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<b>Qualifications</b>	<p><b>PhD</b> - Solid State Physics (University of Colombo-2001) <b>MPhil</b> - Photochemistry (University of Sri Jayawardanapura-1996) <b>Diploma</b>-Chemical Engineering (Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan-2002) <b>BSc- First Class</b>: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics (University of Colombo-1992) <b>Postdoc</b> – USA , Australia, Japan, Israel Energy storage devices &amp; Instrumentation <b>Best Scientist at ITI</b> - adscientificindex ranking; <a href="https://www.adscientificindex.com/?university=Industrial+Technology+Institute">https://www.adscientificindex.com/?university=Industrial+Technology+Institute</a></p>
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<b>Research Experience</b>	<p>30 years research experience in materials science and engineering: nanotechnology based applications in photovoltaic cells, Li-ion batteries and water purification. Advanced instrumental analysis using AFM, Raman, XPS, XRD, SEM, FTIR, TG-DTA. Over 2800 citations in reputed SCI journals, H-index 25, i10 index-29. <a href="https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=pBS1QscAAAAJ&amp;hl=en">https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=pBS1QscAAAAJ&amp;hl=en</a></p>
<b>Postdoctoral &amp; Professional work</b>	<p>Fulbright Awards, USA (2017), Endeavour Awards, Australia-06 months(2010), Japan scholarship in promotion of science (JSPS) for 2 Yrs (2003-2005), UNESCO Fellowship in Japan for 1 Yrs (2001-2002), and International conference presentations in Texas, Hawaii, Florida in USA, Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara in Japan.</p>
<b>Interest Areas</b>	<p>Materials Science and Engineering: Photocatalytic water purification, Photovoltaic cells, Li-ion rechargeable batteries with Graphene and graphite anodes</p>
<b>Major Technology Transfers and Commercialization</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Highly conductive graphite from local graphite as a value addition.</li><li>• Mass scale production of graphene and reduced graphene oxide (rGO) from Sri Lankan graphite as a high value addition-commercialization began</li><li>• Mass scale production of graphene oxide and graphite oxide (GO) as a high value addition</li><li>• Fabrication of clay water filter for removal of fluoride and heavy metals from water.</li><li>• Apparatus and method for upgrading low grade Sri Lankan graphite as a value addition</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purification of local graphite into high level as a value addition to graphite</li> </ul>
<p><b>Major Projects Undertaken</b> (as Principal Investigator or Advisor)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purification of graphite as a high value addition (funded by NSF Grants, SL for commercialization- 2021)</li> <li>• Modification of MTS clay water filter to suppress harmful bacteria activity and other contaminants including fluoride and heavy metals in drinking water (TG-2021)</li> <li>• Further development of red clay based superior quality cookware (TG-2021)</li> <li>• Demand driven automotive rechargeable cost efficient battery Manufacturing (TG-2021)</li> <li>• Preparation of composite membrane for Reverse Osmosis. (TG-2021)</li> <li>• Production process equipment and wastewater treatment plant for Graphene production process - Funded by Treasury Grants (TG-2019)</li> <li>• Improvement of thermal conductivity of rubber using graphite based nanocomposite as a value addition - Funded by Treasury Grants (TG-2018)</li> <li>• Further work on production of high quality graphene based materials from local graphite for high-tech application (NRC Grants-2016)</li> <li>• Development of filter/apparatus for decontamination of water Hardness (TG-2016)</li> <li>• Development of clay water filter for removal of F, As, and Cd ions from water(TG-2014)</li> <li>• Photocatalytic technology for treatment of agrochemical waste water (TG-2013)</li> <li>• Purification of graphite to high level as a value addition (NSF -2013)</li> <li>• Synthesis and characterization graphene &amp; composites for electronic materials (NRC-2012)</li> <li>• Photocatalytic water reactor for purification of domestic water (TG-2011)</li> <li>• Microwave synthesis of graphene as a value addition to graphite (TG-2011)</li> <li>• Development of clay filter for removal of fluoride and other contaminants (TG-2011)</li> <li>• Further work on fabrication of glazed cookware with high thermal resistance (TG-2011)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Patents</b> (NRC, NSF and TG Research Grants-Sri Lanka and collaborative research overseas)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>I.R.M. Kottegoda</b>, L.D.C. Nayanajith, R.C.L. De Silva, M.D.Y. Milani, D.S. Samarawickrama, Heat Conducting Wear Resistant Rubber/Graphite Composite and Preparation Method Thereof <i>Sri Lanka Patent No. 20614</i> (2023).</li> <li>• <b>I.R.M. Kottegoda</b>, D.S.M. Perera, H.C.D.P. Colombage, R.C.L. De Silva and L.D.C. Nayanajith. Cofea-Arabica graphene nanocomposite with effective antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties for biomedical application and preparation method thereof, <i>Sri Lanka Patent No. 22011</i> (2023).</li> <li>• <b>I.R.M. Kottegoda</b> A.M.K.L. Abeykoon, H. M. B. I. Gunathilaka, H.C.D.P. Colombage. An apparatus and process to convert low purity graphite into high purity graphite by low cost ecofriendly physical technique. <i>Sri Lanka Patent No. 20921</i> (2023).</li> <li>• <b>I.R.M. Kottegoda</b>, R.C.L. De Silva (Industrial Technology Institute). An apparatus and a method of preparation of graphene and reduced graphene oxide on mass scale in few minutes. <i>Sri Lanka Patent No. 20447</i> (2022)</li> <li>• <b>I.R.M. Kottegoda</b> and W.R.L. Wijesekara, (Industrial Technology Institute). Catalyst supported solar treatment for decontamination of agrochemical contaminated wastewater. <i>Sri Lanka Patent No. 20264</i> (2021)</li> <li>• <b>I.R.M. Kottegoda</b>, M.T.V.P. Jayaweera, W.L.N.C. Liyanage, C.P.H. Rajapaksha (Industrial Technology Institute) Preparation of graphene/Metal oxide/polyaniline nano- composites for application in energy storage devices. <i>Sri Lanka Patent- 18303</i> (2021).</li> </ul>

- **I.R.M. Kottegoda** and R.C.W. Arachchi (Industrial Technology Institute). Serial Pot Filter System for Removal of Hardness, fluoride and Heavy Metal Ions from Water. *Sri Lanka Patent No. 20234* (2021).
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- I.P.L. Jayarathna, J.T.S.T. Jayawardane, R.C.W. Arachchi, H.A.M.I.T. Hettiarachchi, **I.R.M. Kottegoda** (Industrial Technology Institute) 2019. Regeneration method of red-clay filter for removal of fluoride from water. *Sri Lanka Patent- 18302*
- K.S.P. Karunadasa, H.D.D.P. Gunasekara H.A.M.I.T. Hettiarachchi, W.R.L. Wijesekara, **I.R.M. Kottegoda** (Industrial Technology Institute) 2018. Fabrication of photo-catalytic continuous flow reactor using plastic pipes for decontamination of organic waste. *Sri Lanka Patent- 18851*
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, I.P.L. Jayarathna, J.T.S.T. Jayawardane, R.C.W. Arachchi, H.A.M.I.T. Hettiarachchi (Industrial Technology Institute) 2017. Red-clay water filter body composition for removal of arsenic, cadmium and fluoride from water. *Sri Lanka Patent – 19158*
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, M.T.V.P. Jayaweera (Industrial Technology Institute) 2017. Preparation of highly oxidized graphite oxide suitable for synthesis of high quality graphene and composites. *Sri Lanka Patent- 18301*.
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, J.T.S.T. Jayawardane, H.C.D.P. Colombage, M.T.V.P. Jayaweera (Industrial Technology Institute) 2017. Purification of natural graphite for preparation of high quality graphite oxide as a value addition. *Sri Lanka Patent- 18248*.
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, L.D.C. Nayanajith, C.H. Manoratne, M.T.V.P. Jayaweera (Industrial Technology Institute) 2017. Preparation of graphene oxide and few layer graphene as a value addition to local graphite *Sri Lanka Patent -18157*.
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, K.S.P. Karunadasa, H.A.M.I.T. Hettiarachchi, H.D.D.P. Gunasekara (Industrial Technology Institute) 2016. Immobilization of TiO<sub>2</sub> on a substrate using polymer/binder/adhesive for photo-catalytic air/water purification system, *Sri Lanka Patent. 17486*
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, D.S. Samarawickrama, H.C.D.P. Colombage (Industrial Technology Institute) 2016. Low cost continuous flow solar reactor for purification of bacterial/organic contaminated water. *Sri Lanka Patent 16731*
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, W.H.A.G. Prematilake, G.P.C.A. Dharmasiri, B.U. Hettiarachchi, R.C.W. Arachchi (Industrial Technology Institute) 2016. Development of a red-clay based water filter for the remediation of fluoride contaminated water. *Sri Lanka Patent, 16753*.
- **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, M.T.V.P. Jayaweera, W.N.D. Bandara (Industrial Technology Institute) 2016 Method of preparation of a gas sensor based on reduced graphene oxide/tin oxide nanocomposite, *Sri Lanka Patent- Application No. 18615*.
- C.H. Manoratne, J.T.S. Motha, L.D.C. Nayanajith, **I.R.M. Kottegoda** (Industrial Technology Institute) 2011. Development of Self-cleaning Ceramic Tile, Yoga Milani, *Sri Lanka Patent 15302*.
- M. Wakihara and **I.R.M. Kottegoda** (Tokyo Institute of Technology) 2004 Lithium Ion Batteries, TLO Japan Patent 2004-116673.
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- K. Tennakone, **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, and G.R.R.A. Kumara (Industrial Technology Institute) 1998 Continuous flow reactor for solar decontamination of water, *Sri Lanka Patent 11499*.

**Awards memberships,  
Scholarships & Recognition**

- Dasis awards (2023) for apparatus for purification of graphite up to 99% by Sri Lanka Inventors Commission.
- Sahasak Nimavum (2022)-A Gold medal: Invention of apparatus for Graphite purification above 98% using non-chemical method. (Sri Lanka Inventors Commission).
- Sahasak Nimavum (2022)-A Gold medal: Invention of an apparatus for fast production of graphene
- Sahasak Nimavum (2022)-A Silver medal: Purification of graphite up to 99.99%
- Sahasak Nimavum (2021)-A Gold medal for invention of clay filter for removal of fluoride, arsenic and cadmium from water (Sri Lanka Inventors Commission).
- SUSRED Awards for degree supervision on "Application of graphene" 2018 by National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Presidential Awards 2017 for invention of clay filter for removal of fluoride and heavy metals from water (Sri Lanka Inventors Commission).
- Presidential Awards 2016 for invention of clay filter for removal of fluoride ion from water (Sri Lanka Inventors Commission).
- Finalist for WAITRO innovation award (World Association of Industrial and Technological Original Research Organization) for invention "Clay filter for removal of F-, As and Cd from water" 2016
- Life time APEX award of professional excellence in science & technology by Organization of Professional Association (OPA) 2016
- Received Presidential Research award (by NRC) for publications in several years.
- Received Merit award for publications in several years by (NRC).
- Selected to represent Sri Lanka as Expert in Nanotechnology conferences held in Indonesia (IWON-2013) and in Thailand (Expert group meeting on nanotechnology-2011)
- Chartered Physicist - Institute of Physics Sri Lanka (IPSL)
- A member of Electrochemical Society (ECS) USA-2003 (Year obtained)
- Received highly competitive Fulbright professional award in USA 2017
- Received highly competitive Endeavour Awards (postdoctoral) in Australia 2010.
- Received highly competitive JSPS (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science) (postdoctoral) in Japan 2003-3005.
- Received highly competitive UNESCO (postdoctoral) fellowship in Japan (2001-2002)
- A Life time member of Sri Lanka Association of Australia Awards Alumni (SLAAAA).
- A Life time member of institute of Physics Sri Lanka (IPSL).
- A Life time member of Sri Lanka Association for Advancement of science (SLAAS).
- A reviewer in scientific (SCI) journals and local journals in materials science, Li-ion battery research.
- Resource person in area of nanotechnology.

**Publications**

**Li-ION BATTERIES and Graphene (SCI Publications)**

- Chathuranga D. N. P. I, Silva R. C. L. D, Nayanajith L. D. C, Abeykoon A. M. K. L, Colombage H. C. D. P, Dulaj M. H. T, Kottegoda I. R. M. Effects of rGO Concentration on Electrical and Mechanical Properties of rGO Natural Rubber Nanocomposite. Mat. Sci. Res. India;20(2)100-109. Doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13005/msri/200203>
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- Nayanajith, R.C.L. De Silva, S.R.D. Rosa and I.R.M. Kottegoda, *Materials Sci. Research India* (2022) 19(1) 26-35. Doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13005/msri/190103>
- Anti-Inflammatory and Antioxidant Properties of Coffea Arabica/Reduced Graphene Oxide Nanocomposite Prepared by Green Synthesis, D. S. M. Perera, R. C. L. De Silva, L. D. C. Nayanajith, H.C.D.P. Colombage, T.S. Suresh, W.P.K.M. Abeysekera, **I. R. M. Kottegoda**, *Material Sci. Research* 18(3) (2021). Doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13005/msri/180306>
  - Vimukthi Jayaweera, W.L.N.C. Liyanage, R.C.L. De Silva, S.R.D. Rosa and **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, Reduced graphene oxide/SnO<sub>2</sub>/Polyaniline ternary composite for high-performance supercapacitors, (2021) *Material Science Research India*, 18(2), 206-216. Doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.13005/msri/180208>
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  - P. Kumarathilaka, V. Jayaweera, H. Wijesekera **I. R. M. Kottegoda**, S. R. D. Rosa, and M. Vithanage Insights into starch coated nanozero valent iron-graphene composite for Cr(VI) removal from aqueous medium P. Kumarathilaka, V. Jayaweera, HasinthaWijesekera, *Journal of Nanomaterials* (2016) 1-10. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2016/2813289>
  - **Iresha R. M. Kottegoda**, X. Gao, L.C.D. Nayanajith, C.H. Manorathne, J-Z. Wang and H-K. Liu, Yossi Gosef 2015. Comparison of Few-layer Graphene Prepared from Natural Graphite through Fast Synthesis Approach. *J. Material Science & Technol.* 31: 907–912. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jmst.2015.07.014>
  - **Iresha R.M. Kottegoda**, N. H. Idris, L. Lu, J.-Z. Wang and H.-K. Liu 2011. Synthesis and Characterization of Graphene-Nickel Oxide Nanostructures for Fast Charge-Discharge Application. *Electrochimica Acta* 56 : 5815–5822. doi:10.1016/j.electacta.2011.03.143
  - **Iresha R.M. Kottegoda**, Zhumabay Bakonov, Hiromasa Ikuta, Yoshiharu Uchimoto, and Masataka Wakihara 2005. Electrochemical Performance of Lithium Polymer Battery Based on PC/ polymer Borate Ester Plasticizers *ECS. Solid-State Lett.* 8(1):A30-33 DOI: 10.1149/1.1833652
  - **Iresha R.M. Kottegoda**, Y. Kadoma, H. Ikuta, Y. Uchimoto, and M. Wakihara 2005. High rate capable lithium-ion battery based on surface-modified natural graphite anode and substituted spinel cathode for hybrid electric vehicles. *J. Electrochem. Soc.* 152 (8): A1595-99. DOI: 10.1149/1.1948987
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  - Shota Kobayashi, **Iresha R.M. Kottegoda**, Y. Uchimoto, and M. Wakihara 2004. XANES and XSAFs analysis of nano-sized manganese dioxide as a cathode material for Li-ion batteries. *J. Mater. Chem.* 14: 1843-8. <http://www.rsc.org/suppdata/jm/b3/b315443b/>
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#### PHOTOVOLTAIC CELLS (SCI Publications)

- 2003. Dye sensitized photo electrochemical cells made from nanocrystalline tin (iv) oxide composite films. *J. Electron. Mater.* 18: 312.
- K. Tennakone, V.P.S. Perera, **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, L.A.A.De Silva, G.R.R.A.Kumara 2000. Dye-sensitized solid-state photovoltaic cells: Suppression of electron-hole recombination by deposition of the dye on a thin insulating film in contact with a semiconductor. *J. Electron. Matter.* A. Konno 30 (8): 992-996.

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- K.Tennakone, G.K.R.Senadeera, D.B.R.A.De Silva, **I.R.M. Kottegoda** 2000. Highly stable dye sensitized solid state solar cell with the semiconductor 4CuBr.3S(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>2</sub> as the hole collector. *App. Phys .lett.* 77(15): 2367.
- K. Tennakone, G.R.R.A. Kumara, **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, V.P.S. Perera 1999. An efficient dye-sensitized solar cell made from oxides of tin and zinc, *Chem. Commun.* 15.
- K. Tennakone, V.P.S.Perera, **I.R.M. Kottegoda** and G.R.R.A. Kumara 1999. Dye-sensitized solid-state photovoltaic cells based on composite zinc oxide/tin(IV) oxide films. *J. Phys. D: Appl. Phys.* 32 (4): 374.
- K. Tennakone, **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, L.A.A.De Silva and V.P.S. Perera 1999. The possibility of ballistic electron transport in dye-sensitized semiconductor nanocrystalline particle aggregates. *Semicond. Sci. Technol.* 14: 1.
- K. Tennakone, G.K.R. Senadeera, V.P.S. Perera, I.R.M. Kottegoda, and L.A.A.De Silva 1999. Dye-sensitized photoelectrochemical cells based on porous SnO<sub>2</sub>//ZnO composite and TiO<sub>2</sub> films with a polymer electrolyte, *Chem. Mater.* 11: 9.
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- M.D.R. De Costa, R.C.L. De Silva, L.D.C. Nayanajith, H.C.D.P Colombage, **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, S.R.D. Rosa, 2021. Electrical performance and material characterization of reduced graphene oxide (rGO) / titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) composite for supercapacitors, *Sri Lankan Journal of Physics* 22-2 (2021) 1-12.
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- V. Jayaweera, H. Wijesekara, S. Wijebahu, P. Kumarathilaka, **I.R.M. Kottegoda**, S.R.D. Rosa, M. Vithanage 2015. Starch coated nano-zero valent iron embedded graphene composite for chromium (VI) removal from aqueous solution, *Proceedings of 4<sup>th</sup> Nanotoday conference*, December in Dubai.-*Oral Presentation*

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