

# Yasser AHMAD, PhD in Materials Science

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## Scientific skills

Nanomaterials, Energy storage (Fuel Cells, Lithium ion batteries), Electrochemistry, Materials characterisation techniques (*NMR, EPR, XRD, TEM, SEM, IRATR, UV-V, TGA*),

## Professional skills

Autonomy, reliable, motivated, communication skills, trilingual (Arabic, French, and English), student's supervision, international collaborations (USA: California Institute of Technology, France: SAFT, Mines ParisTech, Joseph Fourier University, Blaise Pascal University).

## Research Experience

*Oct 2015-Oct-2016*

### Assistant Professor

**The National Center for Scientific Research, CNRS – France**

Project: Corrosion resistant carbons as catalytic cathodic support materials for Fuel Cells PEMFC

*Oct 2013-Sep 2015*

### Postdoctoral Research Associate

**The National Center for Scientific Research, CNRS – France**

Project: Nanomaterials and Ionic liquids: from fundamentals to applications in sustainable technologies.

*Oct 2010-Oct 2013*

### Doctoral Researcher

**Blaise Pascal University – Institute of Clermont Ferrand – France**

Project: Synthesis of fluorinated nanocarbon for electrochemical energy storage (defended on Oct 4, 2013)

*Jan 2009-June 2010*

### Post-Graduate Internship

**Claude Bernard University – Institute of research on catalysis and the environment of Lyon – France**

Project: Biomaterials obtained by gelation of silica precursor with carbon dioxide saturated water

## Teaching and Advising

*Sep 2016-Present*

### Assistant Professor

**Fahad Bin Sultan University–College of Engineering – Mechanical Engineering Department – Tabuk.**

Courses taught: Thermodynamics (I and II), Engineering Materials, Heat Transfer and Engineering Ethics

*Oct 2015-Sep-2016*

### Assistant Professor

**Blaise Pascal University – Institute of Clermont Ferrand – France**

Courses in Materials Science (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduates and Master's graduates)

*Oct 2013-Sep 2016*

### Internship Leader for College students

**Blaise Pascal University – Institute of Clermont Ferrand – France**

- Planned and led required training research session for college students and new composition teachers
- Helped to mentor new hires to the department staff to ensure their engagement and professional development.
- Planned and taught how to write final report for internship students
- Planned and led outside visits and events

*Oct 2010-Oct 2013*

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

**Blaise Pascal University – Institute of Clermont Ferrand – France**

Materials Science and Engineering courses (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduates)

## Education

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| <i>2010-2013</i> | <b>PhD in Materials Science</b>        | Blaise Pascal University – Clermont Ferrand – France   |
| <i>2009-2010</i> | <b>Master 2 in Inorganic Materials</b> | Claude Bernard University of Lyon – France             |
| <i>2008-2009</i> | <b>Master 1 in Industrial Sciences</b> | Holy Spirit University of Kasslik – Beyrouth – Lebanon |
| <i>2005-2008</i> | <b>Bachelor in General Sciences</b>    | Lebanese University Branch 3 – Tripoli – Lebanon       |

**Patent:** No. 12/61927 "Using sub-fluorinated carbon nano-objects as electrode materials in lithium primary battery for high capacity" December 12, 2012.

### Publications (11)

1. "Biomaterials obtained by gelation of silica precursor with CO<sub>2</sub> saturated water containing a carbonic anhydrase enzyme" N. Favre, **Y. Ahmad**, A. C. Pierre. **The Journal of Sol-Gel Science and Technology**, **58** (2011), 442–451. **IF: 1,53**
2. "Tuning the discharge potential of fluorinated carbon used as electrode in primary lithium battery" M. Dubois, K. Guérin, **Y. Ahmad** et al. **Electrochimica acta**, **59** (2012), 485-491. **IF: 4,5**
3. "The synthesis of multilayer graphene materials by the fluorination of carbon nanodiscs/nanocônes" **Y. Ahmad**, E. Disa, M. Dubois et al. **Carbon**, **50**, (2012), 3897-3908. **IF: 6,20**
4. "NMR and NEXAFS Study of Various Graphite Fluorides" **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, et al. **The Journal of Physical Chemistry C**, **117**, (2013), 13564-13572. **IF: 4,77**
5. "Enhanced performances in primary lithium batteries of fluorinated carbon nanofibres through static fluorination" **Y. Ahmad**, K. Guérin, M. Dubois, et al. **Electrochimica Acta**, **114**, (2013), 142-151. **IF: 4,086**
6. "Thermal exfoliation of fluorinated graphite" M. Dubois, K. Guérin, **Y. Ahmad**, et al. **Carbon** **77** (2014), 688-704. **IF: 6,20**
7. "Dual C-F bonding in fluorinated exfoliated graphite" M. Mar, **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, et al. **Journal of Fluorine Chemistry** **174** (2015), 36-41 **IF: 1,95**
8. "Structure control at the nanoscale in fluorinated graphitized carbon blacks through the fluorination route" **Y. Ahmad**, E. Disa, K. Guérin, et al. **Journal of Fluorine Chemistry**, vol. **168** (2014), 163-172. **IF: 1,95**
9. "First Insight into Fluorinated Pt/Carbon Aerogels as More Corrosion-Resistant Electrocatalysts for Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell Cathodes". S. Berthon-Fabry, L. Dubau, **Y. Ahmad**, K. Guerin, M. Chatenet. **Electrocatalysis** **6**(2015), 521-533 **IF: 2,37**
10. "Pushing the theoretical limit of Li-CFx batteries using fluorinated nanostructured carbon nanodiscs" **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, A. Hamwi, W. Zhang. **Carbon** **94** (2015), 1061-1070. **IF: 6,20**
11. "High energy density of primary lithium batteries working with sub-fluorinated few walled carbon nanotubes cathode." **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guerin, A. Hamwi, E. Flahaut. **Journal of Alloys and Compounds** **726**, 852-859. **IF: 3.133**

### Conference Oral Presentations

1. "Xenon difluoride: an efficient fluorinating agent for reactive precursors (polymers, graphene, carbon Nanotubes)"; **M. Dubois**, K. Guérin, P. Bonnet, W. Zhang, **Y. Ahmad**, F. Withers, A. K. Savchenko, A.P. Kharitonov, A. Hamwi, ACS Fall meeting, 2011, Denver, Colorado, USA.
2. "Structure and Properties of SWCNTs and Graphenes fluorinated by xenon difluoride"; **M. Dubois**, P. Bonnet, W. Zhang, K. Guérin, **Y. Ahmad**, F. Withers, A. Savchenko, S. Russo, M.F. Craciun, C.P. Ewels, F. Masin, A. Hamwi, GDR-i "graphenes and nanotubes", 2012, Ecully, France
3. "Xenon difluoride as fluorinating agent for SWCNTs and graphene"; **M. Dubois**, P. Bonnet, W. Zhang, K. Guérin, **Y. Ahmad**, F. Withers, A. Savchenko, S. Russo, M. F. Craciun, C. P. EWELS, F. Masin, A. Hamwi, Chemontubes, 2012, Arcachon, France
4. "The synthesis of multilayer graphene materials by the fluorination of carbon nanodiscs/nanocônes"; **Y. Ahmad**, E. Disa, **M. Dubois**, K. Guérin, V. Dubois, W. Zhang, P. Bonnet, F. Masin, L. Vidal, D.A. Ivanov, A. Hamwi, 20th International Symposium on Fluorine Chemistry, 2012 Kyoto, Japan
5. "Comparative performances in primary lithium batteries of fluorinated carbon nanofibres according to the fluorination method"; **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, W. Zhang, A. Hamwi, 9th France-Japan Meeting on Lithium Batteries, Saint-Rémy-les-Chevreuse, 2012, France.
6. "Controlled and catalytic fluorination to prepare graphene and fluorinated graphene"; **Y. Ahmad**, **M. Dubois**, K. Guérin, F. Withers, S. Russo, M.F. Craciun, A. Hamwi, Carbon, Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, 2013, Brazil
7. "Extracapacities in primary lithium batteries using carbon fluorides cathode material"; **Y. Ahmad**, **M. Dubois**, K. Guérin, W. Zhang, A. Hamwi; Carbon, Copacabana, 2013, Brazil
8. "Controlled and catalytic fluorinations to prepare graphene and fluorinated graphene"; **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, F. Withers, S. Russo, M.F. Craciun, A. Hamwi, CESEP 2013, Mülheim a.d. Ruhr – Germany
9. "The comparison of electrochemical performances in primary lithium batteries of fluorinated carbon nanofibers according to the fluorination method" **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, A. Hamwi, GFEC 2012, Houffalize - Belgium
10. "Controlled and catalytic fluorinations for the synthesis of Grapheme" **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, A. Hamwi, GFECI 2013, Chambon sur Lac – France
11. "Fluorination for the synthesis of Graphene" **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, A. Hamwi, GFEC 2013, Voreppe – France.

### **Conference Poster Presentations**

1. "Effect of curvature on C-F bonding in fluorinated carbons: from fullerenes and derivatives to graphite", **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, W. Zhang, P. Bonnet, H. Kharabache, F. Masin, A. P. Kharitonov, A. Hamwi, CESEP 2011, Vichy, France.
2. "Towards the synthesis of multilayer graphene materials via fluorination of carbon nanodiscs/nanocones", **Y. Ahmad**, E. Disa, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, V. Dubois, W. Zhang, P. Bonnet, F. Masin, L. Vidal, D.A. Ivanov, A. Hamwi, Carbon 2012, Krakow, Poland.
3. "Fluoride - Graphite intercalation compound as a precursor for the preparation of graphene" , **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, A. Hamwi, 17<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Intercalation Compounds, 2013, Sendai, Japan
4. "Electrochemical discharge mechanism of commercial graphite fluoride used as electrode in primary lithium batteries", K. Guérin, Z. Karkar, **Y. Ahmad**, E. Petit, M. Dubois, A. Hamwi, P. Bernard, B. Simon, 17<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Intercalation Compounds, 2013, Japan
5. "Electrochemical properties of fluorinated graphitized carbon blacks", **Y. Ahmad**, E. Disa, K. Guérin, M. Dubois, E. Petit, L. Frezet, A. Hamwi; Carbon 2013, Rio de Janeiro, 2013, Brazil
6. "NMR and NEXAFS study of various graphite fluorides", **Y. Ahmad**, M. Dubois, K. Guérin, A. Hamwi, Z. El-Fawal, A.P. Kharitonov, A.V. Generalov, A.Yu. Klyushin, K.A. Simonov, N.A. Vinogradov, I.A. Zhdanov, A.B. Preobrajenski, and A.S Vinogradov; Carbon 2013, Brazil