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## Manufacturing and Characterization of Nano-composites with Chemically Functionalized Multiwalled Carbon Nanotubes

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### Abstract

Chemically modified multiwalled carbon nanotubes with acids were incorporated into a epoxy matrix by in situ polymerization process, to improve the transfer of mechanical load through chemical bonds, which were demonstrated by infrared spectroscopy. And the mechanical properties of epoxy/carbon nanotube composites were measured to investigate the role of carbon nanotubes. The epoxy/carbon nanotube composites shows higher tensile strength and wear resistance than existing epoxy, with 1 or 2 wt. % addition of functionalized carbon nanotubes. The tensile strength with 7 wt. % carbon nanotubes is increased by a 28% and the wear resistance in exceptionally increased by an outstanding 100 times.

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가 , (Aspect ratio)가  
 Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiC 가 (1-3)  
 (thermo-chemical vapor deposition)  
 (multiwalled  
 carbon nanotube, MWCNT)  
 가 (4)  
 MWCNT  
 Epoxy MWCNT/Epoxy

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2. 60% (ml)/ (g) 300  
 80~90°C 20 가

2.1 1 μm PTFE  
 가 99.5~99.8%

amorphous

2.2

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X-ray  
 (X-ray diffraction) FTIR(Fourier transform  
 infrared spectroscopy) Fig. 2  
 X-ray

2.2.1  
 Fig. 1

( ) 95CVD  
 600~700°C 30  
 10~20% 가  
 가

2θ가 43° ~ 54° 78°

2θ≒26°가  
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Fig. 3

FTIR

2.2.2

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Table 1

(COOH) CH<sub>2</sub>



Fig. 1 Furnace for MWCNT purification process.

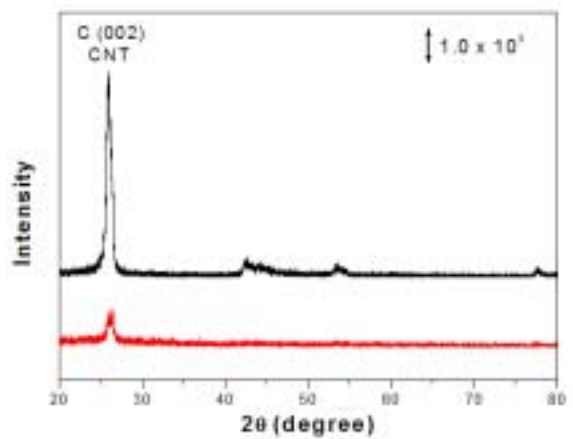


Fig. 2 X-ray diffraction curves of MWCNT before/after purification process.

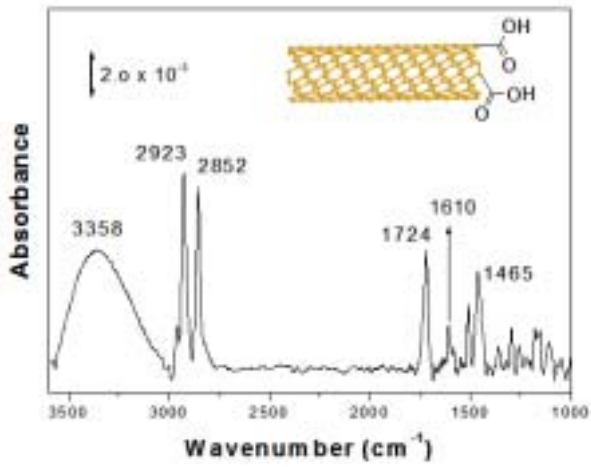


Fig. 3 FTIR spectra for nitric acid treated CNT.

**Table 1** Curve analysis of the 1000-3500cm<sup>-1</sup> range of nitric acid treated CNT spectra.

Wavenumber (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Assignment
3358	vOH
2923	v <sub>a</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>
2852	v <sub>s</sub> CH <sub>2</sub>
1724	vC=O
1610	vC-C(ago)
1465	δCH <sub>2</sub>

FTIR (1724cm<sup>-1</sup>) (3358cm<sup>-1</sup>)  
(-COOH)

CH<sub>2</sub> 1923 2852, 1465cm<sup>-1</sup>

3.1

van der Waals

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Fig. 4  
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10  
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12  
가  
Epoxy  
가 4  
(a) (b)  
Fig. 4 Optical microscope images of dispersed CNT on acetone(a) and methanol(b).  
3.2  
가가  
가 Epoxy  
( ) KER828  
KB1089  
가  
(a) Methanol KER828  
가  
350RPM 30  
(b) KER828  
methanol  
가 KER828/  
70~80°C  
가 methanol

(c) Epoxy/  
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350RPM 30 4.1 가

(d) 5 sonification

MTS 810 head 0.5 mm/min, 0.5Pa

Fig. 5 Epoxy(KER828+KB1089)  
1 wt%, 4wt%, 7wt%

CNT 1~7 wt% 1 wt% 가

SEM 3

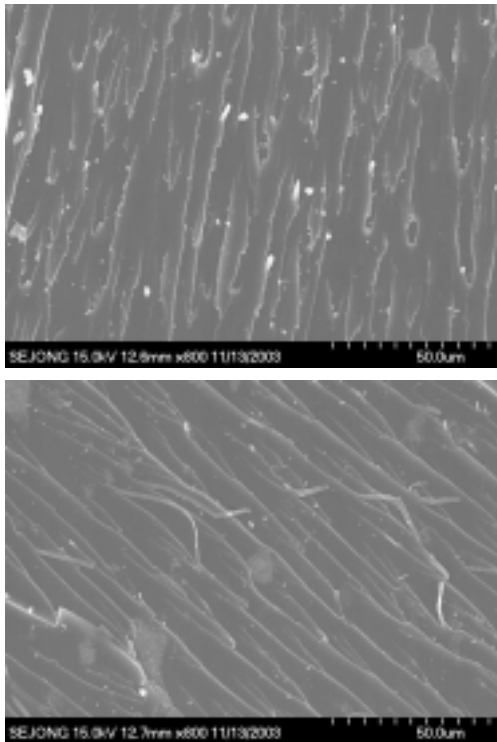
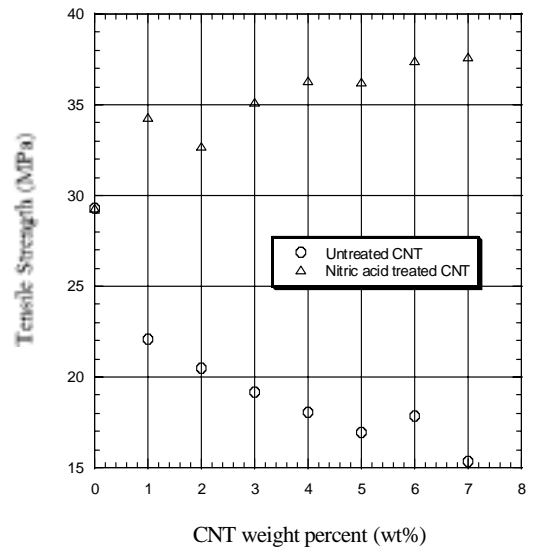


Fig. 5 The SEM images of Epoxy/CNT composites crack surface contains 1 wt% and 7 wt% of functionalized CNT.

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Fig. 6

Epoxy 가  
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Epoxy 가  
Epoxy 가  
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가 Epoxy  
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가 Fig. 6 Tensile strength of the specimen with CNT.

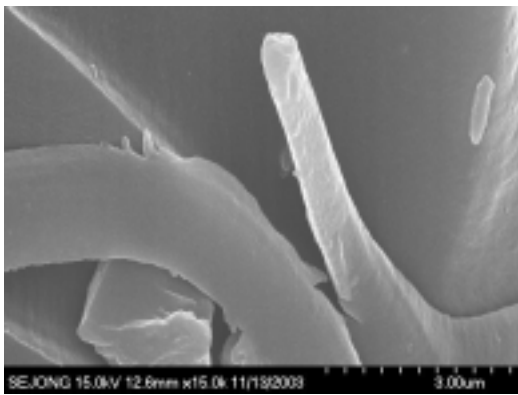
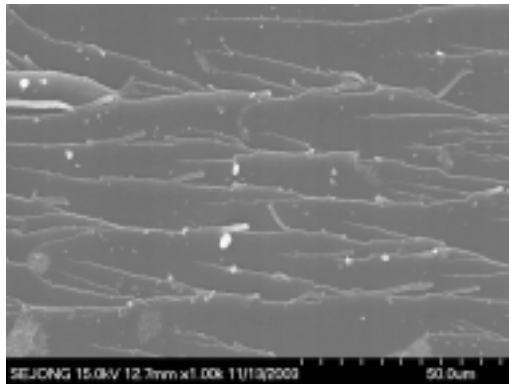


Fig. 7 The SEM photo of Epoxy/CNT composite crack surface with 7 wt% functionalized CNT.

Fig. 7 가 7 wt% SEM

Epoxy가

Epoxy

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4.2

Fig. 8

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Pin-on-disk

RPM, TIME,

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60 70°C

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13×13×3mm

1cycle

10mm,

10mm,

45N,

20,000cycles

가 10<sup>-5</sup>g

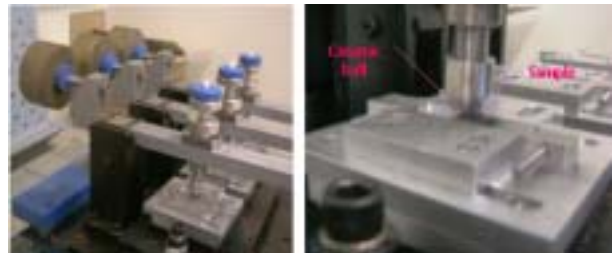


Fig. 8 Close-up view of wear tester and its setup.

Fig. 9 (a)

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Fig. 9 (b)

Fig. 9(a)

Fig. 9(c)

Fig. 9(a)

1mm

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Epoxy

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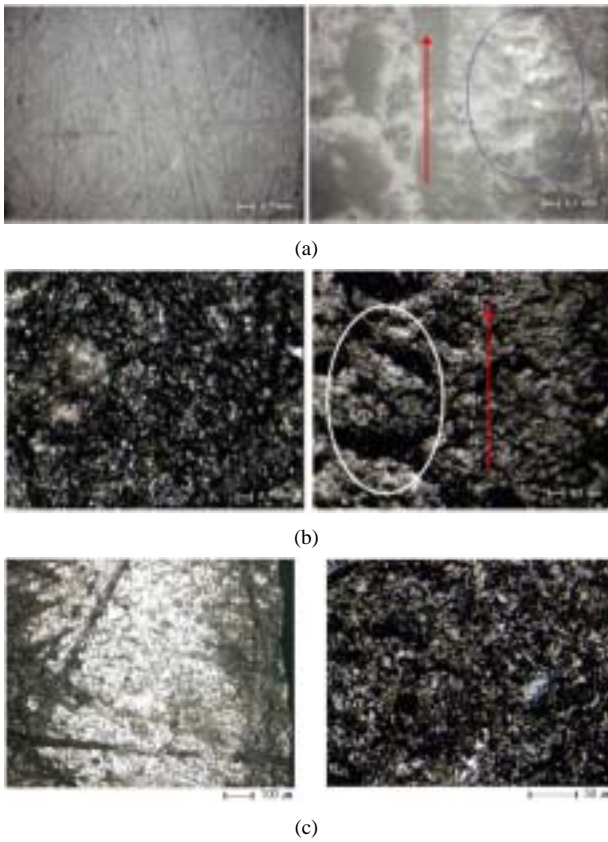


Fig. 9 Surface optical microscopic images on the wear track of (a) pure epoxy, (b) with untreated CNT, and (c) with nitric acid treated CNT.

Table. 2 Wear weight after 20,000 cycles (unit:g).

wt%	Untreated CNT	Acid treated CNT
1	346.2	3.3
2	380.4	3.7
3	423.2	2.7
4	422.5	3.3
5	402.7	3.6
6	403.3	4.0
7	434.8	3.7

(Wear weight for an epoxy specimen: 338.3g)

Table. 2 Epoxy,

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Epoxy  
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Epoxy

0.1%

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- Methanol
- Epoxy/

1.2~1.3

100

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