

Carbon Nanotubes heralded as ideal candidates for next generation Nanoelectronics

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(PhysOrg.com) -- Widely regarded as the wonder material of the 21st century, carbon nanotubes (CNTs) and the intramolecular junctions that connect CNTs for integration have been hailed as the ideal candidates for the next generation of Nanoelectronics.

A recent study published in the journal, *Advanced Materials* – edited by Professor Li-Jun Wan of Tohoku University and Director of The Institute of Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences (ICCAS) – provides a comprehensive overview of the synthesis, properties, and applications of intramolecular junctions of CNTs.

Discovered in 1991, carbon nanotubes have been the object of intense research by scientists globally because of its remarkable combination of superlative mechanical, thermal, and electronic properties.

Devices based on CNTs or Intramolecular junctions of CNTs play a significant role in future molecular electronics or nanoelectronics. With the miniaturization of electronic devices playing a crucial role in of modern technology, the excellent properties of CNTs make it a perfect material for nanoscale structures.

An important aspect of the research focuses on the intramolecular junctions of CNTs. The junctions provide reliable connections, enabling the construction of a stable architecture for CNT-based integrated

circuits – making it an essential component to the realization of CNT-based electronics.

Intramolecular junctions of CNTs usually exhibit unique properties that pristine CNTs lack, and can thus function as vital components of the circuits and expand the applications of CNTs. Besides connecting different CNTs for integration, these junctions also act as functional building blocks in the circuit.

There are, however, some unresolved issues that still hamper the research of CNT integration. The emphasis and direction of future research needs to focus on, among others, controlled synthesis and assembly techniques; and must seek to clarify the properties of intramolecular junctions and their mechanisms.

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