

# SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR FABRICATING BORON NITRIDE NANOSTRUCTURES

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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A research team led by Alex Zettl has developed a variable pressure, powder/gas/liquid injection inductively coupled plasma system that is used to produce high quality boron nitride nanotubes (BNNTs) at continuous rates of 35 g/hour. For example, in this system, boron powder is introduced to a directed flow of plasma and boron nitride nanostructures are formed in a chamber. This system can produce collapsed BN nanotubes (nanoribbons) and closed shell BN capsules (nanococoons). The system is also adaptable to a large variety of feedstock materials.

## SUGGESTED USES

Scalable production of boron nitride nanomaterials that can be used in high temperature environments or harsh chemical environments, e.g., aerospace or nuclear industries.

## ADVANTAGES

Scalable production of high quality BNNTs at continuous rates of 35 g/hour

## RELATED MATERIALS

» [Scaled Synthesis of Boron Nitride Nanotubes, Nanoribbons, and Nanococoons Using Direct Feedstock Injection into an Extended-Pressure, Inductively-Coupled Thermal Plasma](#) - 07/08/2014

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## OTHER INFORMATION

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