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***Scalable Nanomanufacturing of High
Performance Metallic Nanomaterials***

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ABSTRACT

Research activities on nanoscience and nanotechnology have enjoyed an explosive growth over the last 10 years, while the transition from nanoscience to scale-up nanomanufacturing (high volume nanoproduction) has been the major bottleneck for nanotechnology to realize its tremendous potential. Incorporation of nanoelements (e.g. nanoparticles, nanotubes, nanofibers, and nano-platelets) into various functional materials can obtain unusual physical, chemical, and mechanical properties. However, it is extremely difficult to realize scale-up nanomaterials manufacturing. This talk will discuss about various scientific and technological aspects that are crucial for forging nanoscience and manufacturing processes to realize scalable nanomaterials manufacturing. It will particularly focus on our research activities on Solidification Nanoprocessing, a novel scalable nanomanufacturing process, for fabrication of light weight metallic nanomaterials. Bulk aluminum and magnesium based nanomaterials with superior structural and functional properties have been successfully fabricated. High performance metallic nanomaterials will significantly improve energy efficiency for numerous applications/systems, reducing use of nonrenewable fuels and lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Solidification Nanoprocessing promises to become a transformational technology for economical production of high performance nanomaterials.

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