

Examples of the different ways that graphene can be produced and the relationship between quality and price. Price (mass production)

## **GRAPHENE MARKET**

The Graphene Flagship's principal mission is to take technologies based on graphene from the laboratory to commercial applications. The full-scale application of graphene in commercial products is still several years in the future, which means there is time for Europe to secure a major role in this ongoing technological revolution in a market that is expected to exceed €100M by 2020 and reach €150-550M by 2025.

#### **GRAPHENE PRODUCERS**

Aixtron	aixtron.com
Avanzare	avanzarematerials.com
Gnext	graphene-xt.com
Graphenea	graphenea.com
Graphenest	graphenest.com
GrapheneTech	graphene-tech.net





# **GRAPHENE PRODUCTION**

# **A FAMILY OF MATERIALS**

Graphene is part of a whole family of related materials, each with discrete properties and applications. Different types of graphene are produced and processed in different ways.

- Graphene oxide is the product of liquid phase exfoliation by which monolayers or few layer flakes of graphene are exfoliated from graphite in a liquid medium. Graphene oxide is an important material for a range of applications in biomedicine, energy storage, nanocomposites and others.
- 2) Graphene crystals are grown on a variety of substrates for varying applications. Graphene grown on insulators, such as SiO2, typically produces a film with small crystallites, whereas growth on the close-packed surfaces of metals yields highly crystalline films. These crystals can be grown on wafers for electronic applications.
- 3) Chemical Vapour Deposition (CVD) graphene is produced through a process by which carbon atoms are evaporated and then deposited on copper foil. CVD graphene can be used for applications like transparent and flexible electronics as well as anti-corrosion coatings.





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# **GRAPHENE PRODUCTS BY THE GRAPHENE FLAGSHIP**

Graphene Flagship partners and associated members produce a wide range of graphene products. Here are just a few:

### Graphene films on wafer

- Produced by Chemical Vapor Deposition (CVD) allows for mass production.
- Used mainly in electronic applications
- High Electron Mobility graphene
- Already integrated in electronic devices production processes

Graphene Flagship partner Graphenea produces three sizes of graphene wafers at a scale of thousands per year:

4000 8" wafers/year

1000 6" wafers/year



# 1000 4" wafers/year

## **Graphene Flakes**

- Produced by several industrial exfoliation methods
- Available in bulk quantities
- High surface area material allows for low loadings
- Versatile material that can be used in composites, inks, energy storage, among others
- Available in powder format, dispersed in solvents and already dispersed in different matrices

In addition to wafers, Graphenea produces 250 tons of graphene oxide; graphene dispersed in a solvent, per year.



### Graphite Electrodes

TALGA, a Graphene Flagship associated member, manufactures graphene products

- Graphene and other graphitic products are used in Li-ion battery anodes and cathodes
  - Allow fast charging, high power, safer low temperature performance, corrosion protection of current collectors
- Si-enhanced anode material will increase Li-ion battery capacity in mWh/g
- Na-ion batteries are a potential future replacement for Li or lead acid batteries in cars

### **Graphene Inks**

- Low-cost graphene inks can replace metal inks for printed circuits in a wide range of smart devices
- Flexible circuits and sensors will lead to the development of smart connections and the Internet of Things
- Graphene based inks give printed textiles added functionality of touch sensors and circuits

Graphene Flagship associated member GrapheneTech produces GraphInk, a nontoxic water-resistant paint which is conductive and can be used on a wide variety of materials.





## **Spray Deposition Machine**

Through a collaboration fostered by the Graphene Flagship, partners Thales and M-SOLV have developed a Spray Deposition Machine.

- Used for the deposition of graphene-based materials for supercapacitor applications
- Spray deposition is an up and coming deposition technique in the battery and supercapacitor sector
- Versatility and large area capability allow electrodes and active materials to be deposited quickly over large areas
- By combining these with M-Solv's process capabilities, and combining laser, inkjet and spray deposition, a wide range of devices can be fabricated for energy storage