surface emissivity, σ is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant, T_{amb} is the ambient temperature, and Q_L is the heat flux generated by the laser respectively. The laser was modeled as an area heat source. The following equation gives the laser heat source expression:

$$Q_L = \frac{2AP_L \exp\left(-\left(\frac{x^2 + y^2}{r_s^2}\right)\right)}{\pi f_L r_s^2 t_L} \quad (\text{S4})$$

where A is the laser absorption of LIG, P_L is the laser power, r_s is the laser beam radius, f_L is the laser repetition rate, and t_L is the laser pulse width, respectively. Additionally, the boundary condition of other interfaces is given by the following equation:

$$-n \cdot (-k \nabla T) = 0 \quad (\text{S5})$$

All the relevant parameters used in the simulation were obtained from experimental data. The time step size used in the FEM calculation is 1 fs. The laser heating time was set as 350 fs.

Supplementary Figures

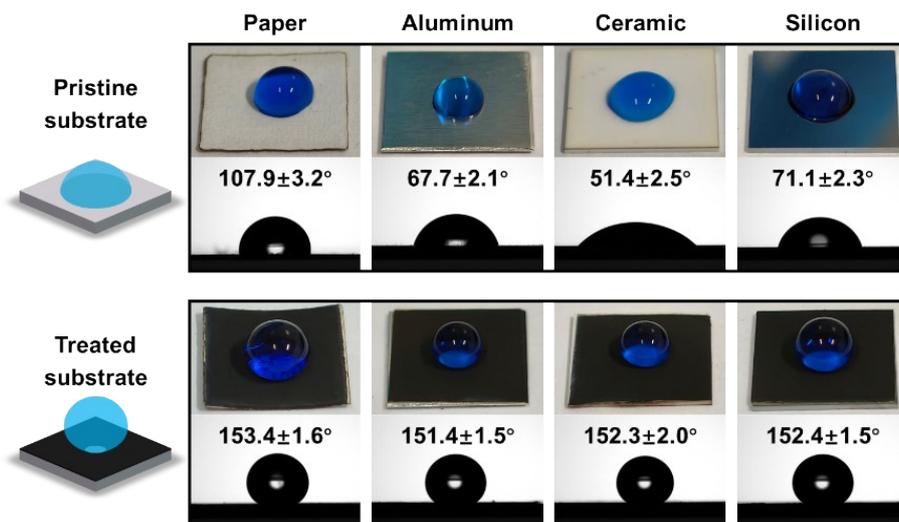


Figure S1. Water droplets placed on the pristine and treated substrates of four substrates (paper, aluminum, ceramic, and silicon); for convenience of observation, the water droplets have been stained with methylene blue.

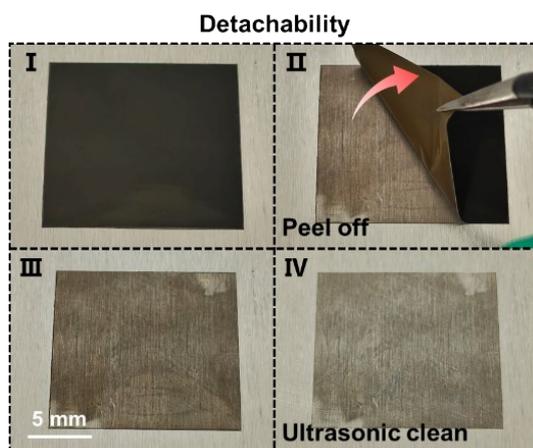


Figure S2. Detachability test of FsLIG on aluminum.

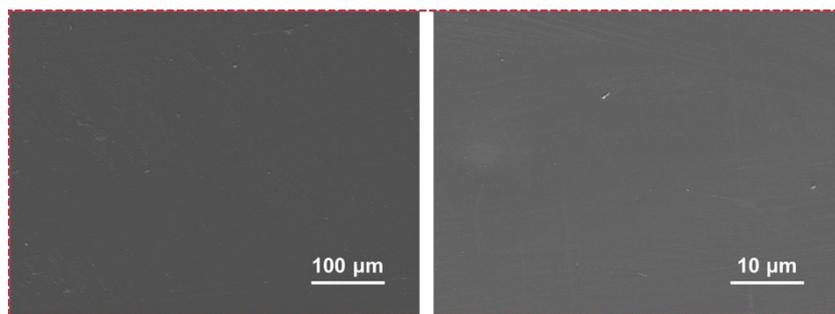


Figure S3. SEM images of the pristine PI tape surface.

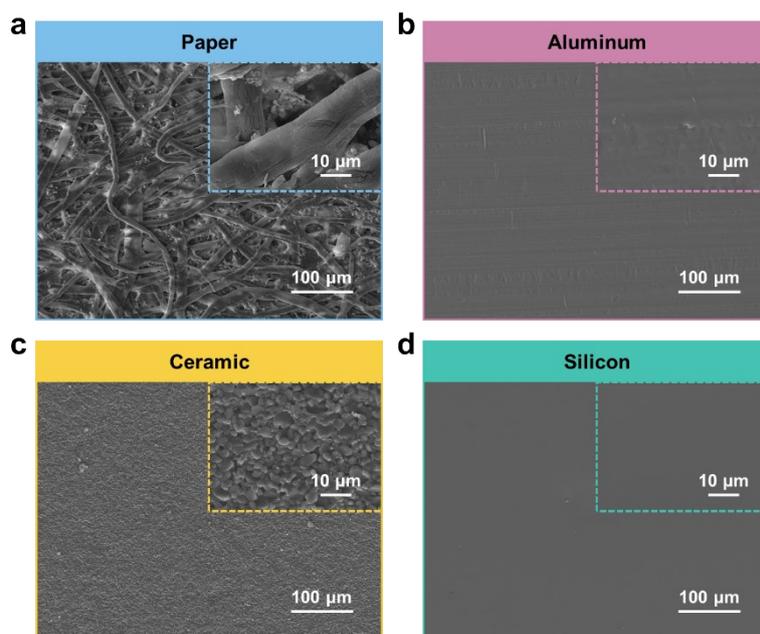


Figure S4. SEM images of pristine a) paper, b) aluminum, c) ceramic, and d) silicon surfaces.

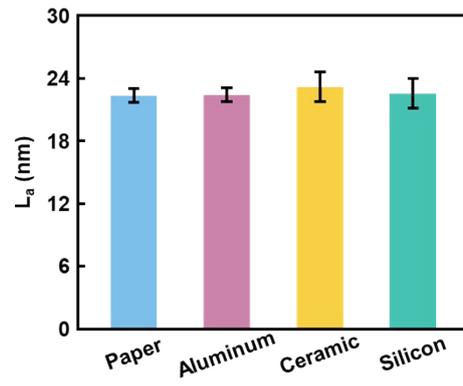


Figure S5. Calculated crystalline sizes (L_a) of FsLIG on paper, aluminum, ceramic, and silicon.

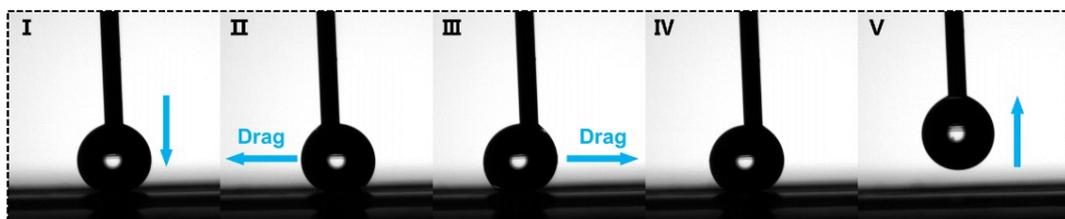


Figure S6. Dragging process and vertical anti-adhesion measurement.

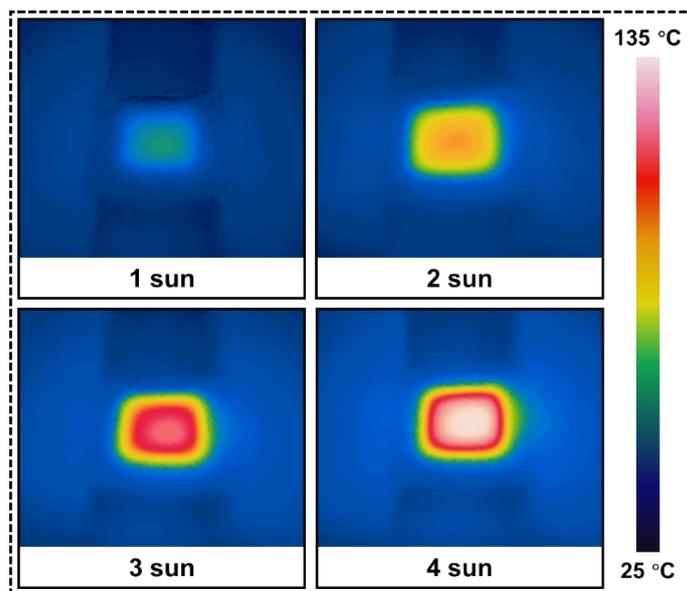


Figure S7. Infrared camera images of P-FsLIG surface under 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, and 4.0 sun illumination. The images were recorded after illumination for 240 s.

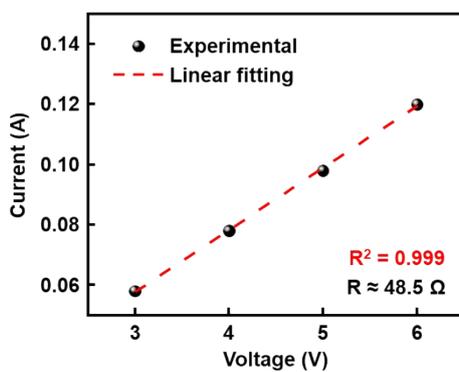


Figure S8. I–V linear curve of P-FsLIG indicating a correlation coefficient (R^2) of 0.999.

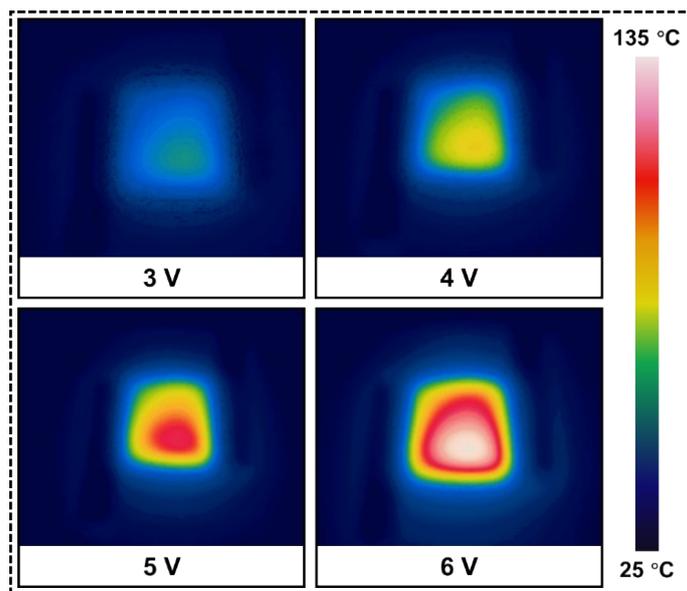


Figure S9. Infrared camera images of P-FsLIG surface at the voltages of 3, 4, 5, and 6 V. The images were recorded after applied voltage for 240 s.

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Comparison of the FsLIG multifunctionality with other LIG materials from the literature.

| Materials | Wettability | Optical Property | Electrical Property | Temperature sensing | Reference |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|------------------|
| FsLIG from PI tape | Superhydrophobic (~153.4°) | ~98.8% (400–1600 nm) | 132.1 °C at 6 V 297.2 °C cm² W⁻¹ | -0.089% °C⁻¹ (30–80 °C) | This work |
| TPE based LIG film | Not discussed | Not discussed | 70 °C at 6 V Not given | Not discussed | S1 |
| LIG on mask | Hydrophobic (~141°) | >95% (300–2500 nm) | Not discussed | Not discussed | S2 |
| LIG on glass | Not discussed | ~30.0% (300–2500 nm) | ~82 °C at 40 V Not given | ~-0.1% °C ⁻¹ (30–80 °C) | S3 |
| LIG from Kevlar | Not discussed | 96.8% (190–2500 nm) | Not discussed | ~-0.068% °C ⁻¹ (30–60 °C) | S4 |
| LIG from wood | Not discussed | Not discussed | 127.4 °C at 5 V Not given | ~-0.025% °C ⁻¹ (30–70 °C) | S5 |
| LIG from poly(Ph-ddm) | Superhydrophobic (~161°) | >98.0% (250–2500 nm) | ~176 °C at 4 V ~222 °C cm ² W ⁻¹ | Not discussed | S6 |
| FsLIG from PI film | Hydrophilic (~61.3°) | ~98.5% (220–1400 nm) | 195.7 °C at 4 V 215.9 °C cm ² W ⁻¹ | Not discussed | S7 |
| LIG from PEI film | Hydrophobic (~97°) | Not discussed | ~229 °C at 7 V Not given | Not discussed | S8 |
| AgNPs/LIG (Lased in N ₂) | Hydrophobic (~140°) | ~95.0% (500–2500 nm) | ~46 °C at 7.5 V Not given | Not discussed | S9 |
| Fluorine-doped LIG | Superhydrophobic (~159.2°) | Not discussed | ~95 °C at 8 V ~214 °C cm ² W ⁻¹ | Not discussed | S10 |

Note: Optical property refers to the absorption of the samples. Electrical property means the stable temperature at a specific voltage and the whole electrothermal conversion efficiency. PI: polyimide. TPE: thermoplastic elastomer. F-LIG: Forest-like LIG. PEI: polyetherimide.

Supplementary Movies

Movie S1. Self-cleaning demonstration of the P-FsLIG surface. The chalk powder was picked up by the rolling water droplets and readily removed.

Movie S2. A water droplet impacting on the P-FsLIG surface. The water droplet experienced falling, spreading, retracting, and finally rebounding back into the air.

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