

SULFUR DOPED CARBON-BASED NANOMATERIAL AND METHODS OF FORMING THE SAME

TECHNICAL FIELD

5 The present disclosure relates to a sulfur doped carbon-based nanomaterial composition and methods of forming the same. More particularly, the present disclosure relates to a method, system, and apparatus for conversion of a gas mixture into a sulfur doped carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

BACKGROUND ART

10 It is well understood that carbon, particularly complexed in CO and CO₂, but in any form that can convert into a greenhouse gas, is causing worldwide temperature increases. Various technologies are being developed to capture carbon resulting from human activities, primarily industrial processes, fossil fuel and other combustion from vehicles (e.g., airplanes, cars & trucks, and commercial and residential uses).

15 Carbon-based materials have many desirable properties, such as high conductivity of heat and electricity along its plane, unique optical properties, and high mechanical strength. Due to these properties, carbon-based nanomaterials have a variety of applications including energy storage, electronics, semiconductors, composites, and membranes.

 Existing combustion-based technologies for producing carbon-based nanomaterial
20 carbon based materials use an oxygen-and-carbon-based gas mixture. However, these techniques do not fully and consistently break down carbon, thereby yielding an inconsistent product.

SUMMARY

 According to a first aspect, a carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed
25 from a gas mixture and a sulfur powder. The gas mixture may include a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur doped nanospheres.

 According to another aspect, a method of forming a carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include supplying a forming mixture that may include a gas mixture and a
30 sulfur powder, and igniting the forming mixture to form the carbon-based nanomaterial composition. The gas mixture may include a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur doped nanospheres.

According to still another aspect, a carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur doped nanospheres, a carbon content of at least about 60% and not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, an oxygen content of at least about 0.0% and not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and a sulfur content of at least about 1% and not greater than 50%.

According to another aspect, a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode may include a layer of a carbon-based nanomaterial composition. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed from a gas mixture and a sulfur powder. The gas mixture may include a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur doped nanospheres.

According to another aspect, a method of forming a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode may include supplying a forming mixture that may include a gas mixture and a sulfur powder, igniting the forming mixture to form the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and forming the carbon-based nanomaterial composition into a layer of a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode. The gas mixture may include a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur doped nanospheres.

According to still another aspect, a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode may include a layer of a carbon-based nanomaterial composition. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur doped nanospheres, a carbon content of at least about 60% and not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, an oxygen content of at least about 0.0% and not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and a sulfur content of at least about 1% and not greater than 50%.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Embodiments are illustrated by way of example and are not limited to the accompanying figures.

FIG. 1 includes a diagram showing a carbon-based nanomaterial composition forming method according to embodiments described herein;

FIG. 2 includes a schematic diagram of a carbon capture system according to an embodiment of the present disclosure; and

FIG. 3 includes a diagram showing a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or a carbon-based nanomaterial based anode forming method according to embodiments described herein.

5 Skilled artisans appreciate that elements in the figures are illustrated for simplicity and clarity and have not necessarily been drawn to scale.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT(S)

The following discussion will focus on specific implementations and embodiments of the teachings. The detailed description is provided to assist in describing certain embodiments and should not be interpreted as a limitation on the scope or applicability of the disclosure or teachings. It will be appreciated that other embodiments can be used based on
10 the disclosure and teachings as provided herein.

The terms “comprises,” “comprising,” “includes,” “including,” “has,” “having” or any other variation thereof, are intended to cover a non-exclusive inclusion. For example, a method, article, or apparatus that comprises a list of features is not necessarily limited only to
15 those features but may include other features not expressly listed or inherent to such method, article, or apparatus. Further, unless expressly stated to the contrary, “or” refers to an inclusive-or and not to an exclusive-or. For example, a condition A or B is satisfied by any one of the following: A is true (or present) and B is false (or not present), A is false (or not present) and B is true (or present), and both A and B are true (or present).

20 Also, the use of “a” or “an” is employed to describe elements and components described herein. This is done merely for convenience and to give a general sense of the scope of the invention. This description should be read to include one, at least one, or the singular as also including the plural, or vice versa, unless it is clear that it is meant otherwise. For example, when a single item is described herein, more than one item may be used in
25 place of a single item. Similarly, where more than one item is described herein, a single item may be substituted for that more than one item.

Embodiments described herein are generally directed to a carbon-based nanomaterial composition that may include sulfur doped nanospheres. According to particular embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be defined as any carbon-
30 based nanomaterial that may include a particular carbon content, and a particular oxygen content.

Referring first to a method of forming a carbon-based nanomaterial composition, FIG. 1 includes a diagram showing a forming method 100 for forming a carbon-based nanomaterial composition according to embodiments described herein. According to

particular embodiments, the forming method 1000 may include a first step 1010 of supplying a forming mixture, and a second step 1020 of igniting the forming mixture to form the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Referring to first step 1010, according to particular embodiments, the forming mixture
5 may include a gas mixture and a sulfur powder.

According to certain embodiments, the forming mixture may include a particular content of the sulfur powder. For example, the forming mixture may include the sulfur powder at a concentration of at least about 1 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture, such as, at least about 2 vol.% or at least about 4 vol.% or at least about 6 vol.% or at least
10 about 8 vol.% or at least about 10 vol.% or at least about 12 vol.% or at least about 14 vol.% or at least about 16 vol.% or at least about 18 vol.% or at least about 20 vol.% or at least about 22 vol.% or at least about 24 vol.% or at least about 25 vol.%. According to still other embodiments, the forming mixture may include the sulfur powder at a concentration of not greater than about 50 vol.%, such as, not greater than about 48 vol.% or not greater than
15 about 46 vol.% or not greater than about 44 vol.% or not greater than about 42 vol.% or not greater than about 40 vol.% or not greater than about 38 vol.% or not greater than about 36 vol.% or not greater than about 34 vol.% or not greater than about 32 vol.% or not greater than about 30 vol.% or not greater than about 28 vol.% or not greater than about 26 vol.%. It will be appreciated that the sulfur powder concentration in the forming mixture may be any
20 value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the sulfur powder concentration in the forming mixture may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to certain embodiments, the forming mixture may include a particular
25 content of the gas mixture. For example, the forming mixture may include the gas mixture at a concentration of at least about 50 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture, such as, at least about 52 vol.% or at least about 54 vol.% or at least about 56 vol.% or at least about 58 vol.% or at least about 60 vol.% or at least about 62 vol.% or at least about 64 vol.% or at least about 66 vol.% or at least about 68 vol.% or at least about 70 vol.% or at least about 72
30 vol.% or at least about 74 vol.% or at least about 75 vol.%. According to still other embodiments, the forming mixture may include the gas mixture at a concentration of not greater than about 98 vol.%, such as, not greater than about 97 vol.% or not greater than about 96 vol.% or not greater than about 94 vol.% or not greater than about 92 vol.% or not greater than about 90 vol.% or not greater than about 88 vol.% or not greater than about 86

vol.% or not greater than about 84 vol.% or not greater than about 82 vol.% or not greater than about 80 vol.% or not greater than about 78 vol.% or not greater than about 76 vol.%. It will be appreciated that the gas mixture concentration in the forming mixture may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the gas mixture concentration in the forming mixture may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to particular embodiments, the gas mixture may include a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas.

According to certain embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular molar ratio CBG_{mol}/GM_{mol} , where the CBG_{mol} is equal to the moles of carbon based gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture. For example, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio CBG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05, such as, at least about 0.06 or at least about 0.07 or at least about 0.08 or at least about 0.09 or at least about 0.10 or at least about 0.11 or at least about 0.12 or at least about 0.13 or at least about 0.14 or at least about 0.15 or at least about 0.16 or at least about 0.17 or at least about 0.18 or at least about 0.19 or at least about 0.20 or at least about 0.21 or at least about 0.22 or at least about 0.23 or at least about 0.24 or at least about 0.25 or at least about 0.26 or at least about 0.27 or at least about 0.28 or at least about 0.29 or even at least about 0.30. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio CBG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of not greater than about 0.99, such as, not greater than about 0.95 or not greater than about 0.90 or not greater than about 0.85 or not greater than about 0.80 or not greater than about 0.75 or not greater than about 0.70 or not greater than about 0.69 or not greater than about 0.68 or not greater than about 0.67 or not greater than about 0.66 or not greater than about 0.65 or not greater than about 0.64 or not greater than about 0.63 or not greater than about 0.62 or not greater than about 0.61 or not greater than about 0.60 or not greater than about 0.59 or not greater than about 0.58 or not greater than about 0.57 or not greater than about 0.56 or not greater than about 0.55 or not greater than about 0.54 or not greater than about 0.53 or not greater than about 0.52 or not greater than about 0.51 or even not greater than about 0.50. It will be appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio CBG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio CBG_{mol}/GM_{mol} within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to particular embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular content of carbon based gas. For example, the gas mixture may include carbon based gas at a concentration of at least about 0.8 mol, such as, at least about 0.9 mol or at least about 1.0 mol or at least about at least about 1.01 mol or at least about 1.02 mol or at least about 1.03 mol or at least about 1.04 mol or at least about 1.05 mol or at least about 1.06 mol or at least about 1.07 mol or at least about 1.08 mol or at least about 1.09 mol or at least about 1.10 mol or at least about 1.11 mol or at least about 1.12 mol or at least about 1.13 mol or at least about 1.14 mol or at least about 1.15 mol or at least about 1.16 mol or at least about 1.17 mol or at least about 1.18 mol or at least about 1.19 mol or at least about 1.20 mol or at least about 1.25 mol or at least about 1.30 mol or at least about 1.35 mol or at least about 1.40 mol or at least about 1.45 mol or at least about 1.50 mol or at least about 1.75 mol or at least about 2.0 mol or at least about 2.5 mol or at least about 3.0 mol or at least about 3.5 mol or at least about 4.0 mol or at least about 4.5 mol or at least about 5.0 mol or at least about 5.5 mol or at least about 6.0 mol or even at least about 6.5 mol. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include carbon based gas at a concentration of not greater than about 18 mol, such as, not greater than about 17.5 mol or not greater than about 17.0 mol or not greater than about 16.5 mol or not greater than about 16.0 mol or not greater than about 15.5 mol or not greater than about 15.0 mol or not greater than about 14.5 mol or not greater than about 14.0 mol or not greater than about 13.5 mol or not greater than about 13.0 mol or not greater than about 12.5 mol or not greater than about 12.0 mol or not greater than about 11.5 mol or even not greater than about 11.0 mol or not greater than about 10.5 mol or even not greater than about 10.0 mol or not greater than about 8.5 mol or not greater than about 8.0 mol or not greater than about 7.5 mol or not greater than about 7.0 mol or not greater than about 6.5 mol or not greater than about 6.0 mol or not greater than about 5.5 mol or not greater than about 5.0 mol or not greater than about 4.5 mol or not greater than about 4.0 mol or not greater than about 3.9 mol or not greater than about 3.8 mol or not greater than about 3.7 mol or not greater than about 3.6 mol or not greater than about 3.5 mol or not greater than about 3.4 mol or not greater than about 3.3 mol or not greater than about 3.2 mol or not greater than about 3.1 mol or not greater than about 3.0 mol or not greater than about 2.9 mol or not greater than about 2.8 mol or even not greater than about 2.7 mol. It will be appreciated that the carbon based gas concentration in the gas mixture may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the carbon based gas concentration in the gas mixture may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon based gas may be acetylene gas, methane gas or any combination thereof.

According to certain embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular molar ratio AG_{mol}/GM_{mol} , where the AG_{mol} is equal to the moles of acetylene gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture. For example, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio AG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05, such as, at least about 0.06 or at least about 0.07 or at least about 0.08 or at least about 0.09 or at least about 0.10 or at least about 0.11 or at least about 0.12 or at least about 0.13 or at least about 0.14 or at least about 0.15 or at least about 0.16 or at least about 0.17 or at least about 0.18 or at least about 0.19 or at least about 0.20 or at least about 0.21 or at least about 0.22 or at least about 0.23 or at least about 0.24 or at least about 0.25 or at least about 0.26 or at least about 0.27 or at least about 0.28 or at least about 0.29 or even at least about 0.30. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio AG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of not greater than about 0.99, such as, not greater than about 0.95 or not greater than about 0.90 or not greater than about 0.85 or not greater than about 0.80 or not greater than about 0.75 or not greater than about 0.70 or not greater than about 0.69 or not greater than about 0.68 or not greater than about 0.67 or not greater than about 0.66 or not greater than about 0.65 or not greater than about 0.64 or not greater than about 0.63 or not greater than about 0.62 or not greater than about 0.61 or not greater than about 0.60 or not greater than about 0.59 or not greater than about 0.58 or not greater than about 0.57 or not greater than about 0.56 or not greater than about 0.55 or not greater than about 0.54 or not greater than about 0.53 or not greater than about 0.52 or not greater than about 0.51 or even not greater than about 0.50. It will be appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio AG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio AG_{mol}/GM_{mol} within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to particular embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular content of acetylene gas. For example, the gas mixture may include acetylene gas at a concentration of at least about 1.0 mol, such as, at least about 1.01 mol or at least about 1.02 mol or at least about 1.03 mol or at least about 1.04 mol or at least about 1.05 mol or at least about 1.06 mol or at least about 1.07 mol or at least about 1.08 mol or at least about 1.09 mol or at least about 1.10 mol or at least about 1.11 mol or at least about 1.12 mol or at least about 1.13 mol or at least about 1.14 mol or at least about 1.15 mol or at least about 1.16 mol or at least about 1.17 mol or at least about 1.18 mol or at least about 1.19 mol or even at least

about 1.20 mol. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include acetylene gas at a concentration of not greater than about 18 mol, such as, not greater than about 17.5 mol or not greater than about 17.0 mol or not greater than about 16.5 mol or not greater than about 16.0 mol or not greater than about 15.5 mol or not greater than about 15.0 mol or not greater than about 14.5 mol or not greater than about 14.0 mol or not greater than about 13.5 mol or not greater than about 13.0 mol or not greater than about 12.5 mol or not greater than about 12.0 mol or not greater than about 11.5 mol or even not greater than about 11.0 mol or not greater than about 10.5 mol or even not greater than about 10.0 mol or not greater than about 8.5 mol or not greater than about 8.0 mol or not greater than about 7.5 mol or not greater than about 7.0 mol or not greater than about 6.5 mol or not greater than about 6.0 mol or not greater than about 5.5 mol or not greater than about 5.0 mol or not greater than about 4.5 mol or not greater than about 4.0 mol or not greater than about 3.9 mol or not greater than about 3.8 mol or not greater than about 3.7 mol or not greater than about 3.6 mol or not greater than about 3.5 mol or not greater than about 3.4 mol or not greater than about 3.3 mol or not greater than about 3.2 mol or not greater than about 3.1 mol or not greater than about 3.0 mol or not greater than about 2.9 mol or not greater than about 2.8 mol or even not greater than about 2.7 mol. It will be appreciated that the acetylene gas concentration in the gas mixture may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the acetylene gas concentration in the gas mixture may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to a certain embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular molar ratio OG_{mol}/GM_{mol} , where the OG_{mol} is equal to the moles of oxygen gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture. For example, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio OG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.01, such as, at least about 0.02 or at least about 0.03 or at least about 0.04 or at least about 0.05 or at least about 0.06 or at least about 0.07 or at least about 0.08 or at least about 0.09 or at least about 0.10 or at least about 0.11 or at least about 0.12 or at least about 0.13 or at least about 0.14 or at least about 0.15 or at least about 0.16 or at least about 0.17 or at least about 0.18 or at least about 0.19 or even at least about 0.20. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio OG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of not greater than about 0.85, such as, not greater than about 0.80 or not greater than about 0.75 or not greater than about 0.70 or not greater than about 0.65 or not greater than about 0.60 or not greater than about 0.55 or not greater than about 0.50 or not greater than about 0.45 or not greater than about 0.40 or not greater than about 0.39 or not

greater than about 0.38 or not greater than about 0.37 or not greater than about 0.36 or not greater than about 0.35 or not greater than about 0.34 or not greater than about 0.33 or not greater than about 0.32 or not greater than about 0.31 or not greater than about 0.30 or not greater than about 0.29 or not greater than about 0.28 or not greater than about 0.27 or not greater than about 0.26 or even not greater than about 0.25. It will be appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio OG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio OG_{mol}/GM_{mol} within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

10 According to other embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular content of oxygen gas. For example, the gas mixture may include oxygen gas at a concentration of at least about 0.1 mol, such as, at least about 0.11 mol or at least about 0.12 mol or at least about 0.13 mol or at least about 0.14 mol or at least about 0.15 mol or at least about 0.16 mol or at least about 0.17 mol or at least about 0.18 mol or at least about 0.19 mol or at least about 0.20 mol or at least about 0.21 mol or at least about 0.22 mol or at least about 0.23 mol or at least about 0.24 mol or at least about 0.25 mol or at least about 0.26 mol or at least about 0.27 mol or at least about 0.28 mol or at least about 0.29 mol or even at least about 0.30 mol.

15 According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include oxygen gas at a concentration of not greater than about 13 mol, such as, not greater than about 12.5 mol or not greater than about 11.0 mol or not greater than about 11.5 mol or not greater than about 11.0 mol or not greater than about 10.5 mol or not greater than about 10.0 mol or not greater than about 9.5 mol or not greater than about 9.0 mol or not greater than about 8.5 mol or not greater than about 8.0 mol or not greater than about 7.5 mol or not greater than about 7.0 mol or not greater than about 6.5 mol or not greater than about 6.0 mol or not greater than about 5.5 mol or not greater than about 5.0 mol or not greater than about 4.5 mol or not greater than about 4.0 mol or not greater than about 3.5 mol or not greater than about 3.0 mol or not greater than about 2.5 mol or not greater than about 2.0 mol or not greater than about 1.5 mol or not greater than about 1.0 or not greater than about 0.98 mol or not greater than about 0.96 mol or not greater than about 0.94 mol or not greater than about 0.92 mol or not greater than about 0.90 mol or not greater than about 0.88 mol or not greater than about 0.86 mol or not greater than about 0.84 mol or not greater than about 0.82 mol or not greater than about 0.80 mol or not greater than about 0.78 mol or not greater than about 0.76 mol or even not greater than about 0.74 mol. It will be appreciated that the oxygen gas concentration in the gas mixture may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values

noted above. It will be further appreciated that the oxygen gas concentration in the gas mixture may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to a certain embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular molar ratio HG_{mol}/GM_{mol} , where the HG_{mol} is equal to the moles of hydrogen gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture. For example, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio HG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.0, such as, at least about 0.01 or at least about 0.02 or at least about 0.03 or at least about 0.04 or at least about 0.05 or at least about 0.06 or at least about 0.07 or at least about 0.08 or at least about 0.09 or at least about 0.10 or at least about 0.11 or at least about 0.12 or at least about 0.13 or at least about 0.14 or at least about 0.15 or at least about 0.16 or at least about 0.17 or at least about 0.18 or at least about 0.19 or even at least about 0.20. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio HG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of not greater than about 0.99, such as, not greater than about 0.95 or not greater than about 0.90 or not greater than about 0.85 or not greater than about 0.80 or not greater than about 0.75 or not greater than about 0.70 or not greater than about 0.65 or not greater than about 0.60 or not greater than about 0.55 or not greater than about 0.50 or not greater than about 0.45 or not greater than about 0.40 or not greater than about 0.39 or not greater than about 0.38 or not greater than about 0.37 or not greater than about 0.36 or not greater than about 0.35 or not greater than about 0.34 or not greater than about 0.33 or not greater than about 0.32 or not greater than about 0.31 or not greater than about 0.30 or not greater than about 0.29 or not greater than about 0.28 or not greater than about 0.27 or not greater than about 0.26 or even not greater than about 0.25. It will be appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio HG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio HG_{mol}/GM_{mol} within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular content of hydrogen gas. For example, the gas mixture may include hydrogen gas at a concentration of at least about 0.0 mol, such as, at least about 0.25 mol or at least about 0.50 mol or at least about 0.75 mol or at least about 1.0 mol or at least about 1.25 mol or at least about 1.50 mol or at least about 1.75 mol or at least about 2.0 mol or at least about 2.5 mol or at least about 3.0 mol or at least about 3.5 mol or at least about 4.0 mol or at least about 4.5 mol or at least about 5.0 mol or at least about 5.5 mol or at least about 6.0 mol or at least about 7.0 mol or at least about 8.0 mol or at least about 8.5 mol or at least about 9.0 mol or at

least about 9.5 mol or even at least about 10.0 mol. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include hydrogen gas at a concentration of not greater than about 20.0 mol, such as, not greater than about 19.5 mol or not greater than about 19.0 mol or not greater than about 18.5 mol or not greater than about 18.0 mol or not greater than about 17.5 mol or not
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15 According to a certain embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular molar ratio MG_{mol}/GM_{mol} , where the MG_{mol} is equal to the moles of methane gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture. For example, the gas mixture may include a molar ratio MG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.0, such as, at least about 0.05 or at least about 0.06 or at least about 0.07 or at least about 0.08 or at least about 0.09 or at least
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30 greater than about 0.40 or not greater than about 0.39 or not greater than about 0.38 or not greater than about 0.37 or not greater than about 0.36 or not greater than about 0.35 or not greater than about 0.34 or not greater than about 0.33 or not greater than about 0.32 or not greater than about 0.31 or not greater than about 0.30 or not greater than about 0.29 or not greater than about 0.28 or not greater than about 0.27 or not greater than about 0.26 or even

not greater than about 0.25. It will be appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio MG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the gas mixture may include a molar ratio MG_{mol}/GM_{mol} within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to particular embodiments, the gas mixture may include a particular content of methane gas. For example, the gas mixture may include methane gas at a concentration of at least about 1.0 mol, such as, at least about 1.01 mol or at least about 1.02 mol or at least about 1.03 mol or at least about 1.04 mol or at least about 1.05 mol or at least about 1.06 mol or at least about 1.07 mol or at least about 1.08 mol or at least about 1.09 mol or at least about 1.10 mol or at least about 1.11 mol or at least about 1.12 mol or at least about 1.13 mol or at least about 1.14 mol or at least about 1.15 mol or at least about 1.16 mol or at least about 1.17 mol or at least about 1.18 mol or at least about 1.19 mol or even at least about 1.20 mol. According to still other embodiments, the gas mixture may include methane gas at a concentration of not greater than about 20.0 mol, such as, not greater than about 19.5 mol or not greater than about 19.0 mol or not greater than about 18.5 mol or not greater than about 18.0 mol or not greater than about 17.5 mol or not greater than about 17.0 mol or not greater than about 16.5 mol or not greater than about 16.0 mol or not greater than about 15.5 mol or not greater than about 15.0 mol or not greater than about 14.5 mol or not greater than about 14.0 mol or not greater than about 13.5 mol or not greater than about 13.0 mol or not greater than about 12.5 mol or not greater than about 12.0 mol or not greater than about 11.5 mol or even not greater than about 11.0 mol or not greater than about 10.5 mol or not greater than about 10.0 mol or not greater than about 9.5 mol or not greater than about 9.0 mol or not greater than about 8.5 mol or not greater than about 8.0 mol or not greater than about 7.5 mol or not greater than about 7.0 mol or not greater than about 6.5 mol or not greater than about 6.0 mol or not greater than about 5.5 mol or not greater than about 5.0 mol or not greater than about 4.5 mol or not greater than about 4.0 mol or not greater than about 3.5 mol or not greater than about 3.0 mol or not greater than about 2.5 mol or not greater than about 2.40 mol or not greater than about 2.39 mol or not greater than about 2.38 mol or not greater than about 2.37 mol or not greater than about 2.36 mol or not greater than about 2.35 mol or not greater than about 2.34 mol or not greater than about 2.33 mol or not greater than about 2.30 mol or not greater than about 2.29 mol or not greater than about 2.28 mol or not greater than about 2.27 mol or not greater than about 2.26 mol or even not greater than about 2.25 mol. It will be appreciated that the methane gas concentration in the gas mixture may be any value

between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the methane gas concentration in the gas mixture may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition
5 may be formed at a particular combustion temperature. For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed at a combustion temperature of at least about 1500 °C, such as, at least about 1600 °C or at least about 1700 °C or at least about 1800 °C or at least about 1900 °C or at least about 2000 °C or at least about 2100 °C or even at least about 2200 °C. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition
10 may be formed at a combustion temperature of not greater than about 3000 °C, such as, not greater than about 2900 °C or not greater than about 2800 °C or not greater than about 2700 °C or not greater than about 2600 °C or not greater than about 2500 °C or not greater than about 2400 °C or even not greater than about 2300 °C. It will be appreciated that the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed at a combustion temperature of any value
15 between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed at a combustion temperature of a value within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition
20 may be formed at a particular combustion pressure. For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed at a combustion pressure of at least about 200 PSI, such as, at least about 300 PSI or at least about 400 PSI or at least about 500 PSI or at least about 600 PSI or at least about 700 PSI or at least about 800 PSI or even at least about 900 PSI. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may
25 be formed at a combustion pressure of not greater than about 3000 PSI, such as, not greater than about 2900 PSI or not greater than about 2800 PSI or not greater than about 2700 PSI or not greater than about 2600 PSI or not greater than about 2500 PSI or not greater than about 2400 PSI or even not greater than about 2300 PSI. It will be appreciated that the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed at a combustion pressure of any value
30 between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be formed at a combustion pressure of a value within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

Referring now to embodiments of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition formed according to forming method 100, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur doped nanospheres, a carbon content based on elemental analysis, and an oxygen content based on elemental analysis.

5 According to certain embodiments, the sulfur doped nanospheres may have a particular diameter. For example, the sulfur doped nanospheres may have a diameter of at least about 5 nm, such as, at least about 10 nm or at least about 20 nm or at least about 30 nm or at least about 40 nm or at least about 50 nm or at least about 60 nm or at least about 70 nm or at least about 80 nm or at least about 90 nm or at least about 100 nm or at least about 150
10 nm or at least about 200 nm or even at least about 250 nm. According to still other embodiments, the sulfur doped nanospheres may have a diameter of not greater than about 500 nm, such as, not greater than about 490 nm or not greater than about 480 nm or not greater than about 460 nm or not greater than about 450 nm or not greater than about 440 nm or not greater than about 430 nm or not greater than about 420 nm or not greater than about
15 410 nm or not greater than about 400 nm or not greater than about 390 nm or not greater than about 380 nm or not greater than about 370 nm or not greater than about 360 nm or not greater than about 350 nm or not greater than about 340 nm or not greater than about 330 nm or not greater than about 320 nm or not greater than about 310 nm or even not greater than about 300 nm. It will be appreciated that the diameter of the sulfur doped nanospheres may
20 be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the diameter of the sulfur doped nanospheres may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

 According to particular embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a particular carbon content based on elemental analysis conducted using x-ray
25 photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include a carbon content of at least about 60%, such as, at least about 62% or at least about 64% or at least about 66% or at least about 68% or at least about 70% or at least about 72% or at least about 74% or at least about 76% or at least about 78% or at least about 80% or at least about 83% or at least about 85% or at least about 88% or at least about 90% or at
30 least about 91% or at least about 92% or at least about 93% or at least about 94.0% or even at least about 95.0%. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include a carbon content of not greater than about 99%, such as, not greater than about 97% or not greater than about 95% or not greater than about 93% or even not greater than about 91%. It will be appreciated that the carbon content in the carbon-based

nanomaterial composition may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the carbon content in the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

5 According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include particular oxygen content based on elemental analysis conducted using x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include an oxygen content of at least about 0.0%, such as, at least about 0.5% or at least about 1.0% or at least about 1.5% or at least about 2.0% or at least about 2.5% or at least
10 about 3.0% or at least about 3.5% or at least about 4.0% or at least about 4.5% or at least about 5.0%. or at least about 10% or at least about 15% or even at least about 20%.

 According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include an oxygen content of not greater than about 35%, such as, not greater than about 30% or greater than about 25% or not greater than about 23% or not greater than about 20% or not
15 greater than about 18% or not greater than about 15% or not greater than about 13% or not greater than about 10% or not greater than about 8% or even not greater than about 6.0%. It will be appreciated that the oxygen content in the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the oxygen content in the carbon-based nanomaterial
20 composition may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

 According to certain embodiments, the sulfur doped nanospheres may include a particular sulfur content based on elemental analysis conducted using x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). For example, the sulfur doped nanospheres may include sulfur at a
25 concentration of at least about 2%, such as, at least about 4% or at least about 6% or at least about 8% or at least about 10% or at least about 12% or at least about 14% or at least about 16% or at least about 18% or at least about 20% or at least about 22% or at least about 24% or at least about 25%. According to still other embodiments, the sulfur doped nanospheres may include sulfur at a concentration of not greater than about 50%, such as, not greater than
30 about 48 vol.% or not greater than about 46 vol.% or not greater than about 44 vol.% or not greater than about 42 vol.% or not greater than about 40 vol.% or not greater than about 38 vol.% or not greater than about 36 vol.% or not greater than about 34 vol.% or not greater than about 32 vol.% or not greater than about 30 vol.% or not greater than about 28 vol.% or not greater than about 26 vol.%. It will be appreciated that the sulfur concentration in the

sulfur doped nanospheres may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the sulfur concentration in the sulfur doped nanospheres may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

5 According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include a particular sulfur content based on elemental analysis conducted using x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur at a concentration of at least about 2%, such as, at least about 4% or at least about 6% or at least about 8% or at least about 10% or at least about 12% or at least
10 about 14% or at least about 16% or at least about 18% or at least about 20% or at least about 22% or at least about 24% or at least about 25%. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may include sulfur at a concentration of not greater than about 50%, such as, not greater than about 48 vol.% or not greater than about 46 vol.% or not greater than about 44 vol.% or not greater than about 42 vol.% or not greater than
15 about 40 vol.% or not greater than about 38 vol.% or not greater than about 36 vol.% or not greater than about 34 vol.% or not greater than about 32 vol.% or not greater than about 30 vol.% or not greater than about 28 vol.% or not greater than about 26 vol.%. It will be appreciated that the sulfur concentration in the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

20 It will be further appreciated that the sulfur concentration in the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

 According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a particular D/G ratio as measured by performing Raman spectroscopy on a sample
25 of powder and detangling the spectrum produced. For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a D/G ratio of at least about 0.1, such as, at least about 0.15 or at least about 0.20 or at least about 0.25 or at least about 0.30 or at least about 0.35 or at least about 0.40 or at least about 0.45. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a D/G ratio of not greater than about 2.0, such as,
30 not greater than about 1.95 or not greater than about 1.90 or not greater than about 1.85 or not greater than about 1.80 or not greater than about 1.75 or not greater than about 1.70 or not greater than about 1.65 or not greater than about 1.60 or not greater than about 1.55 or not greater than about 1.50 or not greater than about 1.45 or not greater than about 1.40 or not greater than about 1.35 or not greater than about 1.30 or not greater than about 1.25 or not

greater than about 1.20 or not greater than about 1.15 or not greater than about 1.10 or not greater than about 1.05 or not greater than about 1.00 or not greater than about 0.95 or not greater than about 0.9 or not greater than about 0.85 or not greater than about 0.8 or not greater than about 0.75 or not greater than about 0.7 or not greater than about 0.65 or even not greater than about 0.6. It will be appreciated that the D/G ratio of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the D/G ratio of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a particular aspect ratio as measured by dividing the lateral size by the thickness of a given sample. For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have an aspect ratio of at least about 1.0, such as, at least about 5 or at least about 10 or at least about 20. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have an aspect ratio of not greater than about 100, such as, not greater than about 90 or not greater than about 80 or not greater than about 70 or not greater than about 60. It will be appreciated that the aspect ratio of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the aspect ratio of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a particular carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} , where P_{sp3} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp3 hybridization and P_{sp2} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp2 hybridization. For example, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of at least about 0.0, such as, at least about 0.1 or at least about 0.2 or at least about 0.3 or at least about 0.4 or at least about 0.5 or at least about 0.6 or at least about 0.7 or at least about 0.8 or at least about 0.9 or at least about 1.0 or at least about 1.1 or at least about 1.2 or at least about 1.3 or at least about 1.4 or even at least about 1.5. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may have a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of not greater than about 5.00, such as, not greater than about 4.75 or not greater than about 4.5 or not greater than about 4.25 or not greater than about 4.0 or not greater than about 3.75 or not greater than about 3.50 or not greater than

about 3.25 or not greater than about 3.0 or not greater than about 2.9 or not greater than about 2.8 or not greater than about 2.7 or not greater than about 2.6 or not greater than about 2.5 or not greater than about 2.4 or not greater than about 2.3 or not greater than about 2.2 or not greater than about 2.1 or even not greater than about 2.0. It will be appreciated that the carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be any value between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above. It will be further appreciated that the carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition may be within a range between, and including, any of the minimum and maximum values noted above.

10 According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may have particular carbon structures. For example, according to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may include carbon-based nanosheets. According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may consist of carbon-based nanosheets. For purposes of embodiments described herein, a nanosheet may be defined as a two-dimensional allotropic form of carbon. According to still other embodiments, a nanosheet may have Sp^2 -hybridized carbon atoms, connected by sigma and pi bonds in a hexagonal lattice of polyaromatic rings.

According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may include carbon-based nanoflakes. According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may consist of carbon-based nanoflakes. For purposes of embodiments described herein, a nanoflake may be defined as a Lamellae of carbon-based nanomaterial, such as, a two-dimensional carbon sheet. According to still other embodiments, the nanoflakes may have two dimensional carbon sheet size of between about 50 nm and 100 nm.

25 According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may include carbon-based nanospheres. According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may consist of carbon-based nanospheres. For purposes of embodiments described herein, a nanosphere may be defined as a Sp^2 -hybridized form of carbon with atomic carbon clusters formed into a spherical structure via covalent bonds. According to certain embodiments, the nanospheres a radii ranging from about 50 nm to about 250 nm.

30 According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may include carbon-based nano-onions. According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may consist of carbon-based nano-onions. For purposes of embodiments described herein, a nano-onion may be defined as a nanostructures that includes multiple concentric shells of hexagonal-latticed sheets, strained to form spherical structures.

According to still other embodiments, the nano-onions may include layers folded over on themselves such that they resemble an onion shell, sometimes encompassing a small volume of amorphous carbon.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may include
5 carbon black. According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may consist of carbon black. For purposes of embodiments described herein, carbon black may be defined as material that is spherical with radii below 1000 nm. According to still other embodiments, the carbon black may be amorphous and may be a black fine powder.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may include
10 turbostratic carbon. According to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may consist of turbostratic carbon. For purposes of embodiments described herein, turbostratic carbon may be defined as a material having a mixture of sp²- and sp³-hybridized carbon, where the sp²-hybridized planes are surrounded and connected by a sp³-hybridized amorphous matrix. The turbostratic carbon may include curved sheets of carbon-based
15 nanomaterial-like carbon-polyaromatic structures, forming grape-like fractal aggregates of primary particles.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may include any combination of carbon-based nanosheets, carbon-based nanoflakes, carbon-based nanospheres, carbon-based nano-onions, carbon black, or turbostratic carbon. According to
20 still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may consist of any combination of carbon-based nanosheets, carbon-based nanoflakes, carbon-based nanospheres, carbon-based nano-onions, carbon black, or turbostratic carbon.

Turning now to a system for synthesis of carbon-based nanomaterial according to embodiments described herein, FIG. 2 includes a diagram of a carbon capture system
25 according to embodiments described herein. As shown in FIG. 2, a carbon capture system 100 according to embodiments of the present disclosure includes a combustion chamber 10 for conversion of hydrocarbon gas or liquid into carbon-based nanomaterial. The system 100 may be scaled as needed and may be located onsite, for example, at a hydrocarbon drilling operation or other suitable hydrocarbon feedstock site. Advantageously, the apparatus and
30 methods disclosed herein permit a wide range of hydrocarbons to be used as a feedstock thereby converting numerous types of carbon-containing fluids, such as industrial flue gas output, to generate a valuable product, e.g., carbon-based nanomaterial. Thus, the disclosure herein beneficially teaches to capture a variety of carbon in industrial outputs and minimize greenhouse gas emissions therefrom while providing a valuable product for further industrial

processes, materials, and equipment, for example, carbon-based nanomaterial-coated proton electron membranes. The combustion chamber 10 of FIG. 2 may be a heavy-duty chamber with multiple injection ports for controlled injection of the hydrocarbon material and separate injection of oxygen and hydrogen that forces re-bonding of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen
5 when ignited to form carbon-based nanomaterial and other products that do not contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, such as water. Without being bound by theory, the use of controlled, separate injection of oxygen and hydrogen allows for a much faster combustion of the hydrocarbon material as compared with traditional oxidizing agents; this permits a more complete breakdown of the hydrocarbon material. The combustion chamber 10 may be
10 formed of any suitable material, such as aluminum, titanium aluminum, nickel aluminum, cast iron, steel, and the like. In some embodiments, the combustion chamber 10 is configured to withstand at least 1000 psi of internal pressure.

The combustion chamber 10 may include one or more sensors configured to monitor and measure conditions within the combustion chamber 10. In some embodiments, the
15 combustion chamber 10 includes a temperature sensor 18 configured to measure a temperature within the combustion chamber 10. In some embodiments, the combustion chamber 10 includes a low pressure sensor 16, a pressure sensor 14, and a high pressure sensor 12, each configured to measure a pressure within the combustion chamber 10. In one or more embodiments, the combustion chamber 10 may include an opacity sensor configured
20 to measure an opacity within the combustion chamber 10. In some embodiments, the combustion chamber 10 may include a vacuum valve configured to create a vacuum within the combustion chamber 10 as a precursor to introducing any reactants (or inert gas). In some embodiments, the combustion chamber 10 includes a pressure release valve configured to release pressure from the combustion chamber 10. The pressure release valve may be
25 actuated once a threshold pressure is reached within the combustion chamber 10 and/or on demand, for example, at a set time after each combustion within the combustion chamber 10.

The system includes an inert gas source 40, a flue gas source 50, an oxygen source 60, and a hydrogen source 70 each in fluidic communication with the combustion chamber 10. The inert gas source 40 is arranged to provide a supply of an inert gas, such as argon, under
30 pressure to the combustion chamber 10, wherein said pressure may be monitored by a pressure sensor 44. The inert gas provides an inert environment for clean combustion within the combustion chamber 10. For instance, the inert environment may prevent or suppress formation of NO_x (nitrogen oxides) that might otherwise occur. A flow meter 46 is provided between the inert gas source 40 and the combustion chamber 10 and the flow meter 46 is

configured to measure a flow rate of inert gas from the inert gas source 40 into the combustion chamber 10. The inert gas is introduced into the combustion chamber 10 through an injection port 48, which may include a one-way valve in order to maintain pressure within the combustion chamber 10 and avoid flashback. In some embodiments, the one-way valve is
5 a solenoid valve.

The flue gas source 50 supplies a carbon-based gas or liquid to the combustion chamber 10. Suitable carbon-based gases or liquids include a variety of commercial and industrial output products that include carbon, typically in a hydrocarbon, which include but are not limited to carbon dioxide, methane, propane, acetylene, butane, or combinations
10 thereof. The carbon content of the carbon-based gases or liquids is not particularly limited. In some embodiments, the flue gas source 50 is an exhaust stream from an industrial reaction process, such as a coal energy plant, a drilling operation, a combustion engine, or a landfill. In other embodiments, the exhaust stream from said industrial reaction process may be collected and stored in a tank or other vessel that may be used later in the system 100. In
15 some embodiments, the flue gas source 50 comprises a holding tank configured to receive and pressurize the exhaust stream from such an industrial process to provide a consistent feedstock pressure to the apparatus herein. In any embodiment, the flue gas source 50 may include a pressure sensor 54 in communication therewith configured to monitor a pressure of the carbon-based gas or liquid from the flue gas source 50. Between the flue gas source 50
20 and the combustion chamber 10 is a flow meter 56 configured to measure a flow rate of the carbon-based gas or liquid from the flue gas source 50 into the combustion chamber 10. The carbon-based gas or liquid is introduced into the combustion chamber 10 through an injection port 58, which may include a one-way valve in order to maintain pressure within the combustion chamber 10 and avoid flashback. In some embodiments, the one-way valve is a
25 solenoid valve. In some embodiments, a flash arrester 52 may also be included between the flue gas source 50 and the combustion chamber 10, e.g., between the pressure sensor 54 and the flue gas source 50. The flash arrester 52 may include a sensor configured to detect flashback during the combustion process in the combustion chamber 10 and, in response, shut down the system 100 to minimize or avoid the risk of explosion or fire.

30 The oxygen source 60 supplies oxygen gas to the combustion chamber 10. In some embodiments, the oxygen source 60 is pressurized at about 50 psi or greater. In some embodiments, the oxygen source 60 receives oxygen from a proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrolyzer and, optionally, pressurizes the oxygen. In other embodiments, the oxygen source 60 comprises an oxygen cylinder. In any embodiment, the oxygen source 60

may include a pressure sensor 64 in communication therewith configured to monitor a pressure of the oxygen from the oxygen source 60. Between the oxygen source 60 and the combustion chamber 10 is a flow meter 66 configured to measure a flow rate of the oxygen from the oxygen source 60 into the combustion chamber 10. The oxygen is introduced into the combustion chamber 10 through an injection port 68, which may include a one-way valve in order to maintain pressure within the combustion chamber 10 and avoid flashback. In some embodiments, the one-way valve is a solenoid valve. In some embodiments, a flash arrester 62 may also be included between the oxygen source 60 and the combustion chamber 10, e.g., between the pressure sensor 64 and the oxygen source 60. The flash arrester 62 may include a sensor configured to detect flashback during the combustion process in the combustion chamber 10 and, in response, shut down the system 100.

The hydrogen source 70 supplies hydrogen gas to the combustion chamber 10. In some embodiments, the hydrogen source 70 is pressurized at about 50 psi or greater. In some embodiments, the hydrogen source 70 receives hydrogen from a proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrolyzer and, optionally, pressurizes the hydrogen. In other embodiments, the hydrogen source 70 comprises a hydrogen cylinder. In any embodiment, the hydrogen source 70 may include a pressure sensor 74 in communication therewith configured to monitor a pressure of the hydrogen from the hydrogen source 70. Between the hydrogen source 70 and the combustion chamber 10 is a flow meter 76 configured to measure a flow rate of the hydrogen from the hydrogen source 70 into the combustion chamber 10. The hydrogen is introduced into the combustion chamber 10 through an injection port 78, which may include a one-way valve in order to maintain pressure within the combustion chamber 10 and avoid flashback. In some embodiments, the one-way valve is a solenoid valve. In some embodiments, a flash arrester 72 may also be included between the hydrogen source 70 and the combustion chamber 10, e.g., between the pressure sensor 74 and the hydrogen source 70. The flash arrester 72 may include a sensor configured to detect flashback during the combustion process in the combustion chamber 10 and, in response, shut down the system 100.

The combustion chamber 10 includes an ignition device 38, such as a spark plug. The ignition device 38 is configured to initiate a series of precisely timed combustions. For example, each combustion event may last about a millisecond. The spacing between combustions and the duration of combustions may be appropriately adjusted based on the measured conditions of the system 100. In one or more embodiments, the ignition device 38 is positioned at a mid-point of the combustion chamber 10. According to this configuration,

as particles of the reactants (flue gas, oxygen, and hydrogen) accelerate in each direction the particles hit at each end and assemble the carbon-based nanomaterial.

The system 100 also includes a controller 30 configured to receive inputs from the sensors within the system 100 and to control combustion conditions within the combustion chamber 10. In some embodiments, the controller 30 is configured to receive inputs from one or more of the flow meters 46, 56, 66, 76, the temperature sensor 18, the low pressure sensor 16, the pressure sensor 14, the high pressure sensor 12, and the pressure sensors 44, 54, 64, 74. In some embodiments, the controller 30 comprises a converter 20 configured to receive said inputs as analog signals and convert the analog signals into digital signals.

The controller 30 may also include a driver 36. In some embodiments, the driver 36 is configured to actuate one or more of the solenoid valves at injection ports 48, 58, 68, 78 and/or to actuate the ignition device 38. In some embodiments, the controller 30 may also include a power distributor 32 to distribute power throughout the system, for example, to the solenoid valves at injection ports 48, 58, 68, 78 and to the ignition device 38.

In one or more embodiments, the system 100 includes a user interface 34. The user interface 34 may display any one or more of the measurements from the sensors described above. In some embodiments, the user interface 34 may be configured to allow customization of the combustion conditions, such as flow rates, pressure, and temperature. The user interface 34 may allow for individual control of each parameter of the system 100 and/or may include pre-programmed functions.

In one or more embodiments, the combustion chamber 10 is maintained at about 100°F or less before combustion, which helps build pressure once carbon-based nanomaterial is produced. After combustion, the temperature within the combustion chamber 10 may be around about 120°F. In some embodiments, a pressure within the combustion chamber 10 is maintained at about 5 to 20 psi prior to combustion. In some embodiments, a pressure within the combustion chamber 10 before combustion is about one half that of a pressure after combustion, for example to about 10 to 40 psi, to facilitate efficient conversion of the carbon-based flue gas into carbon-based nanomaterial production.

In some embodiments, the system 100 may be automated to achieve a cost-efficient carbon-based nanomaterial production method on- or off-site. The automated system 100 determines the mixture for each internal combustion in the chamber to produce carbon-based nanomaterial in real time. In other embodiments, through the use of the user interface 34, the system 100 may be manually controlled.

In any embodiment, the system 100 may be configured to measure, in real-time, the make-up of the carbon-based gas or liquid. Such a measurement may be, for example, derived from the measured temperature and pressure changes within the combustion chamber 10 during and after combustion. The ratios of the carbon-based gas or liquid, hydrogen, and oxygen may be precisely adjusted to achieve a consistent carbon-based nanomaterial product, to modify the conversion of carbon from the carbon-based feedstock into carbon-based nanomaterial to increase the yield thereof, or ideally, both. After each combustion, the system 100 makes small adjustments as needed to one or more parameters to improve the efficiency of carbon-based nanomaterial production. A number of combustions may be required to reach optimal combustion conditions for a given carbon-based gas or liquid. However, the precise control of each of the input reactants allows the system 100 to operate with a wide range of carbon sources—even with a variable carbon source.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial composition formed according to embodiments described herein may be used to form a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or a carbon-based nanomaterial based anode.

Referring to a method of forming a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or a carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, FIG. 3 includes a diagram showing a forming method 300 for forming a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or a carbon-based nanomaterial based anode according to embodiments described herein. According to particular embodiments, the forming method 300 may include a first step 3010 of supplying a forming mixture, a second step 3020 of igniting the forming mixture to form the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and a third step 3030 of forming the carbon-based nanomaterial composition into a layer of a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or a carbon-based nanomaterial based anode.

According to particular embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or the carbon-based nanomaterial based anode of embodiments described herein may be used in various applications including, but not limited to, a PEM fuel cell, a PEM electrolyzer, a battery, or a capacitor.

Turning now to other particular applications or uses of carbon-based nanomaterial formed according to embodiments described herein, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in various applications. For example, according to certain embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of concrete. According to particular embodiments, a concrete mixture may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based

nanomaterial may improve structural performance of the concrete, such as reducing slump, increasing time to usable cure or reducing water demand. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the concrete.

5 According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of building materials, such as, bricks. According to certain embodiments, building materials may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. According to still other embodiments, bricks may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any
10 particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the conductivity of the building materials or bricks. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the structural performance of the building materials or bricks. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the building materials or bricks.

15 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of oil. According to certain embodiments, oil may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the friction reduction properties of the oil. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial
20 may improve the thermal properties of the oil.

 According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of filters. According to certain embodiments, filters may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the performance of the filters.

25 According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in radio frequency energy harvesting. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve long distance energy transfer.

 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of capacitors. According to certain embodiments, capacitors may include
30 carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the energy density of the capacitors. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the charge and discharge rate of the capacitors.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in geothermal processes. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of geothermal processes.

5 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of paint, paint durability and paint adhesion. According to certain embodiments, paint may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the corrosion resistance of the paint. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the paint. According to yet
10 other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the color properties of the paint. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve durability of the paint. According to other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the adhesion of the paint.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in
15 the formation of coolant. According to certain embodiments, coolant may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the coolant. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the flow of the coolant due to a reduction of friction.

20 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of metal. According to certain embodiments, metal may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the structural properties of the metal. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the
25 thermal properties of the metal. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the corrosion properties of the metal. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the flexibility of the metal. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the durability of the metal.

30 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of tire additives. According to certain embodiments, tire additives may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the wear, color, thermal properties, or grip of tire additives.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of various household or commercial counter tops. According to certain embodiments, household or commercial counter tops may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the strength of the household or commercial counter tops. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the scratch and wear resistance of the household or commercial counter tops. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the household or commercial counter tops.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of digital displays. According to certain embodiments, digital displays may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of sunscreen. According to certain embodiments, sunscreen may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the sunscreen.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of soap or shampoo. According to certain embodiments, soap or shampoo may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the cleanability of the soap or shampoo.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of non-stick or thermally conductive coating for pots and pans. According to certain embodiments, non-stick or thermally conductive coating for pots and pans may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the non-stick or thermally conductive coating for pots and pans.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of sunglasses. According to certain embodiments, sunglasses may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the sunglasses. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the UV absorption of the sunglasses.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of Wi-Fi antennas. According to certain embodiments, Wi-Fi antennas may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the
5 signal reception of Wi-Fi antennas.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of textiles. According to certain embodiments, textiles may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in
10 the formation of glass. According to certain embodiments, glass may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the glass. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the structural properties of glass. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based
15 nanomaterial may improve the color properties of glass.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of solar panels. According to certain embodiments, solar panels may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the conductivity,
20 light absorption, or strength of solar panels. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of solar panels.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of solar epoxy. According to certain embodiments, epoxy may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to
25 any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the tensile strength and performance of epoxy. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of epoxy.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of solar power windows. According to certain embodiments, solar power
30 windows may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of ceramic additives. According to certain embodiments, ceramic additives may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the ceramic additives. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the structural properties of ceramic additives. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the color properties of ceramic additives.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of biomedical implants. According to certain embodiments, biomedical implants may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the paper and pulp industry.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of reversible hydrogen storage materials.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of polishing compound additives.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the sports industry.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of weather stripping.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of light weight personnel armor that is light and more resilient bullet proof clothing.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of carbon hex, which may provide structural integrity for other materials.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of grease. According to certain embodiments, grease may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the grease. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the lubrication of grease. According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the color properties of grease.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of adhesives. According to certain embodiments, adhesives may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. Without being

tied to any particular theory, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the surface area of the adhesives. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the adhesives.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of roofing materials, such as, shingles, tar coatings, metal roofing materials. According to certain embodiments, roofing materials may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the structural performance of the roofing materials. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve the thermal properties of the roofing materials.

According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of soil. According to certain embodiments, soil may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein. According to still other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may improve soil stabilization (anti-hydrofaction) and soil amendment (nutrients).

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of fire extinguishers or fire retardants, such as blankets.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of batteries.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of fuel cell catalysts.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of or operation of nuclear power plants.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in alcohol distillation or water purification.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of drug delivery systems.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of cancer treatments.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of gene delivery.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in diabetes monitoring.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of biosensors.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of light generators.

5 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of transistors.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of water proofing materials.

10 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of wearable proofing.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of wearable electronics.

15 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of touch screens.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of flexible screens.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation of food packaging.

20 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in desalination processes.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation or in combination with gasoline. According to certain embodiments, gasoline may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

25 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation or in combination with ethanol or ethanol based fuels. According to certain embodiments, ethanol or ethanol based fuels may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

30 According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation or in combination with cancer targeting materials, such as peptides, or other known proteins. According to certain embodiments, cancer targeting materials may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

According to yet other embodiments, the carbon-based nanomaterial may be used in the formation or in combination with medical drug delivery systems, in particular, nano-drug

delivery systems. According to certain embodiments, drug delivery systems may include carbon-based nanomaterial having any of the characteristics described herein.

Many different aspects and embodiments are possible. Some of those aspects and embodiments are described herein. After reading this specification, skilled artisans will appreciate that those aspects and embodiments are only illustrative and do not limit the scope of the present invention. Embodiments may be in accordance with any one or more of the embodiments as listed below.

Embodiment 1. A carbon-based nanomaterial composition formed from a forming mixture comprising a gas mixture and a sulfur powder, wherein the gas mixture comprises a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises sulfur doped nanospheres.

Embodiment 2. A method of forming a carbon-based nanomaterial composition, wherein the method comprises: supplying a forming mixture comprising a gas mixture and a sulfur powder, wherein the gas mixture comprises a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas, igniting the gas mixture to form the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises sulfur doped nanospheres.

Embodiment 3. A carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprising: sulfur doped nanospheres, a carbon content of at least about 60% and not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, an oxygen content of at least about 0.0% and not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and a sulfur content of at least about 1% and not greater than 50%.

Embodiment 4. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the sulfur doped nanospheres have an average diameter of at least about 5 nm.

Embodiment 5. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the sulfur doped nanospheres have an average diameter of not greater than about 500 nm.

Embodiment 6. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a sulfur content of at least about 1% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 7. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a

sulfur content of not greater than about 50% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 8. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a
5 carbon content of at least about 60% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 9. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon content of not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based
10 nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 10. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an oxygen content of at least about 0.0% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

15 Embodiment 11. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an oxygen content of not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 12. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of
20 embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of at least about 0.0, where P_{sp3} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp3 hybridization and P_{sp2} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp2 hybridization.

25 Embodiment 13. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial has a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of not greater than about 5.0, where P_{sp3} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp3 hybridization and P_{sp2} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp2 hybridization.

30 Embodiment 14. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a D/G ratio of not greater than about 0.1.

Embodiment 15. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a D/G ratio of at least about 2.0.

5 Embodiment 16. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an aspect ratio of not greater than about 100.

Embodiment 17. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an aspect ratio of at least about 1.

10 Embodiment 18. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed from a forming mixture, wherein the forming mixture comprises a gas mixture and a sulfur powder.

Embodiment 19. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of
15 embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the forming mixture comprises the gas mixture at a concentration of at least about 50 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture.

Embodiment 20. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the forming mixture comprises the sulfur powder at a concentration of not greater than about 98 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture.

20 Embodiment 21. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the forming mixture comprises the sulfur powder at a concentration of at least about 2 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture.

Embodiment 22. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of
25 embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the forming mixture comprises the gas mixture at a concentration of not greater than about 50 vol.% for a total volume of the mixture.

Embodiment 23. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises the carbon based gas at a concentration of at least about 0.8 mol.

30 Embodiment 24. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises the carbon based gas at a concentration of not greater than about 18 mol.

Embodiment 25. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the carbon based gas comprises acetylene gas, methane gas or any combination thereof.

Embodiment 26. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises oxygen gas at a concentration of at least about 0.1 mol.

5 Embodiment 27. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises oxygen gas at a concentration of not greater than about 13.0 mol.

Embodiment 28. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises hydrogen gas at a concentration of at least about 0.0 mol.

10 Embodiment 29. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises hydrogen gas at a concentration of not greater than about 20 mol.

Embodiment 30. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises acetylene gas at a
15 concentration of at least about 0.8 mol.

Embodiment 31. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises acetylene gas at a concentration of not greater than about 18 mol.

20 Embodiment 32. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a concentration of at least about 0.8 mol.

Embodiment 33. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a concentration of not greater than about 20.0 mol.

25 Embodiment 34. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a combustion temperature of at least about 1500 °C.

Embodiment 35. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a
30 combustion temperature of not greater than about 3000 °C.

Embodiment 36. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a combustion pressure of at least about 200 PSI.

Embodiment 37. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a combustion pressure of not greater than about 3000 PSI.

Embodiment 38. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of
5 embodiments 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed in a system for carbon-based nanomaterial synthesis, wherein the system comprises: an enclosed chamber comprising a hollow interior; a carbon-based gas source fluidically coupled to the chamber and configured to supply a carbon-based gas to the hollow interior; a hydrogen
10 source that is independent of the carbon-based gas source and that is fluidically coupled to the chamber and configured to supply hydrogen to the hollow interior; an oxygen source that is independent of the carbon-based gas source and that is fluidically coupled to the chamber and configured to supply oxygen to the hollow interior; an igniter configured to ignite the carbon-based gas, hydrogen, and oxygen in the hollow interior; a first flow meter coupled to the carbon-based gas source, a second flow meter coupled to the hydrogen source, a third
15 flow meter coupled to the oxygen source; and a controller in communication with and configured to receive flow data from the first, second, and third flow meters; wherein the controller is configured to adjust flow from one or more of the carbon-based gas source, the hydrogen source, and/or the oxygen source in response to the flow data.

Embodiment 39. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of
20 embodiment 38, wherein the carbon-based gas is a flue gas resulting from an industrial reaction process.

Embodiment 40. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of embodiment 39, wherein the industrial reaction process is a coal energy plant, a drilling operation, a combustion engine, or a landfill.

25 Embodiment 41. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of embodiment 39, wherein the carbon-based gas source comprises a storage tank, an inlet line, and an outlet line; wherein the storage tank is coupled to the chamber via the outlet line; and wherein the flue gas is directed from the industrial reaction process through the inlet line to the storage tank.

30 Embodiment 42. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of embodiment 39, wherein the chamber is co-located with the industrial reaction process.

Embodiment 43. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of embodiment 38, further comprising an inert gas source fluidically coupled to the chamber and configured to supply an inert gas to the hollow interior.

Embodiment 44. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of embodiment 38, wherein the carbon-based gas source is coupled to the chamber via a first one-way valve, the hydrogen source is coupled to the chamber via a second one-way valve, and the oxygen source is coupled to the chamber via a third one-way valve.

5 Embodiment 45. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of embodiment 44, wherein the chamber further comprises an exhaust valve.

Embodiment 46. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of embodiment 38, further comprising a pressure sensor configured to measure a pressure within the hollow interior and a temperature sensor configured to measure a temperature within the
10 hollow interior; wherein the controller is in communication with and configured to receive pressure data from the pressure sensor; wherein the controller is in communication with and configured to receive temperature data from the temperature sensor; and wherein the controller is configured to adjust flow from one or more of the carbon-based gas source, the hydrogen source, and the oxygen source in response to the flow data, the pressure data, the
15 temperature data, or a combination thereof.

Embodiment 47. A carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode comprising a layer of a carbon-based nanomaterial composition formed from a forming mixture comprising a gas mixture and a sulfur powder, wherein the gas mixture comprises a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition
20 comprises sulfur doped nanospheres.

Embodiment 48. A method of forming a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, wherein the method comprises: supplying a forming mixture comprising a gas mixture and a sulfur powder, wherein the gas mixture comprises a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas, igniting the gas mixture to form the carbon-based nanomaterial composition,
25 wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises sulfur doped nanospheres, and forming the carbon-based nanomaterial composition into a layer of a carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode.

Embodiment 49. A carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode comprising a layer of a carbon-based nanomaterial composition, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition
30 comprises: sulfur doped nanospheres, a carbon content of at least about 60% and not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and an oxygen content of at least about 0% and not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and a sulfur content of at least about 2% and not greater than 50%.

Embodiment 50. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the sulfur doped nanospheres have an average diameter of at least about 5 nm.

Embodiment 51. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the sulfur doped nanospheres have an average diameter of not greater than about 500 nm.

Embodiment 52. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a sulfur content of at least about 2% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 53. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a sulfur content of not greater than about 50% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 54. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon content of at least about 60% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 55. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon content of not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 56. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an oxygen content of at least about 1% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 57. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an oxygen content of not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

Embodiment 58. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of at least about 1.0, where P_{sp3} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp^3 hybridization and P_{sp2} is the

percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp² hybridization.

Embodiment 59. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial has a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of not greater than about 5.0, where P_{sp3} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp³ hybridization and P_{sp2} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp² hybridization.

Embodiment 60. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a D/G ratio of not greater than about 0.1.

Embodiment 61. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a D/G ratio of at least about 2.0.

Embodiment 62. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an aspect ratio of not greater than about 100.

Embodiment 63. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an aspect ratio of at least about 1.

Embodiment 64. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed from a forming mixture, wherein the forming mixture comprises a gas mixture and a sulfur powder.

Embodiment 65. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the forming mixture comprises the gas mixture at a concentration of at least about 50 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture.

Embodiment 66. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the forming mixture comprises the sulfur powder at a concentration of not greater than about 98 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture.

Embodiment 67. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the forming mixture comprises the sulfur powder at a concentration of at least about 2 vol.% for a total volume of the forming mixture.

Embodiment 68. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the forming mixture comprises the gas mixture at a concentration of not greater than about 50 vol.% for a total volume of the mixture.

Embodiment 69. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises the carbon based gas at a concentration of at least about 0.8 mol.

Embodiment 70. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises the carbon based gas at a concentration of not greater than about 4.0 mol.

Embodiment 71. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the carbon based gas comprises Acetylene, Methane or any combination thereof.

Embodiment 72. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises oxygen gas at a concentration of at least about 0.1 mol.

Embodiment 73. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises oxygen gas at a concentration of not greater than about 1.0 mol.

Embodiment 74. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises hydrogen gas at a concentration of at least about 0.4 mol.

Embodiment 75. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises hydrogen gas at a concentration of not greater than about 1.6 mol.

Embodiment 76. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a concentration of at least about 0.8 mol.

Embodiment 77. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a concentration of not greater than about 2.4 mol.

Embodiment 78. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a concentration of at least about 0.8 mol.

Embodiment 79. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 64, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a concentration of not greater than about 2.4 mol.

Embodiment 80. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based
5 nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a combustion temperature of at least about 1500 °C.

Embodiment 81. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the
10 carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a combustion temperature of not greater than about 3000 °C.

Embodiment 82. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a combustion pressure of at least about
15 200 PSI.

Embodiment 83. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition is formed at a combustion pressure of not greater than about 3000 PSI.

Embodiment 84. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of
20 embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises the carbon based gas at molar ratio CBG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05 and not greater than about 0.7, where the AG_{mol} is equal to the moles of acetylene gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 85. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of
25 embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises oxygen gas at a molar ratio OG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.01 and not greater than about 0.4, where the OG_{mol} is equal to the moles of oxygen gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 86. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of
30 embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises hydrogen gas at a molar ratio HG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.01 and not greater than about 0.55, where the HG_{mol} is equal to the moles of hydrogen gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 87. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises acetylene gas at a molar ratio AG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05 and not greater than about 0.7, where the AG_{mol} is equal to the moles of acetylene gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 88. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of embodiments 1, 2, and 18, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a molar ratio MG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05 and not greater than about 0.7, where the MG_{mol} is equal to the moles of methane gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 89. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the gas mixture comprises the carbon based gas at molar ratio CBG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05 and not greater than about 0.7, where the AG_{mol} is equal to the moles of acetylene gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 90. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the gas mixture comprises oxygen gas at a molar ratio OG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.01 and not greater than about 0.4, where the OG_{mol} is equal to the moles of oxygen gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 91. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, the gas mixture comprises hydrogen gas at a molar ratio HG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.01 and not greater than about 0.55, where the HG_{mol} is equal to the moles of hydrogen gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 92. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the gas mixture comprises acetylene gas at a molar ratio AG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05 and not greater than about 0.7, where the AG_{mol} is equal to the moles of acetylene gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Embodiment 93. The carbon-based nanomaterial based cathode, carbon-based nanomaterial based anode, or method of any one of embodiments 47, 48, and 49, wherein the gas mixture comprises methane gas at a molar ratio MG_{mol}/GM_{mol} of at least about 0.05 and

not greater than about 0.7, where the MG_{mol} is equal to the moles of methane gas in the gas mixture and GM_{mol} is equal to the total moles of gas in the gas mixture.

Note that not all of the activities described above in the general description or the examples are required, that a portion of a specific activity may not be required, and that one
5 or more further activities may be performed in addition to those described. Still further, the order in which activities are listed is not necessarily the order in which they are performed.

Benefits, other advantages, and solutions to problems have been described above with regard to specific embodiments. However, the benefits, advantages, solutions to problems, and any feature(s) that may cause any benefit, advantage, or solution to occur or become
10 more pronounced are not to be construed as a critical, required, or essential feature of any or all the claims.

The specification and illustrations of the embodiments described herein are intended to provide a general understanding of the structure of the various embodiments. The specification and illustrations are not intended to serve as an exhaustive and comprehensive
15 description of all of the elements and features of apparatus and systems that use the structures or methods described herein. Separate embodiments may also be provided in combination in a single embodiment, and conversely, various features that are, for brevity, described in the context of a single embodiment, may also be provided separately or in any subcombination. Further, reference to values stated in ranges includes each and every value within that range.
20 Many other embodiments may be apparent to skilled artisans only after reading this specification. Other embodiments may be used and derived from the disclosure, such that a structural substitution, logical substitution, or another change may be made without departing from the scope of the disclosure. Accordingly, the disclosure is to be regarded as illustrative rather than restrictive.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A carbon-based nanomaterial composition formed from a forming mixture comprising a gas mixture and a sulfur powder,
wherein the gas mixture comprises a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas,
wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises sulfur doped nanospheres.
2. A method of forming a carbon-based nanomaterial composition, wherein the method comprises:
supplying a forming mixture comprising a gas mixture and a sulfur powder, wherein the gas mixture comprises a carbon based gas, an oxygen gas, and a hydrogen gas,
igniting the gas mixture to form the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.
wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises sulfur doped nanospheres.
3. A carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprising:
sulfur doped nanospheres,
a carbon content of at least about 60% and not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition,
an oxygen content of at least about 1% and not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition, and
a sulfur content of at least about 2% and not greater than 50%.
4. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the sulfur doped nanospheres have an average diameter of at least about 5 nm.
5. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the sulfur doped nanospheres have an average diameter of not greater than about 500 nm.
6. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a sulfur content of at least about 2% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.
7. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a sulfur content of not greater than about 50% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.

8. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon content of at least about 60% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.
9. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon content of not greater than about 99% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.
10. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an oxygen content of at least about 1% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.
11. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises an oxygen content of not greater than about 35% based on elemental analysis of the carbon-based nanomaterial composition.
12. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of at least about 4.0, where P_{sp3} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp3 hybridization and P_{sp2} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp2 hybridization.
13. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial has a carbon hybridization ratio P_{sp3}/P_{sp2} of not greater than about 5.0, where P_{sp3} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp3 hybridization and P_{sp2} is the percent of carbon within the carbon-based nanomaterial composition having a sp2 hybridization.
14. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a D/G ratio of not greater than about 0.5.
15. The carbon-based nanomaterial composition or method of any one of claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the carbon-based nanomaterial composition comprises a D/G ratio of at least about 2.0.