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Tile from Nitrogen-doped Graphene  
Quantum Dots (N-GQDs) for Rubber  
Drying Chambers**

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## Abstract

Improved methods of processing latex into rubber sheets will improve the incomes of small rubber producers. There are two ways in which latex can be processed into rubber sheets: fumigation and solar incubation. The fumigation method is expensive and produces pollution, but solar incubation can cause dark, sticky rubber sheets due to UV radiation, which reduces their value. A low-cost and environmentally-friendly solution to this problem was investigated here. A UV-protective roofing panel made using Nitrogen-doped Graphene Quantum Dots (N-GQDs) was developed and tested. N-GQDs were made using the hydrothermal process for 2 and 4 hours (T2 and T4) and the solvothermal process for 4, 6, and 8 hours (TS4, TS6, and TS8). It was found that all types of N-GQDs absorbed light in the UV range, with T4 showing the greatest absorption. T4 had the greatest Fluorescent Intensity (FL) value, emitting blue light, while for the solvothermal method TS6 had the highest FL value, emitting red light. T4 and TS6 were chosen for further testing, and were applied to a clear roofing tile. After installing the roof on the chamber, the temperature inside was higher than outside. Then we measure the UV protection efficiency of the roof which was 93.27%. The average temperature was 45°C, which is the temperature for drying rubber sheets. Due to the roof's capability to absorb UV radiation and heat the chamber, our N-GQDs roof has a great ability to produce higher-quality rubber sheets.

## Introduction

Thailand is the world's major rubber producer. Thai rubber plantation farmers still prefer to convert fresh latex to raw rubber sheets because most Thai rubber plantations are small plantations. There is not much productivity. Most of the rubber often processed into raw rubber sheets to be sold to merchants or fumigation factories. It also solved the problem of falling para rubber prices, which caused the Thai para rubber production structure to produce more rubber sheets than other rubber. (Kampan, 2017)

The processing of raw rubber latex into rubber sheets can be done in two ways: by fumigating raw rubber sheets or by drying raw rubber sheets. For the fumigation of raw rubber sheets, the cost of firewood is high, and heat loss is typically high. The second method, drying by solar incubation, can be considered a clean energy alternative that is not toxic to the environment and has unlimited renewable power. (Aguale et al., 2015) However, existing incubators often encounter problems with the formation of sticky and dark rubber sheets due to exposure to UV radiation, which reduces the value. One solution to the problem of UV damage is to use polycarbonate roofing tiles, but polycarbonate is slow to degrade, leading to long-term plastic waste issues. (Bacon et al., 2013)

Nitrogen-doped graphene quantum dots (N-GQDs) are particles having low biotoxicity and fluorescence properties. These particles can absorb most radiation in the UVB range, and the wavelengths of light emitted by Graphene Quantum Dots (GQDs) cover the entire visible light spectrum and the red spectrum (Sk et al., 2014). The efficiency of GQDs can be improved by coating them with nitrogen, called Nitrogen-doped Graphene Quantum Dots (N-GQDs), which was found to increase the fluorescence quantum yield, or fluorescence efficiency, by up to 94% (Qu et al., 2014). The efficiency of GQD particles as a fluorescent agent capable of absorbing UV radiation makes them effective as a particle for UV protection. (Purcell-Milton & Gun'ko, 2012) The low-cost methods for synthesizing N-GQDs are hydrothermal and solvothermal which use different solvents. The hydrothermal method uses water as a solvent and the solvothermal method uses acid as a solvent. (Gu et al., 2016)

Here, we develop and test the effectiveness of N-GQD-coated UV-protective roofing for rubber sheet drying plants to produce high-quality rubber sheets according to ASTM D882 standards which is the standard for testing physical properties of the polymer. The N-GQDs roofing dryer also uses clean energy that is not toxic to the environment and is renewable energy. This allows farmers to reduce their energy costs while producing higher quality rubber. For this reason, UV-protective N-GQD-coated roofing tiles may help to increase the country's potential in rubber sheet exports as well as the income of rubber farmers.

## Questions, Variables, and Hypothesis

### Questions

How can we improve the quality of rubber sheets along with decreasing pollution in a global environment?

1. To what extent do different durations for the synthesis of N-GQDs by hydrothermal method affect the wavelengths absorbed and emitted by the N-GQDs?
2. To what extent do different durations for the synthesis of N-GQDs by the solvothermal method affect the wavelengths absorbed and emitted by the N-GQDs?
3. To what extent does the roof from N-GQDs meet the ASTM D882 standard physical properties?
4. To what extent does the roof from N-GQDs effective in defending UV light?
5. To what extent does the roof from N-GQDs effective in retaining heat in rubber drying chamber?

### Variables

#### **Part 1: Study of the wavelengths absorbed and emitted by N-GQDs when using different hydrothermal synthesis periods.**

Independent Variables: Hydrothermal synthesis periods

Dependent Variables: The wavelength absorbed and emitted by N-GQDs

Control Variables: Reactant quantity, synthesis temperature, synthesis vessel

#### **Part 2: Study of the wavelengths absorbed and emitted by N-GQDs when using different solvothermal synthesis periods.**

Independent Variables: Solvothermal synthesis periods

Dependent Variables: The wavelength absorbed and emitted by N-GQDs.

Control Variables: Reactant quantity, synthesis temperature, synthesis vessel

#### **Part 3: Studying the physical properties of N-GQDs roof with ASTM D882.**

Independent Variables: N-GQDs roof

Dependent Variables: The physical properties of N-GQDs roof.

Control Variables: Sample size, test speed, instrumentation test

#### **Part 4: Study of the UV-protection efficiency of N-GQDs roof**

Independent Variables: N-GQDs roof

Dependent Variables: percentage of UV light passing N-GQDs roof

Control Variables: size of N-GQDs roof, initial amount of UV light

#### **Part 5: Study of the heat storage efficiency of rubber drying chamber from N-GQDs roof.**

Independent Variables: rubber drying chamber from N-GQDs roof

Dependent Variables: temperature difference inside the chamber and outside the chamber

Control Variables: Duration, test date, instrumentation test

### Hypothesis

1. Different synthesis durations in the hydrothermal method affect the wavelengths absorbed and emitted by N-GQDs.
2. Different synthesis durations in the solvothermal method affect the wavelengths absorbed and emitted by N-GQDs.
3. N-GQDs roof has high physical properties according to ASTM D882 standard.
4. N-GQDs roof has high UV-protection efficiency.
5. Rubber drying chambers with N-GQDs roofs have high heat storage efficiency.

## Background Research

### 1. Rubber

#### 1.1 Latex characteristics

Natural rubber is chemically known as cis-1,4-polyisoprene. The side chain group of rubber, polyisoprene, has very small electronegativity, making natural rubber not resistant to oil and giving it good electrical insulation. Moreover, natural rubber is also not resistant to UV radiation and ozone. The molecules are mixed in natural rubber latex, which resembles a milk-like white liquid because it is a colloid (Mastalygina et al., 2020).

#### 1.2 The raw rubber sheet

The raw rubber sheet is latex which goes through air and heat. A good quality rubber sheet is a flexible, clean rubber sheet with a uniform color and a standard size of 38-46 cm wide and 80-90 cm long, with a thickness of 3-4 mm. The good quality rubber increases the price of the rubber sheet. (Marlina & Adi Prasetya, 2017)

### 2. Solar drying method

An important problem with the limitation of solar rubber sheet curing is that the UV radiation present in the sun will result in the deterioration of the rubber sheet quality (ITOH et al., 2006). There are three types of UV color in sunlight: UVA has a wavelength of 320-400 nm, UVB has a wavelength of 280-320 nm, and UVC has a wavelength of 100-280 nm. The Earth intercepts it before it reaches the Earth's surface. Only UVA and UVB are left to penetrate the Earth's atmosphere and reach the Earth's surface, where UVA is up to 95% (Repacholi, 2000).

### 3. Quantum Dots

Quantum dots are nanoparticles with unique fluorescent characteristics (Sk et al., 2014). Quantum dots absorb light, then emit light at lower wavelengths. This feature has attracted a wide range of applications, such as cell imaging. The emission spectra of quantum dots can be controlled by the particle size. When the particle size is large, the longer the wavelength emitted (Purcell-Milton & Gun'ko, 2012).

Normally, quantum dots contain cadmium and others heavy metal, which is toxic to living organisms. Therefore, graphene quantum dots, which is based on carbon, was developed. It is water-soluble and non-toxic. The wavelengths emitted by graphene quantum dots are in the range of 235.2-995.5 nm (Sk et al., 2014). The main difference between graphene quantum dots and other types of quantum dots is the wide energy band range. This allows light emission to reach the red wavelength region (Bacon et al., 2013). Nitrogen coated on quantum dot (N-GQDs) to increase the fluorescent quantum yield (FL). According to the work of Dan Qu et al. up to 94% of the quantum graphene coating was achieved (Gu et al., 2016).

### 4. Polyvinyl alcohol; PVA

PVA is partially crystalline from its formation and is characterized by properties such as chemical resistance, water solubility, and biodegradability (Mok et al., 2020). PVA is chemically bound or physically entangled with nanoparticle surfaces (Guo et al., 2009) and common polymers used. Due to special chemical and physical properties, it is widely used as a substrate material, which should be used on land or away from the water surface (Kamoun et al., 2015), for example, over a large area, where it may be used as a film or adhesive (Ghebaur et al., 2012). Biocompatibility It is resistant to temperature and solar changes and is non-toxic to the environment and humans (Liu et al., 2007).

### 5. ASTM D882 standard

It is a standard designed specifically for the testing of plastics less than 1 mm thick and can be used to test any plastic specimen within this thickness range.

The test in this standard is for specimens with a thickness not exceeding 10% of the specimen length between the specimen holders. The specimen should not exceed 1 mm in thickness and be between 5.0 and 25.4 mm in width. The length of the test specimen is 100 mm-250 mm (Pryor, n.d.).

## Materials List

### 1. Materials

- 1) PVC pipe
- 2) Square mold 0.5 x 0.5 m<sup>2</sup>
- 3) metal angle bar 0.5 m

### 2. Equipments

- 1) teflon lined autoclave
- 2) Beaker
- 3) glass rod
- 4) measuring cylinder
- 5) UV meter

### 3. Tools

- 1) Thermal oven (UN55, Memmert)
- 2) Digital scale (Scout Pro, OHAUS)
- 3) UV/VIS Spectrophotometer (T60, PG INSTRUMENTS)
- 4) Fluorescence Spectrophotometer (F-4600, HITACHI)
- 5) Thermometer (MS6531A, MASTECH)
- 6) Tensile tester (KJ-10858, KINSGEO)
- 7) Overhead stirrer (OS40-S, DRAGON LAB)

### 4. Chemical

- 1) Citric acid (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>8</sub>O<sub>7</sub>)
- 2) Sulfuric acid (H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>)
- 3) Deionized water (H<sub>2</sub>O)
- 4) Urea (CH<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)
- 5) Poly vinyl alcohol (CH<sub>2</sub>CH)<sub>n</sub>

## Experiment Procedure

### 1. Synthesis and spectroscopy of the N-GQDs

Hydrothermal N-GQDs were synthesized by adding 2.1 g of citric acid and 1.8 g of urea to 50 ml of deionized water and stirring until the solution fully dissolved, then heating at 160°C for 2 and 4 hours. (T2 and T4, respectively). A UV/VIS spectrophotometer was then used to observe the wavelengths absorbed by T2 and T4. Finally, the spectrum emitted by a Fluorescence Intensity (FL) spectrophotometer using excitation wavelengths ranging from 250 to 375 nm was observed.

Solvothermal N-GQDs were synthesized by adding 2.1 g of citric acid and 1.8 g of urea in 50 ml of 7.4 M sulfuric acid and stirring until the solution fully dissolved, then heating at 210°C for 4, 6, and 8 hours. (TS4, TS6, and TS8, respectively). The UV/VIS spectrophotometer was then used again, and the FL spectrophotometer was used for wavelengths ranging from 250 to 425 nm which are the range of UV light.

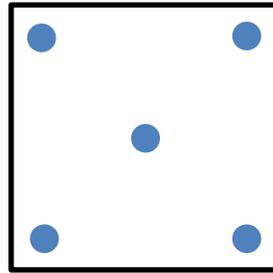
### 2. Making and testing of N-GQDs roofing tiles

T4, which absorbs light at the widest spectrum and has the highest FL, and TS6, which emits the highest wavelength and has the greatest FL, were chosen for further testing. 125 ml of each solution was mixed with 10 g of polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), then heated at 60°C with constant stirring for 2 hours.

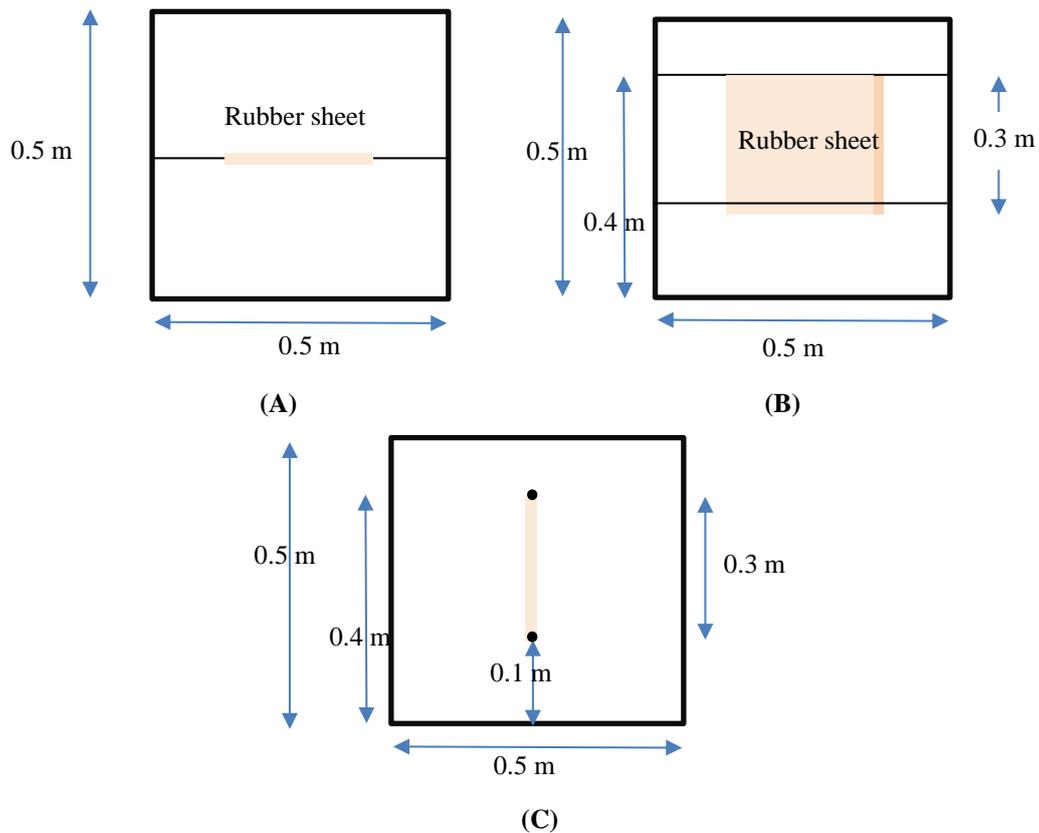
The solution was then poured into 10 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> and 50 x 50 cm<sup>2</sup> acrylic molds and allowed to cool until it forms a solid sheet. The sheet formed from PVA containing T4 is called P-UV and TS6 is called P-IR. The 10 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> sheets were cut into 5 pieces of 2 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> and tested with an ASTM D882 standard Tensile Tester.

### 3. UV-protection and heating efficiency of N-GQDs roofing tiles

One sheet each of  $50 \times 50 \text{ cm}^2$  P-UV (on top) and  $50 \times 50 \text{ cm}^2$  P-IR were layered to form a roof structure which was placed in direct sunlight. A UV meter was used to measure UV intensity at 12:00 pm directly above and below the roof at 5 points on the roof for 7 days, as shown in figure 1. A drying chamber with dimensions  $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 0.5 \text{ m}^3$  was built with the same 2-layer P-UV/P-IR roof design, and placed outside. Temperature measurements inside and outside the chamber were made for 7 days at 8:00, 12:00, and 16:00, as shown in figure 2.



**Figure 1** spots of UV intensity measurement on N-GQDs roof

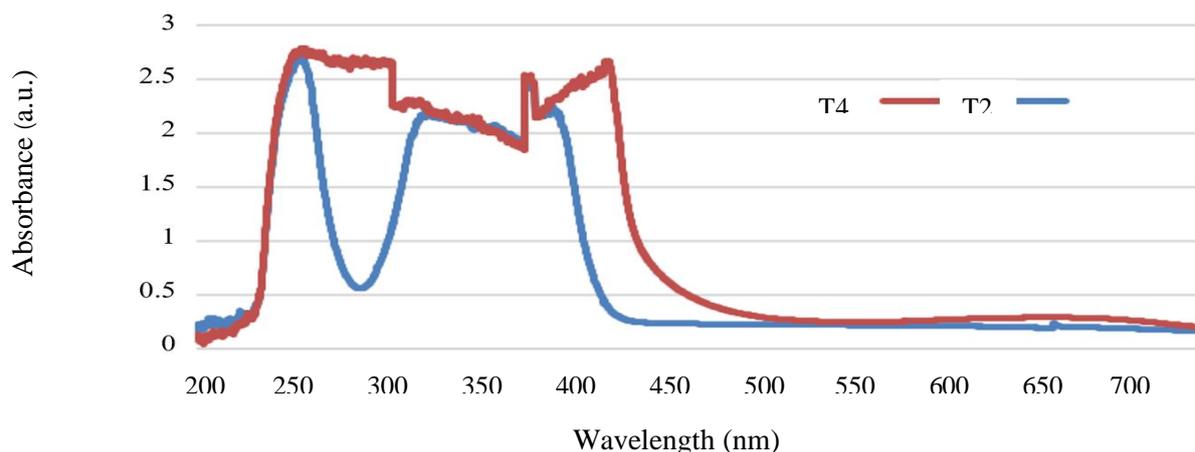


**Figure 2** drying chamber (A) Top view (B) Front view (C) Side view

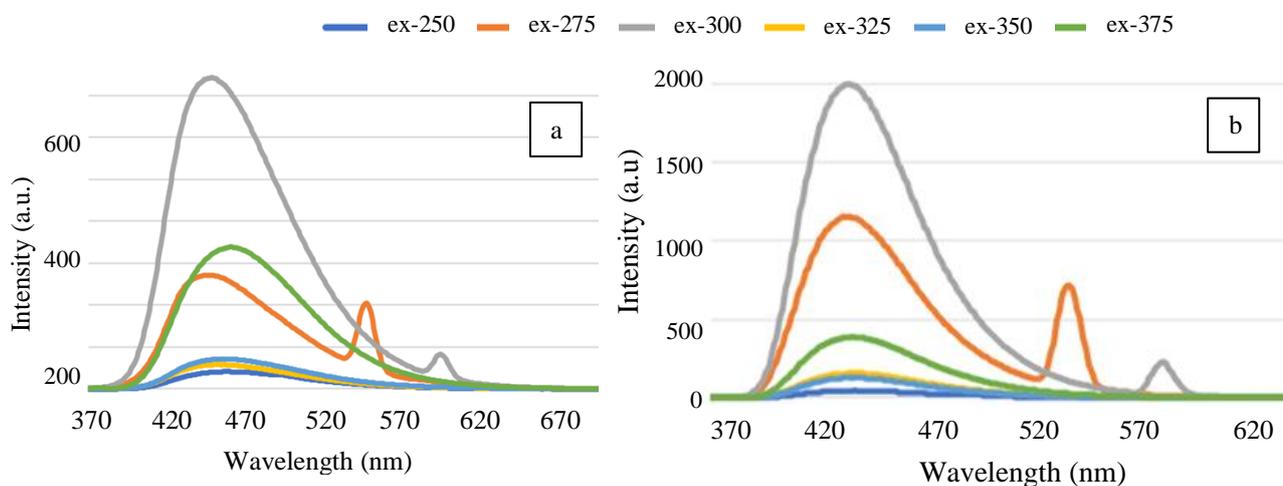
## Data Analysis and Discussion

### 1. The spectroscopy of N-GQDs for different hydrothermal synthesis periods

**Graph 1** shows the absorbance of N-GQDs (T2 and T4)



**Graph 2** (a) shows the emission spectrum of T2; (b) shows the emission spectrum of T4



Graph 1 shows that T2 and T4 absorbed light in the UV range. The graph also shows that T4 had the wider absorbance range, while T2 had the greatest absorbance at 364 nm and 250 nm, T4 had the greatest absorbance at 401.4 nm, 363.8 nm, 289.6 nm, and 253.6 nm.

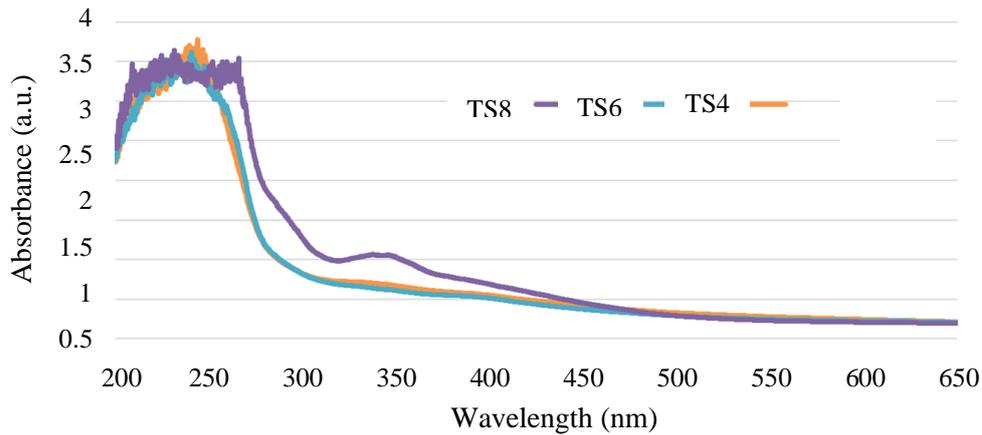
This is because the bandgap size, or energy band, of N-GQDs, is approximately 4 eV, and the particles do not absorb light with lower energies than the energy band. The energy of UV light is 3–124 eV, allowing the N-GQD particles to absorb light in the UV range.

Graph 2 (a) shows that T2 had the highest fluorescence intensity (FL) stimulated by 300 nm light with maximum FL at 452 nm. Graph 2 (b) shows that T4 had the highest FL stimulated by 300 nm light with a maximum FL 438 nm. In comparison, FL values of T4 were higher.

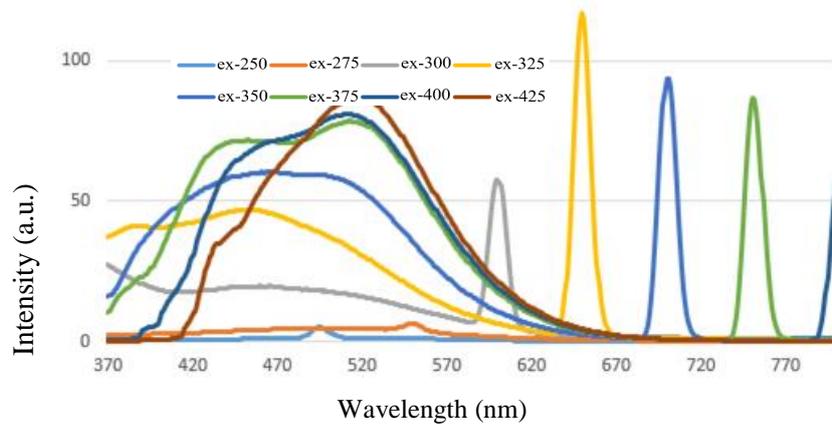
The synthesis time of N-GQDs affects the particle size (Papaioannou et al., 2019), If the particles are too large, the optical properties of N-GQDs are also reduced. From the experimental results, it was seen that the 2-hour synthesis time had lower FL values than the 4-hour synthesis (Gu et al., 2016).

2. The spectroscopy of N-GQDs for different solvothermal synthesis periods

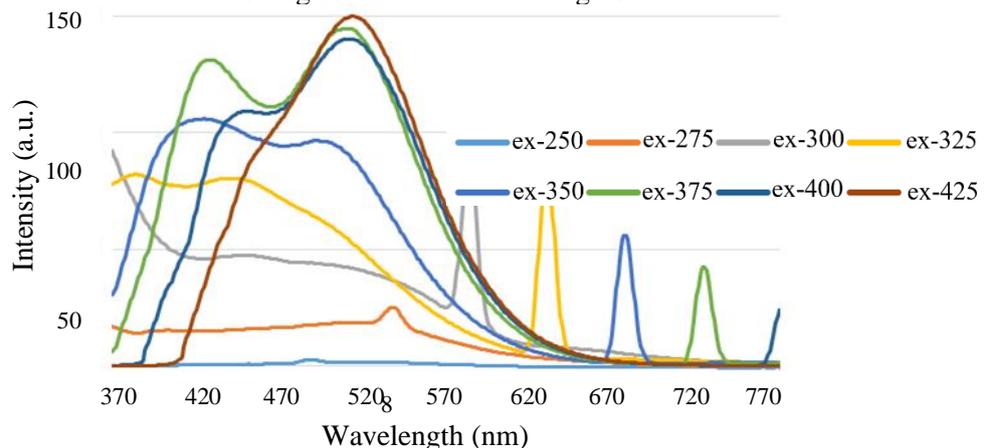
**Graph 3** shows the absorbance of the synthetic N-GQDs at 4, 6, and 8 hours (TS4, TS6, and TS8 respectively).

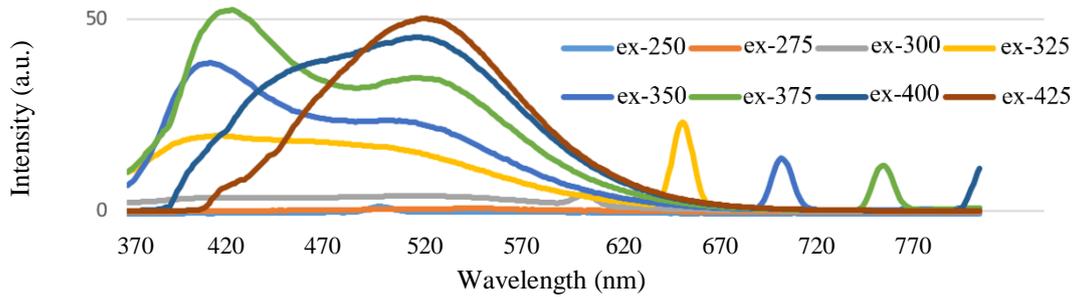


**Graph 4** shows the emission of synthetic N-GQDs at 4 hours (TS4), excitation light at different wavelengths



**Graph 5** shows the emission of synthetic N-GQDs at 6 hours (TS6) excitation light at different wavelengths





**Graph 6** shows the emission of synthetic N-GQDs at 8 hours (TS8), with excitation light at different wavelengths

Graph 3 shows that TS4, TS6, and TS8 had the greatest absorbance in the UV range, with TS4 having the greatest absorbance at 243.8 nm. TS6 had the greatest absorbance at 245 nm, and TS8 had the highest absorbance at 252 nm.

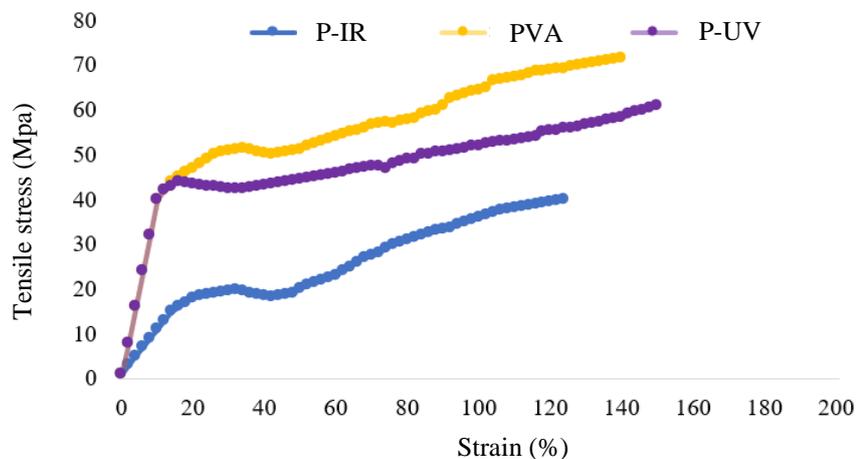
Graph 4 shows that when TS4 is stimulated at a wavelength of 425 nm, it had a peak FL value at a wavelength of 519 nm. Graph 5 shows that when TS6 is stimulated at a wavelength of 425 nm, it had a peak FL value at a wavelength of 525 nm. Graph 6 shows that when TS8 is excited at a wavelength of 375 nm, it had a peak FL value at a wavelength of 422 nm. Red light was emitted by all three conditions, but TS6 had the highest FL.

Solvothermal synthesis uses sulfuric acid as the solvent, which gives a sulfur coating to the N-GQD particles. This reduces the energy band size (Huali Shi et al., 2022), making it only inversely proportional to the absorbed wavelength, which made TS4, TS6, and TS8 absorb light at higher wavelengths than T4 and T6.

The results showed that the synthesis time of 6 hours was the period in which the FL was the highest, which means that this is the most appropriate duration. In addition, TS4, TS6, and TS8 emitted light at higher wavelengths than the hydrothermal synthesis, which uses water as the solvent. This is because the presence of sulfur coating causes the phenomenon of Red Shift, which causes the light emission spectrum of solvothermal synthesized particles to be higher than that of hydrothermally synthesized particles (Liu et al., 2021).

### 3. The physical properties of N-GQDs roofing tile

**Graph 7** shows stress-strain curves for P-IR, P-UV, and PVA



As shown in graph 7, P-IR had the lowest strength and elongation at break, while PVA had the highest. P-UV can be stretched the most at 141% and the least is P-IR at 124%. The tensile strength of P-IR, PVA, and P-IR were 40, 71.5, and 61, respectively.

Since P-IR roofing sheets contain a mixture of sulfuric acid-based N-GQDs, the pH of the solution prior to mixing with PVA is lower than that of P-UV. In 2000, it was reported that acetic acid content affects the structure of the PVA sheet, resulting in a decrease in the thickness of the PVA sheet and an increase in porosity due to the  $H_3O^+$  concentration. As a result, the sulfuric acid-containing P-IR is less resilient than the P-UV roof due to the concentration of  $H_3O^+$  ions, resulting in the sheet being slightly thinner and more porous (Chuang, 2000; Shi et al., 2008). Similarly, P-UV still shows a stress-strain curve comparable to PVA but slightly lower because of the mixture of particles.

#### 4. UV-protection and heating efficiency of N-GQDs roofing tiles

**Table 1** shows intensity and percentage of average UV light upper and lower side of PVA roof

Date	Upper side (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Lower side (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Percentage
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	2.9	2.5	13.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	3.4	3.0	11.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	3.7	3.2	13.5%
4 <sup>th</sup> Day	4.1	3.7	9.7%
5 <sup>th</sup> Day	4.1	3.8	7.3%
6 <sup>th</sup> Day	3.3	2.8	15.1%
7 <sup>th</sup> Day	2.8	2.5	10.7%
Average	3.47	3.07	15.2%

**Table 2** shows intensity and percentage of average UV light upper and lower side of N-GQDs roof

Date	Upper side (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Lower side (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Percentage
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	3.1	0.1	96.7%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	3.6	0.2	94.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	3.8	0.3	92.1%
4 <sup>th</sup> Day	4.2	0.4	90.4%
5 <sup>th</sup> Day	4.0	0.3	92.5%
6 <sup>th</sup> Day	3.2	0.2	93.7%
7 <sup>th</sup> Day	2.9	0.3	93.1%
Average	3.54	0.25	93.27%

Table1 shows the UV protection efficiency of PVA roof. According to the table, the average measured at upper and lower side of the roof are 3.47 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> and 3.07 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively. The average UV-protection efficiency of PVA roof is 15.2%.

Table 2 shows the UV protection efficiency of N-GQDs. As can be seen from the table, the average UV measured at upper and lower side of N-GQDs are 3.54 mW/cm<sup>2</sup> and 0.25 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of experiment, UV measured at upper side of the roof was highest at 4.2 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>. When calculated, the highest UV protection efficiency was 96.7%, the lowest was 90.4%, and the average was 93.27%.

**Table 3** shows the indoor and outdoor of PVA rubber drying chamber temperatures recorded in 3 time periods for 7 days

Date	8:00		12:00		16:00	
	Temperature inside (°C)	Temperature outside (°C)	Temperature inside (°C)	Temperature outside (°C)	Temperature inside (°C)	Temperature outside (°C)
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	34.3	33.9	39.0	38.5	38.1	36.3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	35.2	34.6	40.2	39.1	37.9	36.4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	36.0	35.0	40.0	38.8	39.0	36.9
4 <sup>th</sup> Day	35.2	34.0	39.9	39.1	38.5	36.5
5 <sup>th</sup> Day	35.5	34.6	39.5	38.0	39.1	37.0
6 <sup>th</sup> Day	33.6	32.1	38.4	37.5	38.9	37.4
7 <sup>th</sup> Day	35.2	34.5	40.3	39.7	38.7	36.5
Average	35.0	34.1	39.6	38.7	38.6	36.7

**Table 4** shows the indoor and outdoor of N-GQDs rubber drying chamber temperatures recorded in 3 time periods for 7 days

Date	8:00		12:00		16:00	
	Temperature inside (°C)	Temperature outside (°C)	Temperature inside (°C)	Temperature outside (°C)	Temperature inside (°C)	Temperature outside (°C)
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	39.3	33.9	47.3	38.5	42.5	36.3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	39.8	34.6	47.9	39.1	43.1	36.4
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	40.2	35.0	48.2	38.8	43.8	36.9
4 <sup>th</sup> Day	38.3	34.0	50.8	39.1	42.6	36.5
5 <sup>th</sup> Day	38.9	34.6	47.0	38.0	44.8	37.0
6 <sup>th</sup> Day	38.6	32.1	45.7	37.5	45.1	37.4
7 <sup>th</sup> Day	39.7	34.5	48.0	39.7	44.8	36.5
Average	39.3	34.1	47.8	38.7	43.8	36.7

**Graph 8** shows the difference between the mean temperature outside the chamber and the mean temperature inside the chamber.

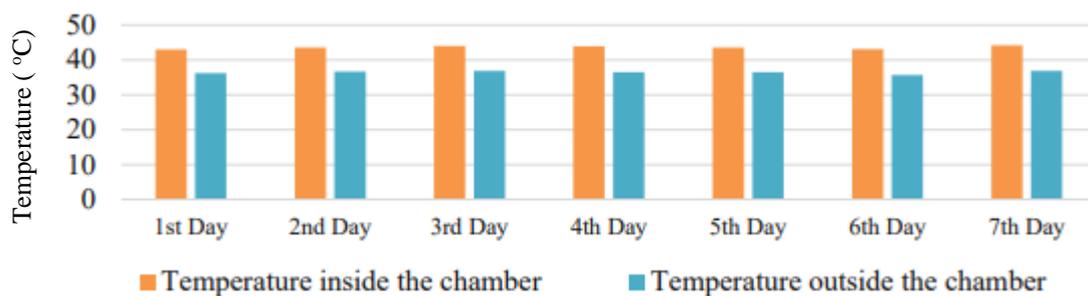


Table 3 shows that the temperature inside the chamber was higher than the temperature outside the chamber. The day with the highest indoor temperatures was on the 7<sup>th</sup> day at 12:00 at 40.3°C. The averages temperature difference between the inside and outside of the chamber at 8:00 was 0.9°C, at 12:00 was 0.9°C, and at 16:00 was 1.9°C.

Table 4 shows that the temperature inside the chamber was higher than the temperature outside the chamber. The day with the highest indoor temperature was on the 4<sup>th</sup> day at 12:00 at 50.8°C. The averages temperature difference between the inside and outside of the chamber at 8:00 was 5.2°C, at 12:00 was 9.1°C, and at 16:00 was 7.1°C.

Graph 8 shows that the average temperature inside the chamber was about 43°C, while the temperature outside was around 38°C. The highest average indoor temperature was recorded on the seventh day, at 44.2°C.

Because the absorption spectrum of T4 contained P-UV and the emission spectrum of TS6 contained P-IR, a P-UV layer was applied to the N-GQDs roof to protect the rubber sheets from UV radiation, and a P-IR layer was applied to produce heat in the chamber.

In addition, the amount of UV light varied at different times of the day. When measuring the UV radiation in the chamber at 25 different points, the UV radiation at 12:00 was the highest, followed by 16:00 and 08:00, respectively. This meant that the amount of red light produced by P-IR was different at different times.

### **Conclusions**

From our study, we found that after synthesis, T4 had the highest absorbance in the UVA, UVB, and UVC ranges. In addition, TS6 had the highest FL in the range of red light, which has the most heat among visible light. When the polymer was molded, we found that the P-UV roof from T4 had more strength than the P-IR roof from TS6. After studying heat storage efficiency, we also found that the temperature inside the solar drying chamber was higher than the temperature outside. The average UV protection efficiency of N-GQDs roof was 93.27%. Lastly, the average temperature inside the solar drying chamber was 43°C, which is the most suitable temperature for drying rubber sheets. Finally, we can conclude that our innovation, N-GQDs roofs, can produce high quality rubber sheets for rubber farmers with low-cost and environmentally friendly methods.

### **Ideas for future research**

For further research, we plan to adapt our N-GQDs innovation to urban society to promote UV protection of people's skin or eyes. For example, it could be adapted to glass surfaces like windows or film coverings such as on mobile phones. In addition, it could be adapted to greenhouses to help make the crops' light spectrum more specific, which would have a positive effect on the growth of vegetables.

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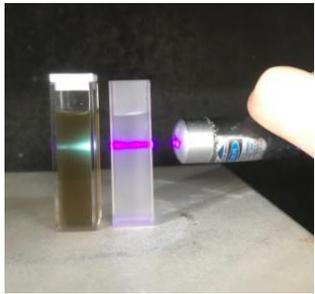
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## Appendix

		
<p style="text-align: center;">A.1 Measuring chemical</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.2 Teflon lined autoclave in oven</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.3 comparing T4 with water</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">A.4 UV/VIS spectrophotometer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.5 Measuring fluorescent spectrum</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.6 Mixture of TS6 and PVA</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">A.7 Preparing of roof's mold from acrylic</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.8 Forming of P-UV</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.9 Tensile tester</p>
		
<p style="text-align: center;">A.10 Testing physical propertie of P-IR and P-UV</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.11 P-IR sample for testing physical properties</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A.12 Prototype of rubber drying chamber</p>

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This is an interesting and creative idea to solve the problem of rubber drying chamber. The idea of using Nitrogen doping QDs is good; however, the structure of the produced materials can be more detailly studied. It would be even better to talk about the possibility of scale-up production, perhaps compare with the performance of currently used materials.