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Emerging membrane materials for high temperature polymer electrolyte fuel cells: durable hydrocarbon ionomers

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A new series of sulfonated polyimide copolymers containing pendant sulfonic acid groups and flexible aliphatic main chains have been designed and the membrane therefrom was durable in an hydrogen/air fuel cell for 5000 h.

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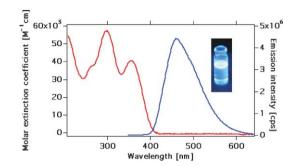
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Efficient blue light-emitting diodes based on a classical "push-pull" architecture molecule 4,4'-di-(2-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethenyl)-2,2'-bipyridine

D. Berner, C. Klein, Md. K. Nazeeruddin,* Filippo De Angelis, M. Castellani, Ph. Bugnon, R. Scopelliti, L. Zuppiroli and M. Graetzel

A highly blue luminescent molecule containing donor and acceptor groups, 4,4'-di-(2-(2,5-dimethoxyphenyl)ethenyl)-2,2'-bipyridine, is used as a singlet bulk emitter in an organic light-emitting diode, exhibiting 2.1% external quantum efficiency.

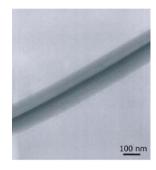


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A simple chemical method for the preparation of silver nanocables from self-assembling tubular Ag^T precursors

Oliver Weichold,* Shou-Chian Hsu and Martin Möller

Nanocables several micrometres in length containing a 30–45 nm wide silver core and an organic sheath were prepared by an easy one-pot wet-chemical procedure.

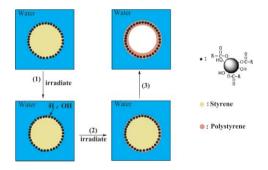


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A novel approach to hollow superparamagnetic magnetite/ polystyrene nanocomposite microspheres via interfacial polymerization

Song Yang and Huarong Liu*

We report a novel and facile approach to the preparation of hollow superparamagnetic magnetite/polystyrene nanocomposite microspheres via interfacial polymerization which should be propitious to bio-applications.

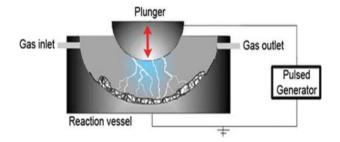


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Synthesis of functional oxides by a novel mechanical milling-electric discharge method

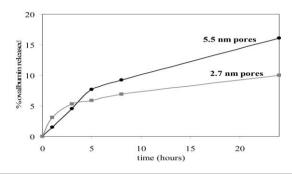
Scott A. Needham,* Andrzej Calka, Guoxiu Wang, Germanas Peleckis and Huakun Liu

Functional metal oxide powders with a controllable morphology are synthesized in a matter of minutes by an electric discharge assisted mechanical milling (EDAMM) process with assessment of the electrochemical (LiCoO2, LiFePO₄) and magnetic (SrTi_{I-x}Co_xO₃) properties.



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Encapsulation and controlled release of biomolecules from silica microparticles

K. S. Finnie,* D. A. Jacques, M. J. McGann, M. G. Blackford and C. J. Barbé

Protein molecules have been successfully encapsulated in silica microparticles for controlled release applications.



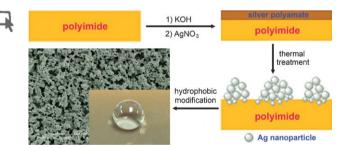


A novel air-stable n-type organic semiconductor: 4,4'-bis[(6,6'-diphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1,3,2-dioxaborine] and its application in organic ambipolar field-effect transistors

Yanming Sun, Dirk Rohde, Yunqi Liu,* Lijun Wan,* Ying Wang, Weiping Wu, Chongan Di, Gui Yu and Daoben Zhu*

Novel air-stable n-type organic field-effect transistors based on 4,4'-bis[(6,6'-diphenyl)-2,2-difluoro-1,3,2-dioxaborine] have been fabricated.

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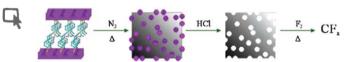


Superhydrophobic modification of polyimide films based on gold-coated porous silver nanostructures and self-assembled monolayers

Yan Zhao, Qinghua Lu,* Dongsheng Chen and Yen Wei

A simple and effective method for the fabrication of superhydrophobic polyimide-based surfaces by generating gold-coated porous silver layers on polyimide films and hydrophobic modification of the surfaces is demonstrated.

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Origin of the highly enhanced porosity of styryl LDH hybrid-type carbon replicas and study of a subsequent fluorination at low-temperature

Fabrice Leroux* and Marc Dubois

The opening of the porosity for carbon replicas is rationalized by means of several characterizations; the reactivity against pure fluorine gas at low temperature and against Li for the formed CF_x compounds is studied

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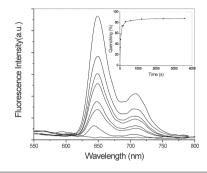
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Metalloporphyrins as sensing elements for the rapid detection of trace TNT vapor

Shengyang Tao, Guangtao Li* and Hesun Zhu

Metalloporphyrin-doped mesostructured silica films were successfully fabricated using surfactants as structure-directing agents. These new mesostructured nanocomposites exhibit remarkable sensitivity to trace vapors of nitro-containing aromatics, and are potentially useful as chemosensory materials for rapidly detecting explosives.



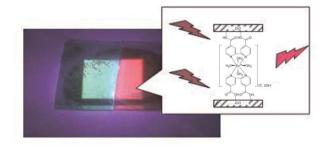
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Hybrid layers of ZnO/lanthanide complexes with high visible luminescences

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The electrochemical preparation of conducting and highly luminescent hybrid ZnO/lanthanide complex films is described. The emitted colour can be red or green depending on the lanthanide used. A chemical treatment is proposed to stabilize the red emitting film.

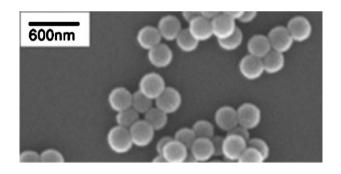


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Preparation of narrow or mono-disperse crosslinked poly((meth)acrylic acid)/iron oxide magnetic microspheres

Junsheng Huang, Shourong Wan, Miao Guo and Husheng Yan*

Superparamagnetic monodisperse microspheres with hydrophilic surfaces, carboxyl functional groups and high saturation magnetization were prepared by deposition of iron oxide inside crosslinked poly((meth)acrylic acid) microspheres prepared by precipitation polymerization.

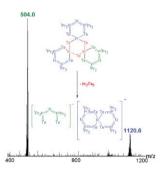


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Aerosol-assisted chemical vapour deposition of indium telluride thin films from $\{In(\hat{\mu}-Te)|\hat{N}(^{i}Pr_{2}PTe)_{2}|\}_{3}$

Shivram S. Garje, May C. Copsey, Mohammad Afzaal, Paul O'Brien* and Tristram Chivers

Aerosol-assisted chemical vapour deposition (AACVD) studies of $\{M(\mu\text{-Te})[N(^{1}Pr_{2}PTe)_{2}]\}_{3}$ (M = In, Ga) on glass and Si(100) substrates between 325–475 °C are reported and discussed.



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