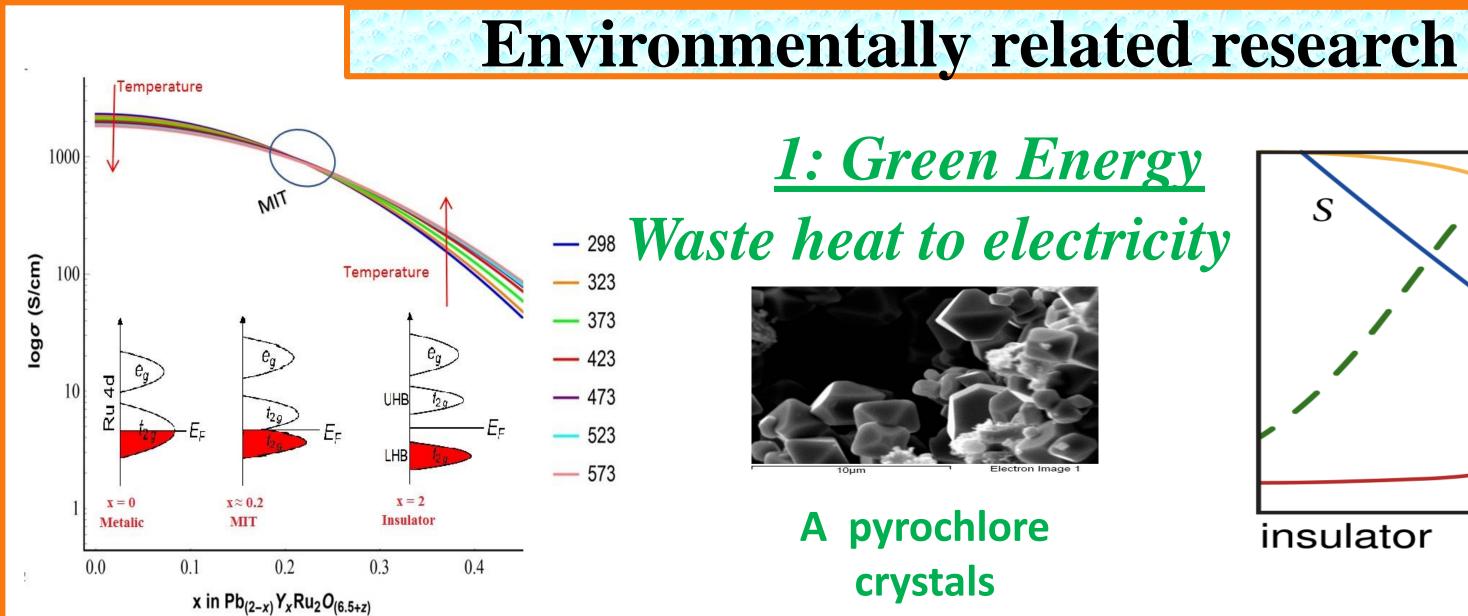
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insulator metal

Metal-Insulator Transition (MIT) Mott-Hubbard Mechanisms

2: Climate

Heavily corroded Portland cement mortar



Corrosion resistant, low CO₂ footprint, geopolymer mortar



3: Clean Air

recycle stream

jet impingement

cylinder

fresh air

My invention

Cyclones & jet-

impingement

 $dust < 5 \mu m$

impingement

nozzle tube

clean air

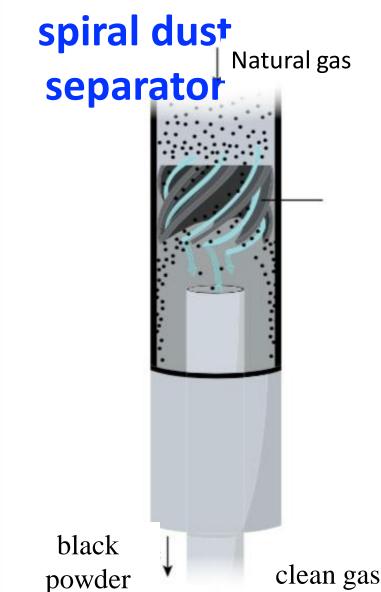
cylinder

clean air

Eliminate dust

multi-channel

spiral dust



Interests and Experience

- > Overarching interest: materials physics, i.e., advanced materials development, recycling, energy efficiency, sustainability
- Experience: materials development, synthesis, characterization, analysis, electronics, and use of state-of-the-art instruments
- ➤ Conducted research on ❖ thermoelectric materials (heat to electricity)
 - ❖ low CO₂ footprint geopolymer cement
 - high efficiency cyclones de-dusters
- > Worked in industry as a process engineer in Iran
- ➤ Continued collaboration with Iran University of Science and Technology (IUST) on advanced dust separators
- Familiar with use and capabilities of state-of-the-art instruments, e.g., SEM/EDS, XRF, XRD, Raman, thermal and electrical conductivity, etc.

Expertise, Leadership, Activities

- > Reviewer for several scientific journals
- ➤ Lead MRS Symposium Organizer for MRS Fall-2022
- ➤ Chief executive officer at PARRTO institute in Iran
- - High School Summer Intern at CUA (Summer 2016)
- ➤ Research adviser NSF grant summer student
- ➤ Member of MRS Early Career Subcommittee
- ➤ Member of DC/MD/NoVa Section of ACerS
- > Adjunct faculty at CUA, school of Engineering
- ➤ Course development and teaching:
- Experimental Methods for Materials Engineering
 - Introduction to Material Science & Engineering
 - Materials Laboratory
 - Dynamics Laboratory

Publications

- > 10 Peer-reviewed publications, several more in preparation or submitted
- ➤ 21 Conference presentations 7 invited 1 Keynote speaker
- ➤ 1 Book chapter on thermoelectric materials
- > 2 patents (cyclone efficiency)
- ➤ 2 TV interviews

Memberships

- ➤ Materials Research Society (MRS)
- ➤ American Physical Society (APS)
- ➤ American Ceramic Society (ACerS)

Skills

- > MATLAB, Mathematica, LabVIEW
- ➤ Quick learner based on diverse technical and scientific background
- > Experienced speaker and presenter
- Works independently but good match for teams
- ➤ Well trained in handling hazardous and radioactive materials, lab safety
- ➤ Good leader
- > Excellent time management

Honors

- ➤ NSF travel grant for Thermoelectric symposium at MRS Fall-2019
- ➤ Iran's National Elites Foundation (INSF) research grant
- ➤ Honored as a 'Young Women Inventor 2010' by INSF

Education

- ➤ Ph.D. in Physics Materials science from CUA
- > MS in Nuclear Environmental Protection from CUA
- ➤ MS in Chemical Engineering from IUST
- ➤ BS in Chemical Textile Engineering from KAR University