

CNG – Center for Nanostructured Graphene

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CNG focuses on basic research, but all its research projects have long-time perspectives with the aim of applications. Its research profile has a broad range: it involves polymer chemists, nanofabrication specialists, experimental physicists, and condensed matter theorists using a wide palette of analytical and numerical tools, including large scale simulations of nanodevices, ab initio electronic structure calculations, and theory of quantum transport.

The key word in CNG's research program is "control": we want to achieve an increased control of the electrical, thermal, and optical properties of graphene by using additional, carefully designed nanoscale features to the pristine material.

