Materials Research in Energy Conversion, Storage, and Efficiency

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High-Pressure Applications

Neutron and Synchrotron X-Ray Rivalry and Complementary

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Scientific societal efforts reflect the growing global concerns on energy and environment It also points out the opportunities that materials researchers can take.





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Industrial



S.S. Lighting



Building



Transportation



Catalysts



Hydrogen



E. Storage



Power Grid



Renewable



Biomass



Solar



Wind



Nuclear



Oil & Gas



Coal



Environment



Economics



Global









Energy Transfer

Life requires energy, which flows from the Sun to plants and then to other organisms.

Human Activity Contributes to the "Greenhouse Effect"

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organism to organism. Human activity contributes significantly to what it known as the "greenhouse effect," which occurs when excessive carbon in the atmosphere slows down the natural flow of heat into space, increasing the Earth's temperature. • Actoring to the U.S. Forest Service, all the forests in the Chited States combaned took in about 300 million tops of carbon per year from 1952 to 1992, offsetting only about 25% of human-caused carbon emissions during that period.

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Energy Transformation

Energy transfer occurs us a molecular level within cells. Onloroplasts inside plant cells store light energy in the chemical bonds of glucose molecules during photonymenesis. Glucose not only stores energy, but is also the bank building material of alle. Inside the cell, mitochondria continue the flow of energy by performing cellular missions. With the nets of oxygers, they break down glucose molecules, miniming the stored energy in the form of heat and ATP molecules.

Carbon Dioxide & Water

> Stored Sugars

> > Oxygen

Genetic Delects

Heart Abnormalities

Genetic defects can interfere with the body's energy transfer piocesses. Heart abnormalities, one of the most common types of congenital beth defects, can cause excessive amounts of blood to flow between the heart chambers or obstruct the flow of blood into the heart. An improperly formed heart can cause serious problems because blood from the lungs carries oxyger, a stal component of celular respiration.

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Gas Adsorption



Y(BTC)(H2O)·4.3H2O (BTC = 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate) for the present case.

MOFs show striking pressurizing effect by the cages. Owing to the enormous variety and flexibility of the frameworks, MOFs may offer superior properties for hydrogen storage.



high-P/low-T neutron diffraction to reveal H₂ adsorption mechanism







Major issues in hydrogen storage materials studies:

hydrogen density and rehydrogenation



Hydrogen as on-board energy source: $4 \text{ kg H}_2 / 400 \text{ km}$

Ammonia Borane NH₃BH₃ is a high hydrogen density material with a high release rate, however, rehydrogenation is difficult!







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effects has inspired us to investigate high lithium storage possibility. Conducting MOFs, zeolites, and clathrates offer a route to design the nanoarchitecture of electrode with high specific energy (high Li density!).





nSEC: Integrated Neutron Scattering, Electrochemistry, and Calorimetry Studies



Neutron can "see" the movement of lithium ions and detect fast ionic transporting channels in the crystal structure, then provide guides on crystal engineering and synthetic chemistry!



Diamond Anvil Cell















Initial enhancement of bulk modulus observed for the nano-ceramics may result from the "pre-" **compressed** surface lattices in the **shell** volume of the nano- crystal grains;

The high pressure induced work-weakening/cold-welding type of grain growth *fuse* surface shell with bulk cores, correspondingly the elastic modulus reduces/approaches the bulk values at high-pressures after P_{c} .



Initial reduction of bulk modulus observed for the nano-metals may result from "pre-" **expanded** surface lattices in the **shell** volume of the nano- crystal grains;

High pressure induced work-hardening after the bulk yield reflects continuous densification of the surface shell while bulk core also experience compression.



Macro- vs micro-

under pressures



Powder Compaction

(micro-strain)



Deviatoric Stress (macro-strain)





grain-to-grain contact stress concentration







Characterization of the B-C-N sample

Vickers hardness measurement of BC₂N

















Harder & Tougher Drill-Bit











20% OF

FOOTAGE



80% OF BUDGET

Human Evolution from Stone Age to Bronze Age A History of Pursuing Harder & Tougher Tools









High-Pressure and High-Temperature Forged Agriculture to Industrial Transformation























 (a) Diamond cutter tool consists of several distinct material regions



(b) Fractions of each material vary throughout the solid but always add to 1



Diamond/cBN Tools Are Widely Used in Modern Industries !! Hardness, Toughness, Strength, & Thermal Stability !!





The saved energy is the cleanest energy !







Crystal structure of high- T_c superconductor was first successfully determine by neutron diffraction (the classic '1-2-3' YBa2Cu3O7-x superconductor, published on *Nature* on 28 May 1987).

The neutron also first determined the antiferromagnetic interaction strength between copper electrons in the parent high-T_c La2CuO4.

Neutron study of HgBa2CuO4+d has revealed the structural basis for strong dependence of superconducting T_c on applied pressure.

Searching superconductors in P-T-X space















Neutron Tomography of Limestone After Stage 1 Flooding



3-D Wormhole View







Basic Research Needs to Assure a Secure Energy Future

• Energy Independence • Environmental Sustainability • Economic Opportunity •



DOE : Basic Research Needs

Advanced Nuclear Energy Systems; Catalysis for Energy; Combustion of 21st Century Fuels; Electric Energy Storage; Geosciences: Facilitating Energy Systems; Hydrogen Economy; Materials under Extreme Environments; Solar Energy Utilization; Solid-State Lighting; Superconductivity

Directing Matter and Energy: Five Challenges for Science and the Imagination



• How do we control material processes at the level of electrons?

• How do we design and perfect atomand energy- efficient synthesis of revolutionary new forms of matter with tailored properties?

• How do remarkable properties of matter emerge from complex correlations of the atomic or electronic constituents and how can we control these properties?

• How can we master energy and information on the nanoscale to create new technologies with capabilities rivaling the living things?

• How do we characterize and control matter away — especially very far away — from equilibrium?











1400

1200

1000

800

600

2.824

2.82

-axis parameter 5.812 5.812

2.808

2.804

0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7

x in Lix CoO2

4.6

4.5

4.4

4.3

4.2

4.1

3.9

3.8

Potential versus Li⁺/Li

14.5

14.4

14.3

4.2

14.1

4

0.8 0.9

Evolution of the

diffraction pattern

from a LiFePO4

electrode during

c-axis paramete

Diffraction study of battery electro-chemistry process and structural phase transformation in electrodes as a function of charge/discharge cycling to understand capacity mechanisms and to enhance battery performances.



2D projection of the neutron diffraction pattern intensities as function of time during electrochemical charge of Pd-doped Mg0.65Sc0.35 active material showing the progressive transformation from *bcc* to *fcc*. Evolution of the phase amount and unit cell for the *bcc* and the *fcc* phases during charge.





Table 2 Atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters $(U_{eq} (\hat{A}^2 \times 10^3))$ for single-crystal refinement of Zn₂Sb₃ $(R\bar{3}c, a = 12.2823)$, $\dot{a}, c = 12.4067(4)$ Å). Standard deviations are given in parentheses.

Atom Site	x	У	Ζ	Occupancy	$U_{\rm eq}$
Zn(1) 36(f)	0.0792(1)	0.2439(1)	0.4033(1)	0.899(5)	25(1)
Sb(1) 18(e)	0.3555(1)	0	0.25	1	17(1)
Sb(2) 12(c)	0	0	0.1364(1)	1	16(1)
Zn(2) 36(f)	0.1574(14)	0.4207(17)	0.0715(17)	0.046(3)	57(6)
Zn(3) 36(f)	0.2420(20)	0.4600(20)	0.2000(40)	0.056(6)	110(20)
Zn(4) 36(f)	0.1260(20)	0.2367(17)	0.2760(40)	0.063(5)	170(20)

G. Jeffrey Snyder* et al. (2004, 2008) --- Caltech ---

Thermoelectric materials can generate electricity from waste heat or be used as solid-state Peltier coolers. Identifying materials with high thermoelectric efficiency by tuning alloys' composition and structure, thus controlling simultaneously the electric and thermal properties.





Diffraction studies reveals unique structural features that control both electronic and thermal properties of Zn4Sb3. Valence semiconductor, structure disorder, and glass-like interstitial sites are highly effective for an ideal 'phonon glass, electron crystal' thermoelectric material.





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 $Coal \rightarrow H_2 + CO_2$



Effective route to separate H₂ & CO₂



Gas saturated water stream

high-P feed in flue gas



Gas Separation, Purification, Storage, and Transportation



DOE goal of >92% CO₂ capture

Call for R&D on "Promoters"



Separation of H₂ gas and CO₂ clathrate slurry >67% CO₂ captured in hydrate



