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As an atomic-scale-thick two-dimensional material, graphene has emerged as one of the most miracle materials and has generated intensive interest in physics, chemistry and even biology in the last decade.^(1,2) Nanoscale engineering and functionalization of graphene is a crucial step for many applications ranging from catalysis, electronic devices, sensors to advanced energy conversion and storage.⁽³⁾ In this talk, we *first* present a general theme for functionalization of graphene nanosheets, followed by showing our recent studies on electroactive functionalization of chemically exfoliated graphene materials and their potential applications in sensors, redox-based memory storage and supercapacitors. Our systems studied cover redox-active nanoparticles, electroactive supramolecular ensembles and redox enzymes which are integrated with graphene nanosheets and further transformed into thin films or graphene papers.⁽⁴⁻⁷⁾ Figure 1 shows an example for preparation of *Prussian* blue nanoparticles (PBNPs) doped graphene oxide (GO) and reduced GO (RGO) papers.

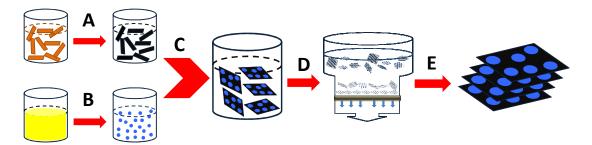


Figure 1. Schematic illustration of preparation of *electroactive, flexible* and *free-standing* graphene papers. A) Wet-chemical conversion of GO to RGO via hydrazine reduction, B) synthesis of PNBPs starting from the mixture of FeCl₃ and K_4 Fe(CN)₆, C) preparation of PBNPs-RGO hybrid nanosheets, and D) and E) processes of preparing PBNPs-RGO hybrid paper including filtration, drying and annealing.⁽⁴⁾ Not drawn to scale.

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