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### Nanocarbon Composites for Energy Storage Applications

OCT 25 | Bldg. 101  
14:00 TUE | Seminar Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor

#### Abstract:

In my talk, I will introduce our recent work on energy storage nanocarbon composite materials. Several structural designs of graphene and nano silicon anode composites were prepared for high energy density lithium ion battery; We also produced double-shell of graphene and artificial solid state electrolytes, such as  $\text{Li}_7\text{P}_3\text{S}_{11}$  (LPS),  $\text{Li}_4\text{SiO}_4$ ,  $\text{LiAlO}_2$ , encapsulated commercial Si nanoparticles structure for LIB anode with excellent cycling stability and superior rate capability. A simple ball milling method was found to be a suitable method to produce nano-sized  $\text{LiMn}_2\text{O}_4$  and nanocarbon (graphene, carbon nanotubes, or super P) composites for high performance hybrid supercapacitor application. I will also introduce our work using porous nanocarbons as Li host materials for Lithium metal battery application.

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Special Guest Seminar



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### Designing Catalysts for Chirality-Selective Synthesis of Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes

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15:10 THU | Seminar Room on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor

#### Abstract:

How to precisely control the structures of SWNTs during growth is one of the most challenging tasks in carbon nanotube research field. [1]. In this contribution, we will first address the SWNT growth thermodynamics, the importance of subsurface carbon and carbon concentration inside catalyst will be highlighted [2]. It is revealed that subsurface carbon is necessary for the nucleation of carbon cap, and the carbon concentration inside catalyst determines the SWNT growth mode, *i.e.* tangential or perpendicular mode [3]. By carefully tune SWNT growth mode, large-diameter SWNTs which tend to collapse spontaneously [4], small-diameter SWNTs with large chiral angles [5] and SWNT intramolecular junctions with reversible diameter change [6] are achieved. Meanwhile, a general model regarding SWNT growth kinetics is proposed and verified by carefully designed experiments.

On the basis of SWNT growth mechanisms, we have designed a number of monometallic and bimetallic catalyst systems for chiral-selective synthesis of SWNTs [7,8]. The catalysts are either prepared by atomic layer deposition or from solid solution, leading to the formation of uniform catalyst particles upon reduction at low reaction temperature, which ultimately catalyze the growth of mainly near-armchair SWNT species.

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