

Hierarchical carbon fibre based composites

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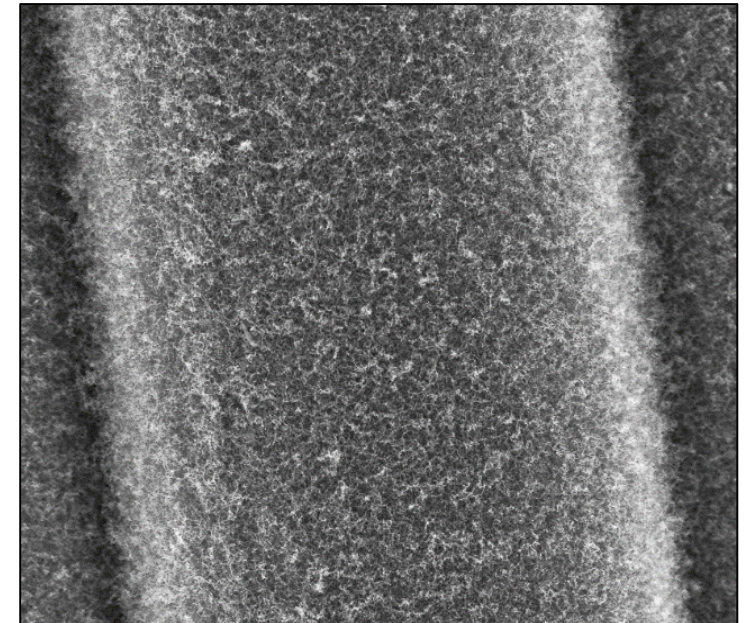
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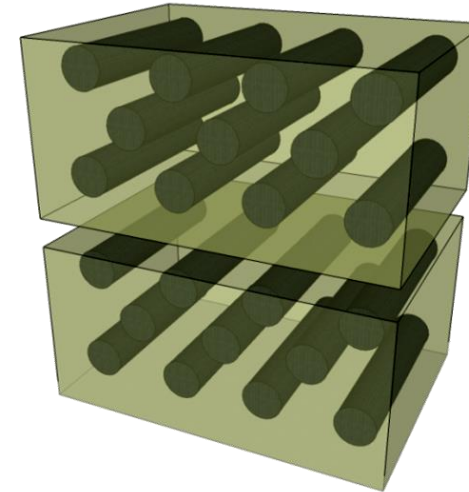
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Overview

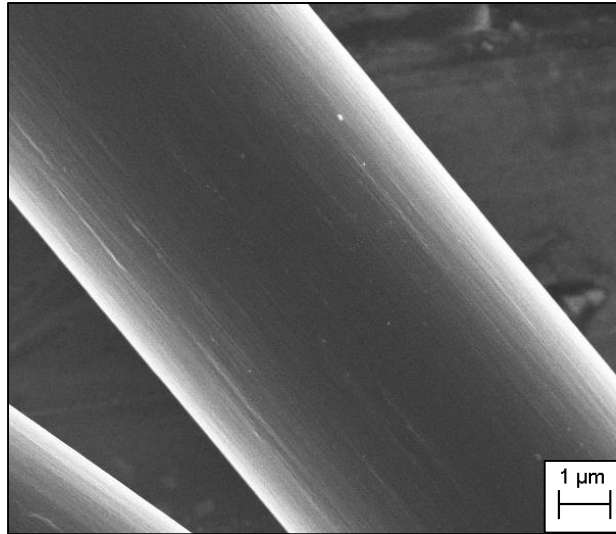
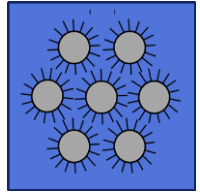
- Why alter interfacial properties?
- Production of hierarchical structures
- Implementation and scale up



Abstract

Fibre surface modifications can address conventional fibre-reinforced composite issues; for instance the formation of critical clusters of fibre breaks, or poor interfacial properties. Hierarchical interphases which modify the failure mode or increase mechanical interlocking can address these issues at the critical fibre-matrix interface. Here, we will discuss our research which exploits nanoscale structured materials which are integrated into conventional composite fibre systems.

Carbon nanotube-grafted-carbon fibre (CNT-g-CF)

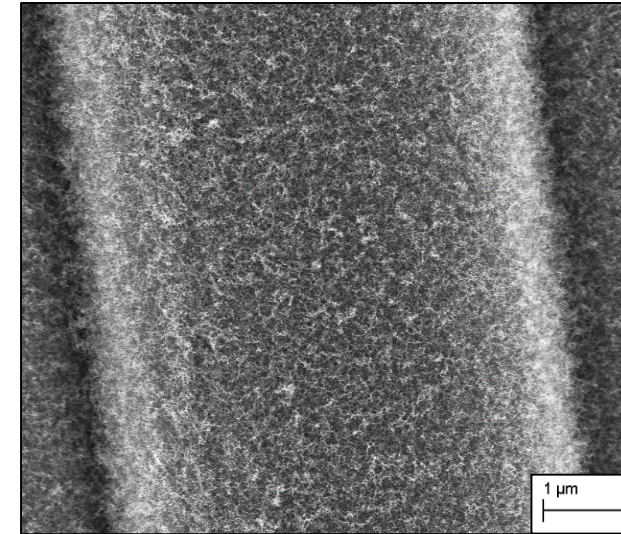


Carbon fibre
~7 µm diameter, continuous

CVD
Fe + Ni based catalyst
760 °C
 $C_2H_2 + H_2$ in N_2

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Continuous production
ca. 2 metres per hour



Carbon nanotube-grafted-carbon fibre
~7.2 µm diameter, continuous
(nanotubes ~10 nm diameter, ~200 nm length)

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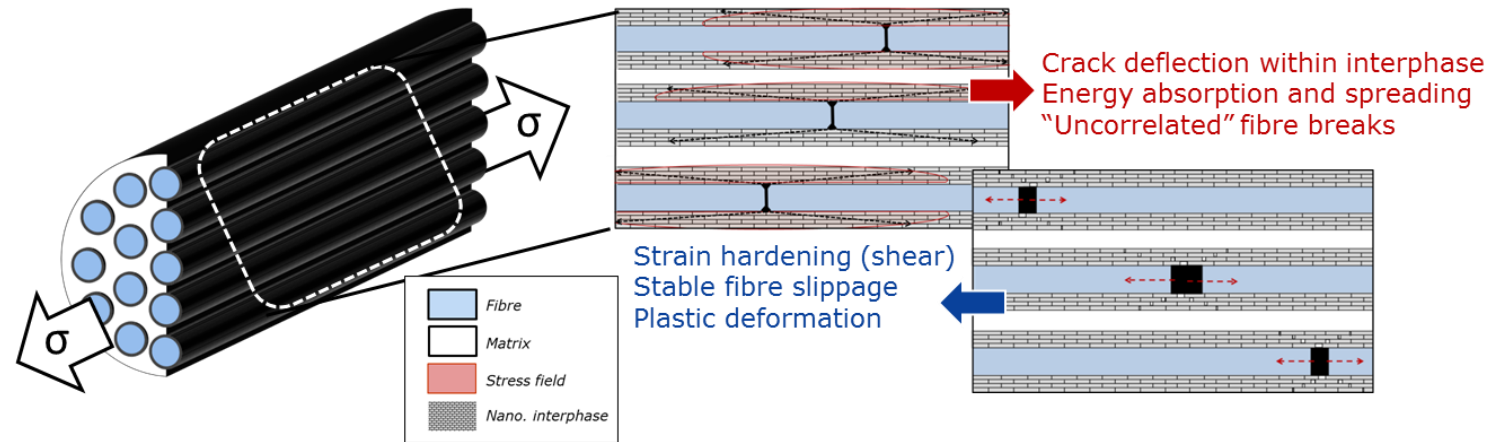
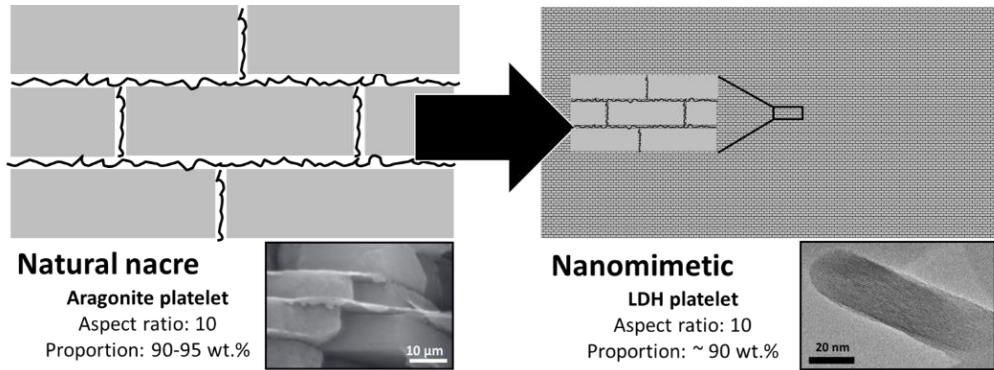
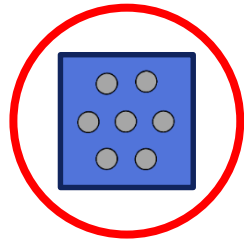
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Nacre, Wikipedia

Altering the composite failure mode using a brick-and-mortar coating



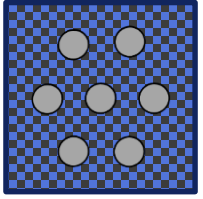
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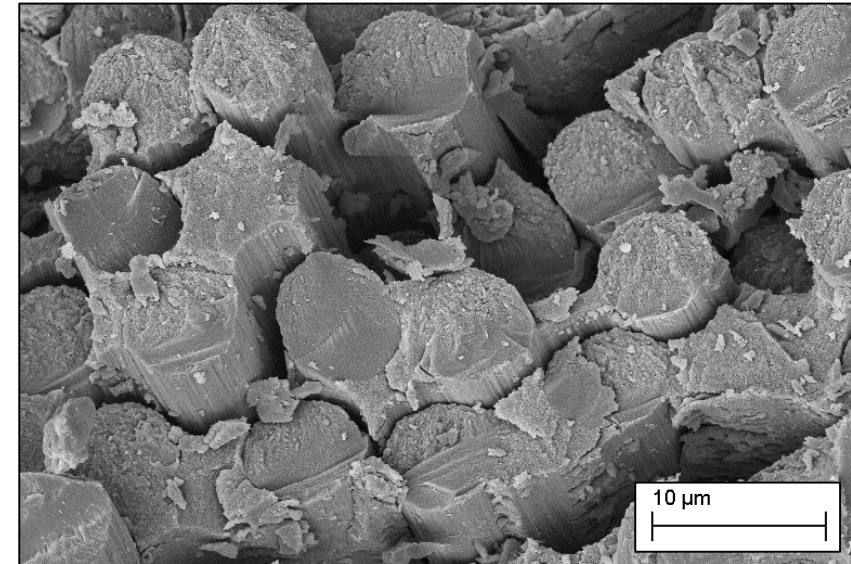
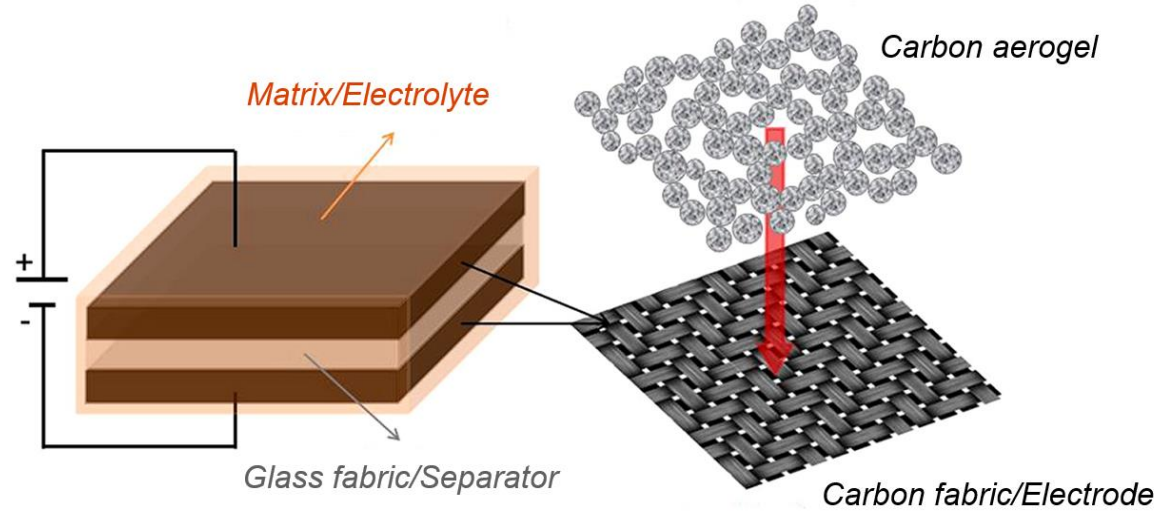
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Carbon aerogel modified composite structures



Structural Energy Storage Device



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