

## Research Highlights



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### Engineered Carbon Nanotube Buckypaper for Highly Sensitive Electrochemical Biosensor Synthesis and characterization of Natural Polymer Based Electrolytes for Energy Storage Applications

Fabrication and characterization for Polymer/CNT/magnetic nanoparticle composites for various applications

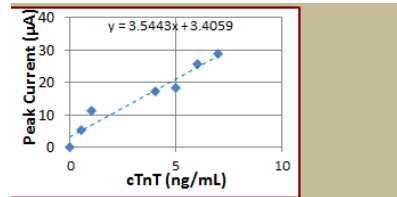
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### Objectives

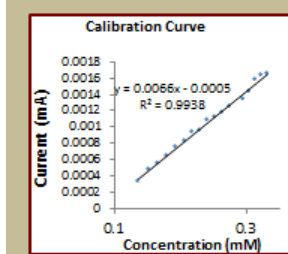
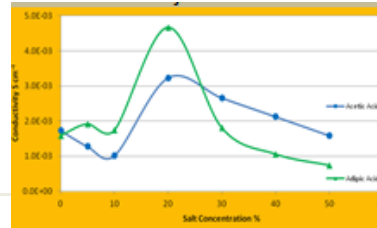
- Fabricating highly sensitive biosensor utilizing unique properties of engineered carbon nanotube buckypaper.
- These biosensors should play major role in diagnosis and detection for disease related biomarkers, environmental pollutants, toxic chemicals and many other important molecules related to health, safety and environment.
- These electrochemical biosensors should be accurate, faster and easily operated.
- Fabricating natural polymer based electrolytes for energy storage applications.

### Approach:

- Both single and multiwalled carbon nanotube (CNT) are functionalized suitable to make electrochemically biosensors sensitive towards a biomolecule
- Functionalized CNTs are used to make a thin (50-60 micron) dimensional entangled mat called buckypaper with enhanced surface area.
- Buckypaper is modified by metal/enzyme/antibody/mediator to make it electrochemically active towards the molecule of interest
- Electrical conductivity, surface morphology and electrochemical responses are measured.



**cTnT Results**  
Sensitivity: 3.544  $\mu\text{A}/(\text{ng}/\text{mL})$  LOD: 2.67  $\text{ng}/\text{mL}$   
Desired Sensitivity Range (0.3-10 $\text{ng}/\text{mL}$ )



**Glucose Sensor Results**  
Sensitivity = 0.0066  $\text{mA}/\text{mM}$   
LOD = 0.0167  $\text{mM}$   
One Touch's 1.1  $\text{mM}$

Chitosan/NP Based polymer Electrolytes, Ionic conductivity vs. Salt concentration, Ionic Conductivity  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  -  $4 \times 10^{-4}$   $\text{s}/\text{cm}$

### Impacts

- Internal grant aimed towards commercialization of research product Grant from NASA-QNA-ESC
- Patent published ; 20130209807 - Functionalized carbon nanotube sheets for electrochemical biosensors and methods(2014)
- Proposal pending: USIEF(Energy) AHA(Biosensor),

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