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Computational materials search for novel metallic C and Si allotropes using an inverse design method

With the recent advance of computational power, discovery and design of new materials are being revolutionized by computational materials science. Recently, we have developed a protocol for a crystal structure search, in which the conformational space annealing algorithm for global optimization is combined with first-principles density functional calculations, called AMADEUS [1]. The AMADEUS has been successfully used to predict new materials, such as silicon and carbon allotropes with optimal direct band gaps for photovoltaic applications, possible intermediate phase of boron on the transition pathway from α -B to γ -B, a new phosphorus allotrope called green phosphorus with high carrier mobility, and a two-dimensional triangular Kagome lattice of boron that exhibits the exotic electronic properties.

In this presentation, we will show the successful application of AMADEUS to predict a novel metallic allotropes of carbon [2] and silicon [3]. The new carbon allotrope, termed m -C₈, consists of five-membered rings with sp^3 bonding interconnected by sp^2 -bonded graphitic carbon networks. Analyzing the electronic band structure, we identify that m -C₈ belongs to the class of topological nodal line semimetals. The new Si allotrope, termed $P6/m$ -Si₆, contains open channels embedded in a simple hexagonal lattice. The new Si₆ phase can be obtained by removing Na atoms from a chemical precursor NaSi₆ in the $P6/m$ space group that is discovered using AMADEUS at high pressure. We find that both the $P6/m$ -Si₆ and $P6/m$ -Si₆ clathrates are stable and superconducting with the critical temperature of about 12 and 13 K at zero pressure, respectively.

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