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Carbon materials for the future

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I briefly introduce the Center for Multidimensional Carbon Materials (CMCM), an Institute of Basic Science (IBS) Center located at the Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST) campus. I then discuss several types of new carbons and related materials that we are attempting to make. These include ‘negative curvature carbons’, ‘diamane’ and related ultrathin sp³-bonded carbon films/foils, sp²/sp³-hybrid materials, new routes to making diamond, and also ultrahigh quality single crystal graphene, and multilayer graphene.

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For further background on some of his research see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rodney_S._Ruoff



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