



Block III – Nano-Particles in Ionic Liquids

IoNanofluids – Synthesis, Properties and Applications

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What is a IoNanofluid / IoBiofluid?

- How should it be prepared
- Nanomaterials
- Results (Experiment, theory)
- Scientific and Industrial Challenges
- Conclusions Looking Forward
- Foreseeing Industrial applications
 - Other process requirements
 - Thermal stability
 - Ecotoxicity of Ionic Liquids, Nanomaterials and IoNanofluids
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Reasons for Studying These Nanosystems

- Enhanced thermal properties for heat transfer and heat storage
- Complex interactions create nano-regions that enhance reactivity and <u>selectivity</u> of chemical reactions (nanocatalysis)
- IoNanofluids are designable and fine-tunable through base ILs to meet any <u>specific</u> application or task requirement
- Non-flammable and non-volatile at ambient conditions, environmentally friendly solvents, and reaction fluids
- Really "green" solvents?

Nanomaterials





Nanomaterials Carbon nanotubes Fullerene Graphene Nanoparticles of elements Nanoparticles of binary compounds Nanoparticles of complex compounds Quantum dots Nanowires Nanofibers Non-carbon nanotubes

Functions Antimicrobial Catalyst Pigment / Coatings Cosmetic Environmental treatment Filtration Green chemistry Hardness / strength Health Hydrophobic treatment Lubricant Miniaturization Sorbent Sun protection

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Applications Chemicals Commodifies Construction Energy Environment Food Industrial Information and Communications Technology Medical Precision Engineering **Textiles and Garments** Transportation

And More...

We are in the Nanomaterials World:

- > Nanoparticles (TiO₂, Ag, ...)
- Nanorods or nanotubes (CNT's)
- Nanosheets (graphene, graphene oxide, ...)
- Complex nature marine materials, fruit seeds, etc...



FEG-SEM images of fruit residues for different magnifications (C. Queirós, 2010)



TEM of marine cuttlefish residue (S I Vieira, 2012)

X 1,600 15.0kV SEI SE

110 15.0kV SEI SEM

From Normal Fluids to IoNanofluids





Normal fluids such water, organic solvents, heat transfer oils, lubricants, refrigerants were developed in a wealthy and growing economy

Nanofluids dispersion of nahometer particles, rods or tubes in traditional heat transfer fluids such as water, ethylene glycol, and engine oil -Şteve Choi (ANL, USA, 1995)





IoNanofluids

Our group 2009: stable dispersion of nanometer particles, rods or tubes in lonic Liquids C, mim][NTf₂], [C₆mim][BF₄], [C₆mim][DCA], etc.

loBiofluids – Using nanomaterials from nature

Nanofluid Nanofluids Preparation Methodology, Chapter 1. in Nanofluids: Synthesis, Properties and Applications (2014)

Enhanced experimental data for thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity, viscosity and convective heat transfer coefficients compared with the base fluid "oil" or water demonstrated potential applications in many fields.

Nanofluids are not simply mixtures of solids in liquids and its success depends on the method of preparation.

Thermal Properties of Ionic Liquids and IoNanofluids of Imidazolium and Pyrrolidinium Liquids[†]

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lo(nic)Nanofluid

What are your colleagues reading in the *Journal of Chemical* & *Engineering Data*?

The articles below represent the most read articles from the *Journal of Chemical & Engineering Data* in the full year of 2011. The journal is published monthly and is devoted to the publication of experimental data and the evaluation and prediction of property values.

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Nanofluid / IoNanofluid / IoBiofluid

Essential requirements: stability over a long period of time, durability of the suspension, prevention of agglomeration and the constancy of the fluid chemistry.

Existing experimental data in the literature **doesn't report**: the characterization of the nanoparticle morphology, temporal behaviour of the suspension, eventual existence of reactivity or physical interaction nanomaterial-fluid, integrity of the nanoparticle in the fluid base, being very reserved with the methods used in the preparation of the nanofluid and how stability was evaluated (?).

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TOP-DOWN

- Attrition
- Milling
- Lithography etching

BOTTOM-UP

- Colloidal dispersion
- Lithography growth of thin films
- Nanolithography
- Nano-manipulation

Nanofluid preparation: One Step Method





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ONE STEP METHOD

- Synthesis of nanofluids in one-step;
- Nanoparticles synthesized in base fluid;
- Reaction: microwave irradiation, ultrasonic agitation, heating, reduction, etc.

Nanofluid preparation: Two Step Method



TWO STEP METHOD

- Commercial
 nanomaterial + base
 fluid;
- Mixing/dispersion: intense agitation, magnetic force, ultrasonic agitation or high pressure homogenization, etc.

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TWO STEP METHOD

- Advantages: practical and economic process.
- Disadvantages: stability

 (powders aggregate due to strong van der Walls forces).
 Internal stress, surface
 defects, contaminations
- May require surfactants.

ONE STEP METHOD

- Advantages: nanoparticle agglomeration minimized (transportation, storage, drying and dispersion of nanoparticles is avoided).
- Disadvantages: use of low vapour pressure fluids.

Nanofluids stability



Particle Aggregation 17

- Aggregation of NP's in ionic liquids is caused by a competition between WDW (or polar) forces and double layer forces screening caused by ions, at the particle/IL interface
- VDW forces are attractive and DL forces are repulsive
- Balance between these forces control aggregation of NP's in IL's, and therefore the stability of a dispersion in the IoNanofluid.



time

Istvan Szilagyi, Adapted from PCCP, 16, 9515, (2014)

Nanofluids stability Methods



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Sedimentation/centrifugation

analysis

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Nanofluids stability



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METHOD

 Efficient, precise, fast, with less contamination;

 Can result in efficient suspensions/chemical reactions, but if done incorrectly, can end in larger agglomerates.

SONICATION PARAMETERS

- Temperature
- Time, frequency and operation mode
- Sample volume and concentration
- Probe and vessel
- Aerosoling and foaming
- Solvent characteristics

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Optimizing sonication

- Direct sonication (probe): recommended, energy output received by the materials is higher.
- Ultrasonic bath: operates at lower energy levels, suggested for resuspensions of samples that were previously sonicated directly or when higher energy levels can cause unintentional alterations or damages to the particles



Optimizing sonication

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Trial and error

1st: see if a stable dispersion is possible, High power output

Low sample volume,

High solid Concentration

Prolonged sonication time

2nd: measure medium size distribution particle – DLS of nanofluid 3rd: select time, concentration and volume

Vary power output

Determine best value of energy supply

Best methodology

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What is the nanofluid target?

Fluid and nanomaterial selection



Nanofluid characterization: properties measurements, nanomaterial envolded nanofluid toxicity parameters and waste best environmental disposable

Most important

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- To characterize particle size distribution (PSD) in nanofluid (DLS), not the nanomaterial only
- There is always "free" nanoparticles and clusters of n-particles, especially if the distribution has a large width



FIG. 2. Schematic of particle size distribution of nanofluids. $2d_{sp}$ is adopted as the cut-off diameter d_{cut} to distinguish between "clusters" and "primary particles" in present model.

Dengquing Zhou, Huiying Wu, Appl. Phys. Letters, 105, 083117 (2014)

Properties

THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT FOR DIFFERENT IONANOFLUIDS

The first ones



n-alkyl-methyl-imidazolium with NTf₂

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A P C Ribeiro, S I C Vieira, P Goodrich, C Hardacre, M J V Lourenço, C A Nieto de Castro, "Thermal conductivity of [Cnmim][(CF3SO2)2N] and [C4mim][BF4] IoNanofluids with carbon nanotubes – Measurement, theory and structural characterization",

J. Nanofluids 2, 55-62 (2013)

CNT Nanofluids Preparation₃₁



S M Sohel Murshed and C A Nieto de Castro,

"Superior Thermal Features of Carbon Nanotubes Based Nanofluids- A review"

Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 37, 155–167, 2014

M J Lourenço and S I Vieira, *"Nanofluids Preparation Methodology",* Chapter 1 in Nanofluids: Synthesis, Properties and Applications" S M Sohel Murshed and C A Nieto de Castro, Eds., **NOVA Science Publishers, Inc., New York, 2014**

Thermal Conductivity Enhancement





J M P França, S I C Vieira, M J V Lourenço, S M S Murshed, C A Nieto de Castro, "Thermal Conductivity of $[C_4 mim][(CF_3SO_2)_2N]$ and $[C_2 mim][EtSO_4]$ and their IoNanofluids with Carbon Nanotubes: Experiment and Theory"

J. Chem Eng. Data, 58, 467-476, 2013

Dicyanamide fluids





J M P França, S I C Vieira, S M Sohel Murshed, M J V Lourenço, C A Nieto de Castro, A A Pádua *"Thermophysical Properties of Ionic Liquid Dicyanamide (DCA) Nanosystems",* J. Chem. Thermodyn. 2014, , 79 (2014) 248–257

Results Summary, 303 K, 1% MWCNT



	BF ₄	PF ₆	CF ₃ SO ₃	(CF ₃ SO ₂) ₂ N	C ₂ H ₅ OSO ₃ ECOGEN	(CN) ₂ N
C ₂ mim	-	-	-	2.4	8.6	7.4
C₄mim	5.8	3.4	8.5	35.6 ¹ ; 13.7 ²	-	8.8
C ₆ mim	3.8	1.4	-	6.4	-	-
C ₈ mim	-	-	-	6.2	-	-
C ₂ mpyr	-	-	-	5.1	-	8.8

Keeping the same anion or cation 35



Some Conclusions

- The enhancement is significant for all the fluids studied
- It depends slowly on temperature, except for the DCA liquids
- It depends strongly on the mass/volume fraction
- These results are similar to those obtained when the base fluid is not a IL
Some Molecular Thoughts

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- [C₄mim][DCA] benefits more from the addition of MWCNTs, as the enhancement of the thermal conductivity is higher
 - greater increase in the organization of the liquid nano-structure, favoring a higher transfer of heat
- For the DCA liquids, since the anion is the same and if we take into account the idea of the organization increase when adding MWCNTs, we could infer that <u>the cation is the controlling</u> <u>factor for the differences in structure of the pure ionic liquids</u>, and also for the loNanofluids
- The compounds studied can be separated into head group (imidazolium or pyrrolidinium with methyl substitution), an aliphatic side chain and an anion (the same)

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Adapted from Stefan Stolte, Univ Bremen, *"(Eco)Toxicity and Biodegradation of ionic liquids*, REGALIS Summer School, Grove - Pontevedra 9th-12nd JUNE 2013

- Changing the side chain length, the enhancement in the 39 thermal conductivity increases, possibly due to a better interaction between this chain and the carbon nanotube surface (non-polar entities) that facilitates heat transfer.
- The same effect was found for the [C_nmim][(CF₃SO₂)₂N] family, ranging from n = 2 to n = 8
- The change of the head group does not seem to affect the enhancement, except for volume fraction of the nanotube greater than 0.04, where the methylimidazolium seems to win
- ► For liquids that have the same cation, $[C_2mim]$, and different anions, $[N(CN)_2]$, $[C_2H_5OSO_3]$ and $[(CF_3SO_2)_2N]$, the anion structure affects the enhancement, with the $[(CF_3SO_2)_2N]$ salt having the smallest and the $[C_2H_5OSO_3]$ the highest. The same result is obtained when we compare the liquids based on the $[C_4mim]$ cation, with the $[(CF_3SO_2)_2N]$ salt having smaller enhancement than the $[N(CN)_2]$ one

Do existing theories predict this enhancement? 40



J M P França, S I C Vieira, M J V Lourenço, S M S Murshed, C A Nieto de Castro, "Thermal Conductivity of $[C_4 mim][(CF_3SO_2)_2N]$ and $[C_2 mim][EtSO_4]$ and their IoNanofluids with Carbon Nanotubes: Experiment and Theory", J. Chem Eng. Data, 58, 467–476, 2013

Reasons for the enhancement in thermal conductivity?

- There is a big controversy about the heat transfer mechanisms in nanofluids (see our book)
- Some models justify the importance of the interfacial layer between the nanoparticle and the liquid
- First images of IoNanofluids at the nanoscale in our group seem to prove that this is true!

Interface 50-70 nm thick, with long range attraction by the nanotubes. Consistent with theories?

TEM characterization of the $[C_4 mim][BF_4] + 1\%$ MWCNT IoNanofluid



CNT random coil

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A P C Ribeiro, **S I C Vieira**, P Goodrich, C Hardacre, M J V Lourenço, C A Nieto de Castro, "Thermal conductivity of $[C_n mim][(CF_3SO_2)_2N]$ and $[C_4 mim][BF_4]$ IoNanofluids with carbon nanotubes – Measurement, theory and structural characterization" J. Nanofluids 2, 55–62, 2013

Can theories adjust this effect?

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Thicker interfacial layer produces a tremendous increase in the thermal conductivity enhancement, a result that confirms the need for a better understanding of the structure of the IoNanofluids

> Yes, but generalization is not yet possible

Thermal conductivity enhancement predicted by Leong et al. model, for different values of the thermal conductivity of the interfacial layer. Values for different values of interfacial layer thickness h = 2 and h = 20 nm are shown. The **red dot** represents the application to $[C_4 mim][NTf_2]$ J M P França, S I C Vieira, M J V Lourenço, S M S Murshed, C A Nieto de Castro, "Thermal Conductivity of $[C_4 mim][(CF_3SO_2)_2N]$ and $[C_2 mim][EtSO_4]$ and their IoNanofluids with Carbon Nanotubes: Experiment and Theory", J. Chem Eng. Data, 58, 467–476, 2013



... More Results

DENSITY, VISCOSITY, HEAT CAPACITY

ENHANCEMENTS?

Density enhancement

Ionanofluids based on $[C_4 mim][dca]$, $[C_2 mim][dca]$, and $[C_4 mpyr][dca]$ as a function of temperature and volume fraction



J M P França, F Reis, S I C Vieira, M J V.Lourenço, F J V Santos, C A Nieto de Castro, "Thermophysical Properties of Ionic Liquid Dicyanamide (DCA) Nanosystems", J. Chem. Thermodynamics, 79 (2014) 248–257



■, □, ■ - T = 293 K; \blacklozenge , \diamondsuit , \diamondsuit - T = 313 K; \blacktriangle , \triangle , △ - T = 333 K; ●, O, ● - T = 343 K; Full symbols: - INF based on [C₂mim][dca]; Empty symbols: - INF based on [C₄mim][dca]; Black symbols: - INF based on [C₄mpyr][dca].



Viscosity



- Ionic liquids are known to be Newtonian liquids – proportionality, in wide ranges of shear stress, between shear rate and shear stress
- However all the IoNanofluids studied are non-Newtonian
 - Bingham plastic in behavior Viscosity appears to be infinite until a certain shear stress is achieved (until a yield stress is overcome)
 - Shear thinning: Viscosity decreases as shear rate/stress is increased (pseudo plastic)





Viscosity

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[C4mpyr][dca] INF



Heat Capacity

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Non-analytic behavior? New criticality? Typical in order-disorder phenomena. Existing in liquid-liquid systems! Existing in solid systems!





SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL

Challenges - Scientific



- To measure extensively the properties of IoNanofluids
- To understand the mechanism of heat transport in complex fluid systems
- To understand in a deeper way the intermolecular forces and the internal charge distribution in ionic liquids (polar and non-polar domains)
- To make computer simulations to study structure and dynamics of ionic liquids in contact with carbon nanomaterials (interface), such as graphene sheets and nanotubes
- To study the stability of micro/nano-emulsions, microphases, clustering, etc.

Challenges - Technological 50

- To develop stable emulsions in a long term
- To design more efficient heat transfer devices
- To discover the "best" ionic liquids, cost/benefit (the price of their industrial production is decreasing to levels that will make them competitive with current fluids used in industry (less than 20 €/kg)
- To discover the most efficient nanomaterials
- To analyse the environmental/regulatory impact
- Consider sealed and open systems (processing)
- > Avoid non-Newtonian fluids
- Materials compatibility with processing equipment
- But...The specific interactions of the ionic liquids with the nanomaterials can alter its individual toxicity

Is it the effort worthy?!... 51

- Multi-billion markets are open
- Many new products for engineering fluids, heat insulators, catalysts, ..., can be envisaged
- Replacement of environment aggressive chemicals, foams, solid composites are in daily order, imposed by regulations or social responsibility
- New challenges open new jobs for chemists, material scientists and engineers



Foreseeing Industrial Applications

THERMAL STABILITY ECOTOXICITY (IL'S + NANOMATERIALS) COST

Other process requirements

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In order to use IoNanofluids in industry, other factors have to be considered:

- IL thermal stability confident that it is easy to target an operational value up to 200°C
- IoNanofluid thermal stability the thermal stability of the dispersion, on a long term – different game as the homogeneous system can be transformed in a heterogeneous phase, with micro phase equilibria, promoting aggregation of the nanomaterials and/or phase separation, at a micro or macroscopic level.

➤Toxicity of IL's, NM and INF

Ecotoxicity 54

- For ionic liquids, our current knowledge is still scarce, and without long term consequences.
- Currently, only the ionic liquids which have already found application on industrial scale are undergoing REACH registration (EU)
- For nanomaterials, although present in very small quantities, the situation is also not comfortable
- > Needs for appropriate ecotoxicity parameters

Ecotoxicity Tests 55

- Tests were tried in vitro to determine LC50 the average lethal concentration (50% of deaths), after 24 h of contact of LI molecules with Artemia Salina eggs (brine shrimp larva), one organism of the marine ecosystems (salted water), with a concentration of 1, 50, 100 and 150 µmol/L
- 4 IL's were test, 4 DCA salts [C₂mim][DCA], [C₄mim][DCA], [C₄mpyr][DCA] and [P₆₆₆₁₄][DCA]
- Results are referred here for [C₂mim][DCA], [C₄mim][DCA], [C₄mpyr][DCA]
- Wilson Gouveia et al (2014), to be published

Wilson Gouveia, Filipe Reis, Maria José Lourenço, Eduarda Araújo (July 2013) To be published

Probit* Analysis

probit(
$$p$$
) = $\sqrt{2}$ erf⁻¹(2 p – 1)

the probit function is the quantile function, i.e., the inverse cumulative distribution function (CDF), associated with the standard normal distribution. Introduced in 1934 by Chester Bliss – the probit model is vey important in toxicology analysis.





 $A_{o} vs \varphi_{CNT}$ for ionic liquids and IoNanofluids. • fluids based on $[C_{4}mim][NTf_{2}]$; • - fluids based on $[C_{2}mim][EtSO_{4}]$. Close to each data point is the cost of the heat exchanger, in mUS\$

And cost?

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The effect, only of the thermal conductivity enhancement can be as much as 20% decrease in the area of heat transfer, and therefore in the cost of a shell and tube heat exchanger, saving about US\$ 20 m for a 20% volume fraction of MWCNT (3% w/w), a very significant value

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Current Applications



New Engineering Fluids

- Heat transfer fluids (HTF's) for heat exchangers
- Heat transfer fluids for boiling and condensation
- New absorbing refrigeration fluids
- New paints for solar absorbing panels
- Insulation panels
- New nanocatalysts

Pay attention to

Nanomaterial: Size, Characterization, Purity, Shape, Composition, Surface chemistry, including the surface coating material, Manufacturing process.

Their choice can contribute to diverse ecological/toxicological properties, purity, product variability, performance and use.

Method of dispersion.

Essential requirements: stability over a long period of time, durability of the suspension, prevention of agglomeration and the constancy of the fluid chemistry. Pay
attention toWhen publishing, indicate if surfactants were
used, materials with surface coatings, dispersion
parameters, contaminants, amount of water in
the nanofluid, when properties measurement
were made after the dispersion, etc.These parameters influence thermal conductivity,
heat capacity, viscosity, etc.

Toxicological studies.

Challenges to IoNanofluid Research

1. Long-term stability without adding dispersants

2. Proper sample preparation and reliable measurements

3. Thermodynamics formulation (Gibbs) of multiphase heterogeneous systems (dispersions)

4. Understand heat transfer mechanisms

5. Molecular simulations of IL-nanomaterial interface

6. Characterization of the particles/clusters in the nanofluid

Two announcements 62

New Journal in the area – Journal of Nanofluids http://www.aspbs.com/jon/

Launched in 2012

Sohel Murshed – Editor Carlos Nieto de Castro – Member Editorial Board



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New Book

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Crossing Themes

Functional Materials

Energy Storage

ILs and APIs

SCFs, ILs and NM in Catalysis

Drug Delivery and Stability

IL Synthesis

Students (MSc, PhD), Post-Docs

- Many projects are undergoing
 - Heat transfer fluids
 - Solar energy efficiency
 - Absorption refrigeration
 - Nanocatalysis



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"O que hoje não sabemos, amanhã saberemos" Garcia de Orto, 1563



Market of nanomaterials

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Global market: <u>11 million tonnes</u>Market value: <u>€20 billion</u>Direct employment: <u>300 000 to 400 000</u> in Europe

Strengths of universities - spin-out companies -	R&D made in universities
	Cutting edge work
	Large companies delegate/invest in smaller companies the commercialization of radical innovative products
Barriers -	High level market and technological uncertainty
	Large scale
	Long term investment
Fails of universities - spin-out companies -	Accessing the right strategy
	Identifying the rapidly emerging trends in the market
	Nanomaterials' properties/applications open promising areas, which difficult the prioritization of objectives

Nanomaterials characterization


Nanomaterials in REACH registrations

	2010	2013	Non phase-in
Substance	1. Carbon black 2. CeO ₂ 3. CaCO ₃ 4. ZnO 5. Ag	1. MWNT 2. Graphite 3. TiO ₂ 4. F ₆ -Si.2Na reaction products with $LiMg_4Na_3(Si_{12}O_{30})$	1-4 Names claimed confidential under NONS



Suppliers

Powder, grain size≤100nm, purity≥99%, most sold/studied by our research group (**Ag**, Ti, TiO₂, CNT, fullerene, graphene, Si, SiO₂, Zn, ZnO₂ and Au).

Supplier	Country	Supplier	Country
Advanced Nanopower	China	Nano Pars Spadana	Iran
American Dye Source	Canada	Nano Powder R&D Center	China
Anderlab	India	Nano-C	USA
Applied Nanotech Holdings	USA	NanoAmor	USA
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EMFUTUR Technologies	Spain	NanoIntegris	Canada
EPRUI	China	NeoTechProduct Research	Russia
Goodfellow	England	NTbase	South Korea
Grafen Chemical Industries	Turkey	PlasmaChem	Germany
Graphene Supermarket	USA	PNF	Iran
НеЈі	China	SES Research	USA
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MKnano	Canada	Timesnano	China
MTR	USA	XG Sciences	USA
NaBond	China		

Large databases about nanomaterials: Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies CPI and Nanowerk.

Nanomaterials used by our group 76



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Graphene: image not provided by supplier



Graphene after ultrasonic probe

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CNT 95%



CNT 95% impurities (nanosize)