Light Metal Mediated Hydrogen Storage Capacity of Graphene Nanoribbons Veronica Barone – Department of Physics – Central Michigan University

Using first principles methods, we study light metal absorption on the surface of low-dimensional graphenes, including graphene nanoribbons and porous graphenes. We try to optimize the structures to attain the higher charge transfer possible between the metal adsorbant and substrate. This optimization will lead to a stronger interaction between H molecules and metal ions.

Zigzag nanoribbons + Li + 4H₂

Low-dimensional porous graphene + Li + 4H₂

Eb (eV/1H₂) = 0.237 eV Li-H distance = 2.260 Å H-H bond = 0.775 Å Eb(eV/1H₂) = 0.241 eV Li-H distance = 2.026 and 2.847 Å H-H bond = 0.778 Å

