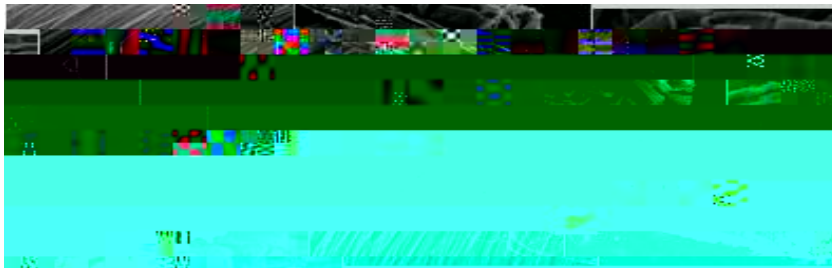


Design of 3D Nanostructured Material systems for High-Performance Nanocomposites and devices

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Because of their exceptional properties and unique structural configurations, carbon nanotubes have been widely investigated for various high performance applications during past two decades. Their potential applications as additional reinforcements in polymeric composites has been successfully demonstrated. On the other hand, laminated composites suffer from the lack of reinforcement in thickness direction and in between the laminae. Interlaminar properties are controlled by the matrix, yielding poor interlaminar and through-the-thickness properties. Our recent work has shown that presence of carbon nanotubes (CNTs) can considerably enhance the properties of matrix material and create nanocomposites with tunable properties and multifunctional behavior. In this talk, synthesis and functionalization of CNTs with various geometrical configurations will be discussed and their applications in design and fabrication of highly interlocked multifunctional nanocomposite materials systems will be explored.



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