

Diaphite: diamond-graphene hybrid nanostructures grown in CH₄/H₂/N₂ chemistry

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ABSTRACT

Supplementary Information

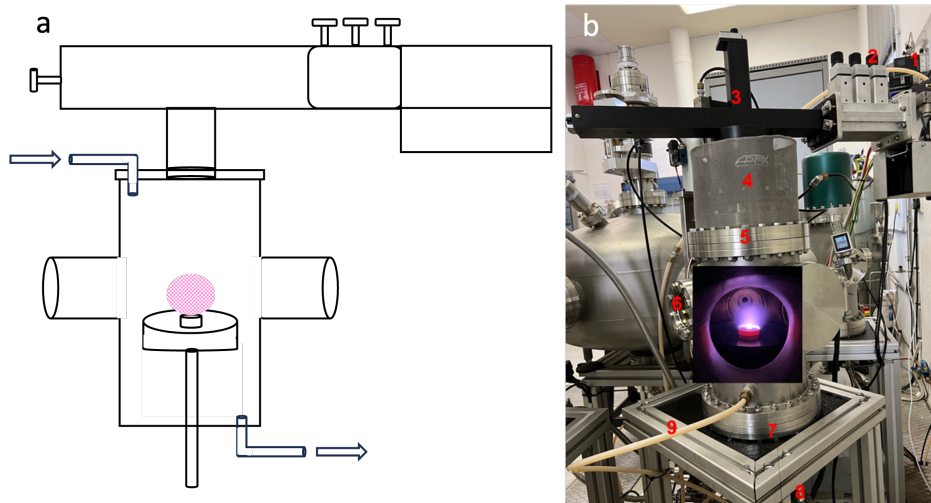


Figure 1. Custom-built MPECVD reactor at NSTPL: a) Schematic picture of self-assembled MPECVD system. b) MPECVD with different parts including a (1) MKS solid state Microwave generator, (2) Sub tuner, (3) Waveguide with applicator, (4) antenna connecting the waveguide and CVD chamber, (5) a transparent quartz window is placed between the antenna and the CVD chamber, (6) CVD main chamber with substrate stage and holder, (7) Stage height adjuster, (8) Vacuum line, and (9) Water circulation line.

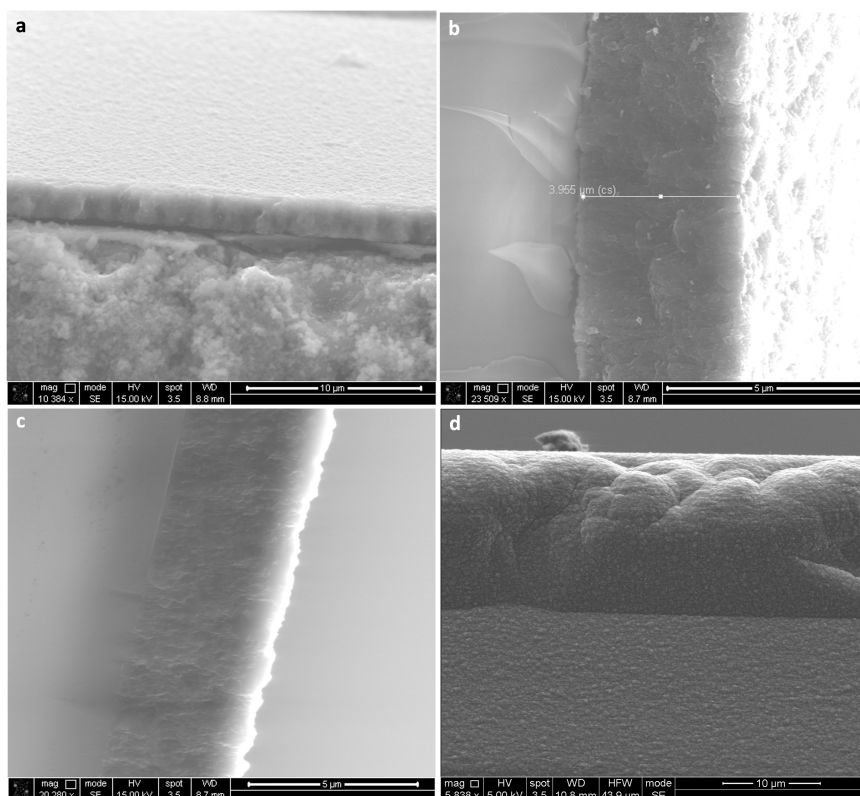


Figure 2. Cross sectional images of N_2 doped UNCD samples. a) UNCD₅ of film thickness $3.5 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{m}$. b) UNCD₁₀ of film thickness $3.9 \pm 0.1 \mu\text{m}$. c) UNCD₁₅ of film thickness $5.2 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{m}$. d) UNCD₂₀ of film thickness $7.1 \pm 0.2 \mu\text{m}$.

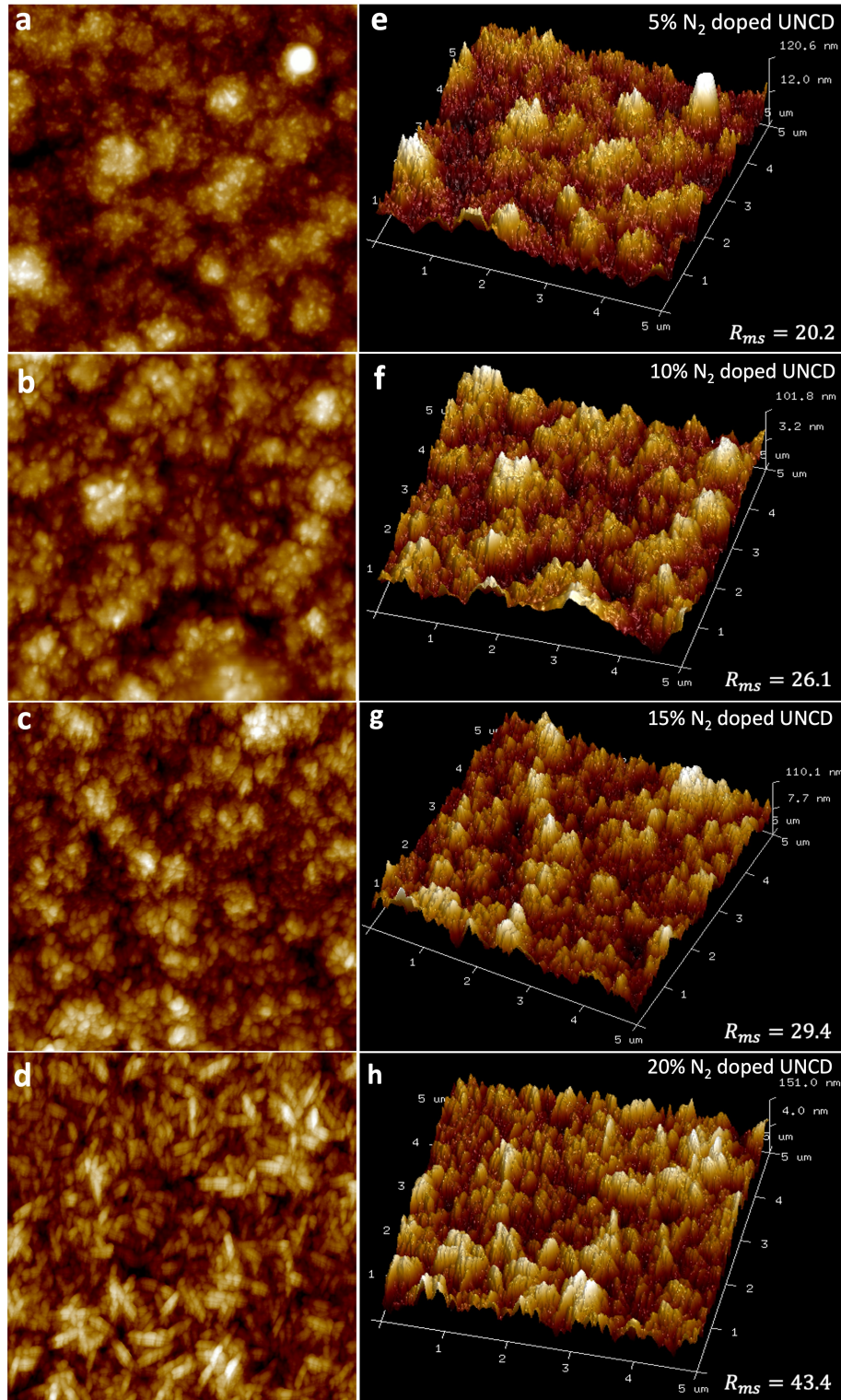


Figure 3. Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) investigation of UNCD as a function of N₂ doping. a, b, c, and d) AFM height sensor non-contact mode imaging of 5%, 10%, 15% and 20% N₂ doped UNCD samples. e, f, g, and h) are the 3 D mapping of the surface terrain of the respective samples. It can be noted that R_{ms} values increase as the N₂ doping is increased.

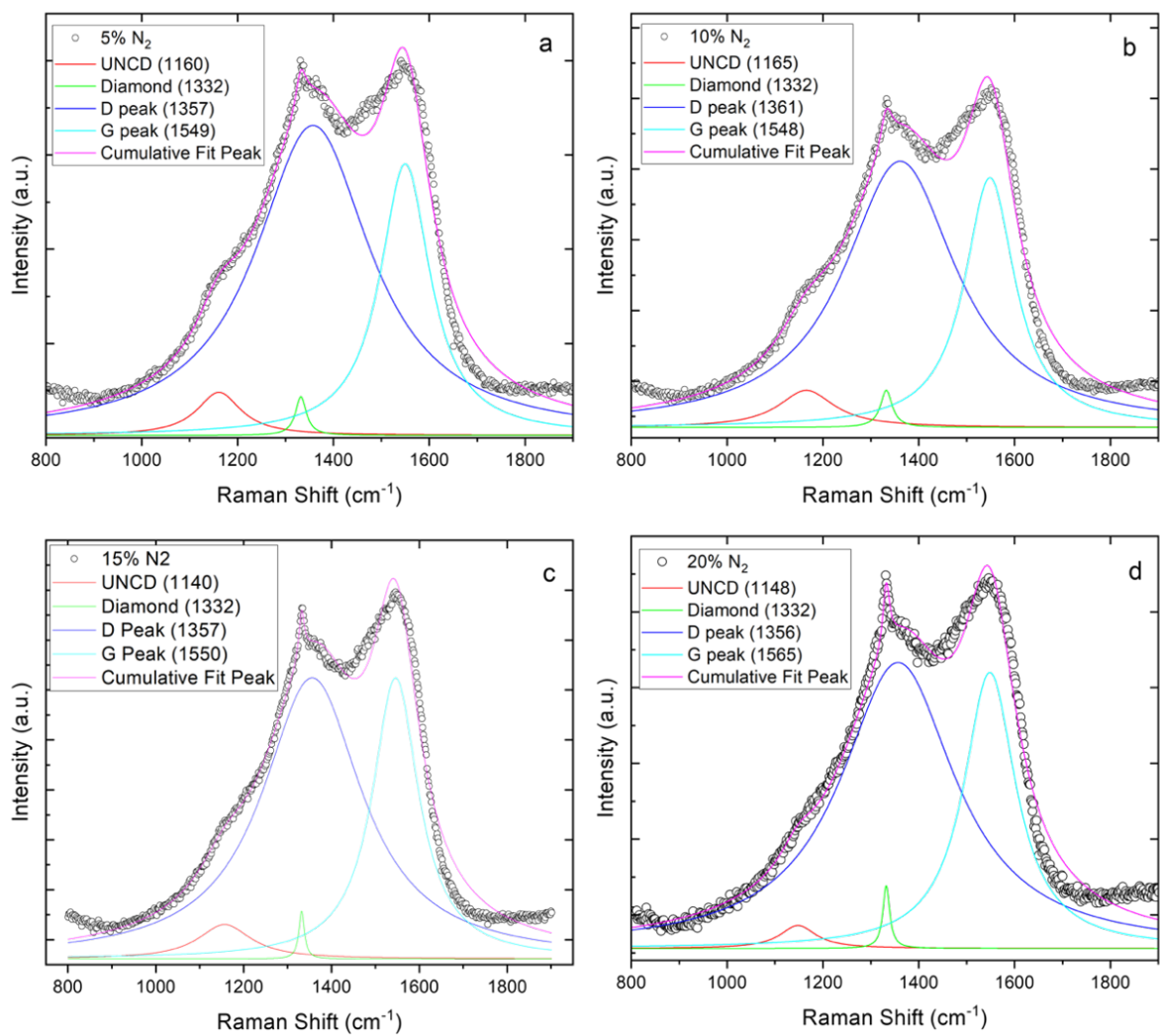


Figure 4. Deconvoluted Raman Spectra of UNCD samples with varied N_2 concentration. a) UNCD₅, b) UNCD₁₀, c) UNCD₁₅, and d) UNCD₂₀ sample.

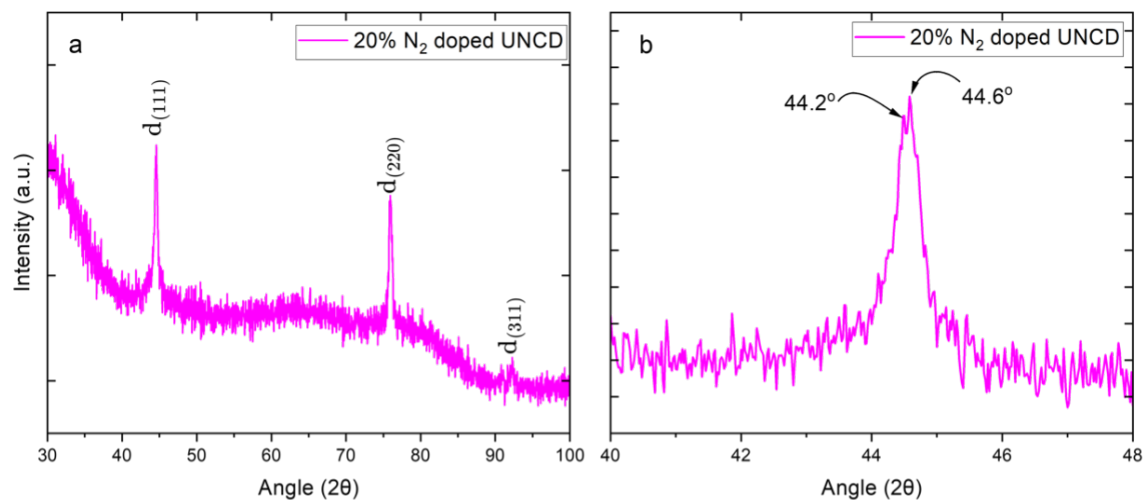


Figure 5. XRD plot of UNCD₂₀. a) Commonly observed d₍₁₁₁₎, d₍₂₂₀₎ and d₍₃₁₁₎ diffraction associated with d spacing 0.206 nm, 0.126 nm and 0.107 nm respectively. b) The d₍₁₁₁₎ peak for UNCD₂₀ shift to higher Bragg's angle compared to UNCD₅ and UNCD₁₀ samples.

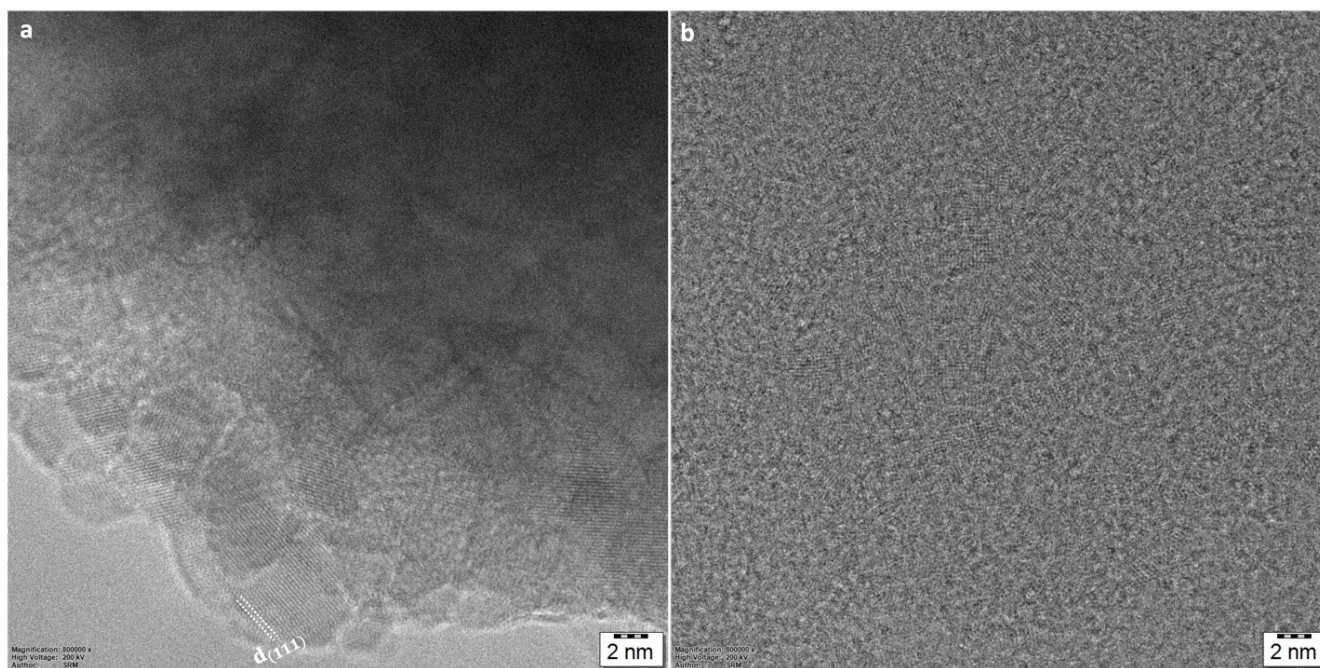


Figure 6. HR-TEM image of UNCD with no doping. a and b) nanodiamond display only {111} fringes associated with cubic diamond.