

21COE Programme: Mechanical Systems Innovation Open Seminar

21COE Programme: The Mechanical System Innovation Open Seminar 2007 will be held as follows. Professor Sanju Gupta is a young professor very active in research field of carbon materials and devices. Do not miss this chance to hear her talk in Tokyo. Participants from any departments or outside of The University of Tokyo are welcome.

Invited Speaker: **Professor Sanju Gupta**

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Title: **Science and Technology of Advanced Multifunctional Nanocarbons for Vacuum Microelectronics**

Date & Time: December 26, 2007 (Wednesday) 14:00 ~ 15:30

Place: The University of Tokyo, Engineering Building II, 3rd Floor, Room 2-31A

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Abstract:

Carbon, the sixth most abundant element in the universe, has been known since ancient times and its appeal is due to its versatile nature of chemical bonding results in various forms where diamond (tetragonal) and graphite (trigonal) are the most well-known allotropes. Unprecedented worldwide activity in the investigation of nanostructured forms of carbon was initiated by the discovery of the C₆₀ molecule in 1985 and the development of the arc-discharge technique in 1990 producing elongated members of fullerenes (C₆₀) known as nanotubes followed by nanocrystalline diamond in 1999 synthesized by varying the traditional gas phase chemistry used to deposit polycrystalline diamond. The talk will be comprised of two parts presenting the recent activities related to chemical vapor deposited nanodiamond and nanotubes wherein materials science played a vital role in discovering these novel carbons with tailored physical properties for desired technological applications, in general and for vacuum microelectronics, in particular [1,2].

Electron field emitting materials known as *cold cathodes* (*i.e.* emitting electrons at room temperature) are of vital importance enabling a variety of applications such as *flat panel displays*, RF amplifiers for communication and radar, as bright electron beam for microscopes, electric propulsion for microsatellites, and portable X-ray sources for medical and security diagnostics. Nanodiamond (doped and undoped) and carbon nanotubes proved to be the potential candidate materials as *planar cold cathodes* yet having nanoscale heterogeneities for vacuum microelectronics. Starting with a brief introduction on the syntheses of these materials using chemical vapor deposition technique, the traditional field emission (*I-V*) properties and temperature dependent field emission microscopy (*T-FEEM*) enabling real-time imaging of electron emission with high spatial resolution providing evident information on emission site density, temporal variation or flicker of the emission intensity, and insight into the *role of adsorbates* from nanotube films will be presented. Temperature dependent field emission findings will be related to vacuum thermionic energy/ power converters for both the doped nanodiamond and nanotubes. *n*-type doping is a central topic in the development of diamond-based electronics. *Sulfur* doping in diamond will be briefly mentioned in this context providing almost equivalent field emission properties to those of nanotubes [3].

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[3] Gupta *et. al.* J. Mater. Res. **18**, 363 (2003).

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