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Amor M. Abdelkader obtained a PhD in Materials Science and Metallurgy from Cambridge University in 2011 under the supervision of Professor Derek J. Fray, FRS. He then studied self-healing materials with Professor Sybrand van der Zwaag at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands. In 2012, he joined the University of Manchester's Department of Materials to work on graphene technologies. His research then led him to the National Graphene Institute, where he collaborated with Professor Sir Kostya Novoselov (winner of the 2010 Nobel Prize in Physics). He returned to Cambridge in 2016, where he joined Professor Andrea C. Ferrari's team at the Cambridge Graphene Centre. In 2017, Amor M. Abdelkader was appointed Associate Professor of Advanced Materials at Bournemouth University. He is also a visiting professor at Cambridge University. He has published over 70 articles and a book chapter, and has filed 20 patents. His research activities cover a wide range of materials, from recently discovered nanomaterials to traditional engineering materials such as alloys and ceramics. He also has a keen interest in carbon dioxide sequestration.

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