

## Covalently bonded interface for polymer/graphene composites

### Supporting information

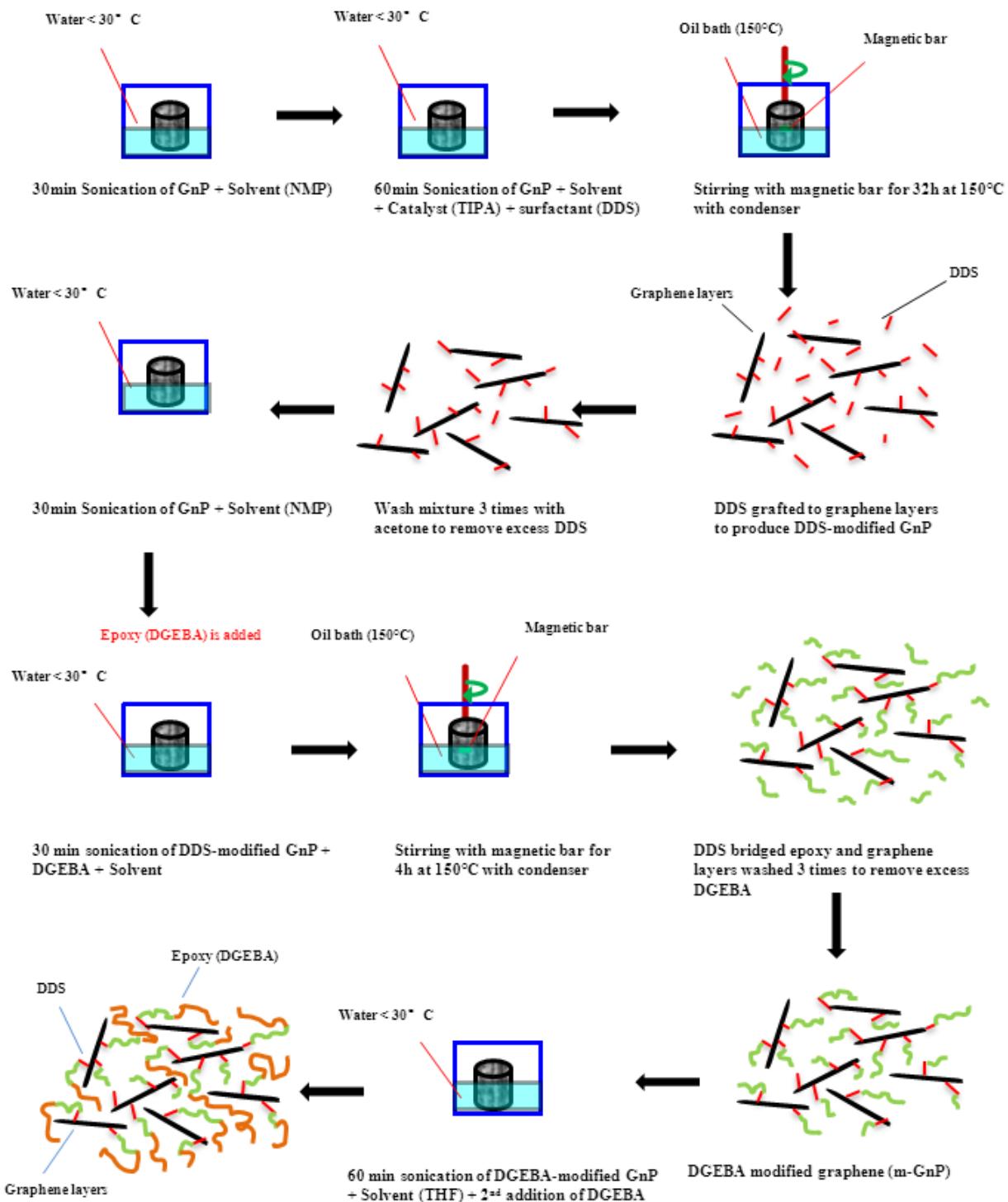


Fig. S1 Schematic of graphene modification.

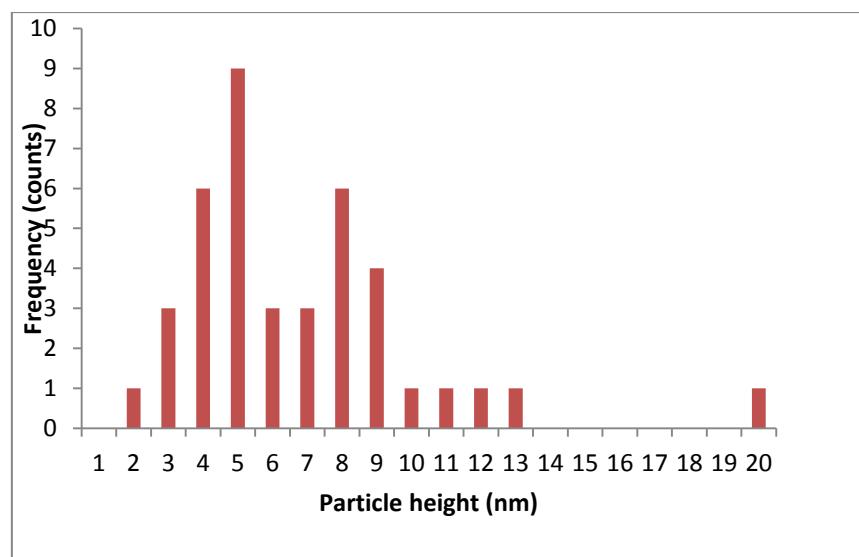


Fig. S2 Thickness measurement of the modified graphene platelets

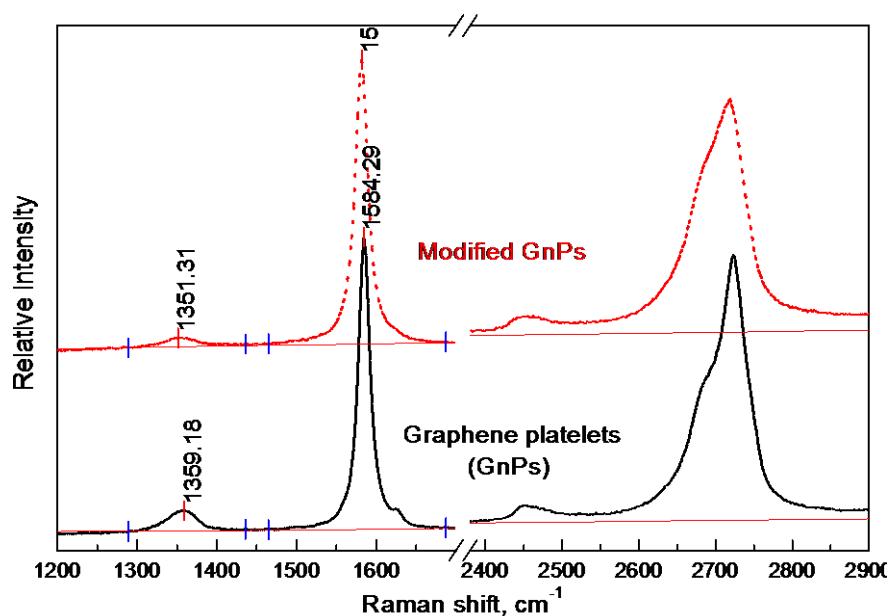


Fig. S3 baselines for measuring the D to G band ratio.

Table S1 Electrical conductivity of epoxy/*m*-GnP nanocomposites

Fraction	Volume resistivity ( $\Omega$ cm)
Neat epoxy	$1.50 \times 10^{16}$
Epoxy/ <i>m</i> -GnP, 0.122 vol%	$5.16 \times 10^{15}$
Epoxy/ <i>m</i> -GnP, 0.244 vol%	$5.55 \times 10^{12}$
Epoxy/ <i>m</i> -GnP, 0.489 vol%	$1.58 \times 10^{10}$

Table S2 Electrical conductivity of epoxy/*u*-GnP (unmodified GnP) nanocomposites

Fraction	Volume resistivity ( $\Omega$ cm)
Neat epoxy	$1.02 \times 10^{16}$
Epoxy/ <i>u</i> -GnP, 0.244 vol%	$2.95 \times 10^{17}$
Epoxy/ <i>u</i> -GnP, 0.489 vol%	$3.52 \times 10^{16}$

Table S3 Mechanical properties of epoxy/*m*-GnP nanocomposites

Fraction	Tensile strength (MPa)	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Plane-Strain Fracture toughness $K_{Ic}$ (MPa·m <sup>1/2</sup> )	Critical strain energy release rate $G_{Ic}$ (kJ/m <sup>2</sup> )
Neat epoxy	$52.3 \pm 2.3$	$2.16 \pm 0.03$	$0.653 \pm 0.0338$	$0.176 \pm 0.01$
Epoxy/ <i>m</i> -GnP, 0.122 vol%	$59.47 \pm 1.9$	$2.89 \pm 0.02$	$1.05 \pm 0.0804$	$0.340 \pm 0.03$
Epoxy/ <i>m</i> -GnP, 0.244 vol%	$51.51 \pm 5.5$	$3.13 \pm 0.28$	$1.14 \pm 0.0386$	$0.370 \pm 0.01$
Epoxy/ <i>m</i> -GnP, 0.489 vol%	$46.94 \pm 1.9$	$3.40 \pm 0.45$	$1.41 \pm 0.103$	$0.521 \pm 0.05$

Table S4 Mechanical properties of epoxy/*u*-GnP nanocomposites

Fraction	Tensile strength (MPa)	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Plane-Strain Fracture toughness $K_{Ic}$ (MPa·m <sup>1/2</sup> )	Critical strain energy release rate $G_{Ic}$ (kJ/m <sup>2</sup> )
Neat epoxy	$52.3 \pm 2.3$	$2.16 \pm 0.03$	$0.66 \pm 0.05$	$0.179 \pm 0.03$
Epoxy/ <i>u</i> -GnP, 0.244 vol%	$49.9 \pm 5.7$	$2.23 \pm 0.08$	$0.82 \pm 0.10$	$0.265 \pm 0.06$
Epoxy/ <i>u</i> -GnP, 0.489 vol%	$35.7 \pm 3.8$	$2.25 \pm 0.09$	$0.98 \pm 0.08$	$0.372 \pm 0.06$