

What can we Learn about CVD and Nanomaterial Growth using Computational Approaches?

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Abstract:

Over the last few decades, catalytic chemical vapor deposition (CVD) has matured as a synthetic technique for producing many low-dimensional inorganic nanomaterials, such as carbon nanotubes (CNTs), graphene, boron nitrides and transition metal dichalcogenides. van der Waals heterostructures comprising these 1D and 2D allotropes have also been recently developed. During this time, Computational approaches have played a critical role in developing our understanding of the structure, properties and growth of these materials. In this talk, I will summarise our own recent contributions to this field, and will discuss how molecular dynamics and quantum chemistry help us understand the chemistry of CVD nanomaterial growth [1,2], nucleation mechanisms of 1D and 2D inorganic nanomaterials [3] and heterostructure stability. I will also discuss our work employing machine learning and graph-neural network approaches for identifying improved heterogeneous catalytic interfaces for CVD nanomaterial growth [4].



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