IN THIS ISSUE

ISSN 0959-9428 CODEN JMACEP 15(16) 1581-1680 (2005)

In this issue...

Fabrication of long whiskers of manganese-barium oxides with a tunnel crystal structure. See Goodilin et al., pp. 1614-1620





Cover

See Jean Roncali, Philippe Blanchard and Pierre Frère, pp. 1589-1610.

EDOT dimmer: The self-rigidification of the structure by non covalent intramolecular sulfur-oxygen interactions opens many opportunities for the design of functional π -conjugated systems.

Image reproduced by permission of Jean Roncali from J. Mater. Chem., 15, 1589.

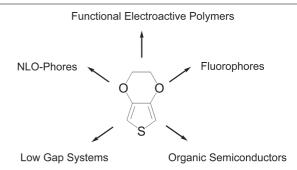
FEATURE ARTICLE

1589

3,4-Ethylenedioxythiophene (EDOT) as a versatile building block for advanced functional π -conjugated systems

Jean Roncali,* Philippe Blanchard and Pierre Frère

This short review emphasizes the opportunities offered by EDOT, a unique building block for the design of various classes of π -conjugated systems with specifically tailored electronic and optical properties.



COMMUNICATION

1611



Development of an oligomeric cyanate ester resin with enhanced processability

Matthew Laskoski, Dawn D. Dominguez and Teddy M. Keller*

A liquid multiple aromatic ether containing cyanate ester resin system has been synthesized based on bisphenol A6F. The cured resin exhibited good thermo-oxidative stability and mechanical properties.

FDITORIAL STAFF

Managing editor

Graham McCann

Deputy editor

Rebecca Lavender

Assistant editors

Sophia Anderton, Rachel Hopper, Ruth Needham

Crystallographic data editor

Kirsty Anderson

Publishing assistants

Kate Nussey, Joelle Szendel (Atlanta, USA)

Team leader, serials production

Michelle Canning

Technical editors

Susan Askey, Carole Nerney, Michael Spencelayh, Neil Withers

Editorial secretaries

Sonya Spring, Julie Thompson, Rebecca Gotobed

Publisher

Janet Dean

Journal of Materials Chemistry (print: ISSN 0959-9428; electronic: ISSN 1364-5501) is published 48 times a year by The Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, UK CB4 OWF.

All orders, with cheques made payable to the Royal Society of Chemistry, should be sent to Portland Customer Services, Commerce Way, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8HP. Tel +44 (0) 1206 226050; Email sales@rscdistribution.org

2005 Annual (print+electronic) subscription price: £1820; US \$3005. 2005 Annual (electronic) subscription price: £1640; US\$2705. Customers in Canada will be subject to a surcharge to cover GST. Customers in the EU subscribing to the electronic version only will be charged VAT

If you take an institutional subscription to any RSC journal you are entitled to free, site-wide web access to that journal. You can arrange access via Internet Protocol (IP) address at www. rsc.org/ip. Customers should make payments by cheque in sterling payable on a UK clearing bank or in US dollars payable on a US clearing bank. Periodicals postage paid at Rahway, NJ, USA, and at additional mailing offices. Airfreight and mailing in the USA by Mercury Airfreight International Ltd., 365 Blair Road, Avenel, NJ 07001, USA.

US Postmaster: Send address changes to: Journal of Materials Chemistry, c/o Mercury Airfreight International Ltd., 365 Blair Road, Avenel, NJ 07001. All dispatches outside the UK by Consolidated Airfreight. PRINTED IN THE UK.

Advertisement sales: Tel +44 (0) 1223 432243; Fax +44 (0) 1223 426017; E-mail advertising@rsc.org

Journal of Materials Chemistry

www.rsc.org/materials

Journal of Materials Chemistry is a weekly, international journal that publishes high impact work covering all aspects of the chemistry of novel materials in all forms, particularly materials associated with new technologies. Coverage of the field is broad and includes the design and synthesis of materials, their characterization, processing, modelling, properties and applications.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Chair

Maurizio Prato, Trieste

Associate editor for North America

William S. Rees, Jr. Atlanta,

Associate editor for Japan

Takuzo Aida, Tokyo

Associate editor for China

Daoben Zhu, Beijing

Duncan Bruce, Exeter Mathias Brust, Liverpool Eugenio Coronado, Valencia M. Saiful Islam, Surrey Clément Sanchez, Paris Paul Smith, Zürich

International advisory editorial board

T. P. Davis, Sydney, Australia J. Etourneau, Bordeaux, France

W. J. Feast, Durham, UK H. Fjellvåg, Oslo, Norway

J. W. Goodby, Hull, UK

M. Grätzel, Lausanne, Switzerland C. Greaves, Birmingham, UK

D. M. Guldi, Erlangen, Germany

A. B. Holmes, Melbourne, Australia R. Kanno, Tokyo, Japan

H. Kobayashi, Okazaki, Japan

J. Livage, Paris, France

N. Martín, Madrid, Spain

E. W. Meijer, Eindhoven,

Netherlands

L. M. Liz Marzán, Vigo, Spain C. Mirkin, Northwestern, USA K. Müllen, Mainz, Germany D. G. Nicholson, Trondheim,

G. A. Ozin, Toronto, Canada I. Parkin, London, UK

C. N. R. Rao, Bangalore, India S.-W. Rhee, Pohang, Korea

T. Rojo, Bilbao, Spain

N. S. Sariçiftçi, Linz, Austria

L. Schneemayer, NSF, USA

A. Simon, Stuttgart, Germany

T. M. Swager, Cambridge, USA

J.-M. Tarascon, Amiens, France

J. O. Thomas, Uppsala, Sweden

J. Veciana, Barcelona, Spain

F. Wudl, Los Angeles, USA

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

Full details on how to submit material for publication in Journal of Materials Chemistry are given in the Information for Authors available from www.rsc.org/materials

Submissions: The journal welcomes submissions of manuscripts for publication as Full Papers, Communications, Feature Articles, Highlights and Applications. Full Papers and Communications should describe original work of high quality and impact which must highlight the novel properties or applications (or potential properties/applications) of the materials studied. To submit online visit www.rsc.org/resource.

Colour figures are reproduced free of charge where the use of colour is scientifically necessary. Authors who wish to publish other figures in colour will be asked to contribute towards the costs of colour reproduction. Additional details are available from the

http://www.rsc.org/is/journals/authrefs/colour.htm.

Cover artwork: Authors may submit suggestions for cover artwork for consideration along with their

Authors may reproduce/republish portions of their published contribution without seeking permission

from the RSC, provided that any such republication is accompanied by an acknowledgement in the form:(Original Citation)-Reproduced by permission of The Royal Society of Chemistry.

© The Royal Society of Chemistry 2005. Apart from fair dealing for the purposes of research or private study for non-commercial purposes, or criticism or review, as permitted under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 and the Copyright and Related Rights Regulation 2003, this publication may only be reproduced, stored or transmitted, in any form or by any means, with the prior permission in writing of the Publishers or in the case of reprographic reproduction in accordance with the terms of licences issued by the Copyright Licensing Agency in the UK. US copyright law is applicable to users in the USA. The Royal Society of Chemistry takes reasonable care in the preparation of this publication but does not accept liability for the consequences of any errors or omissions.

the requirements of ANSI/NISO Z39.48-1992 (Permanence of Paper).

Royal Society of Chemistry: Registered Charity No. 207890

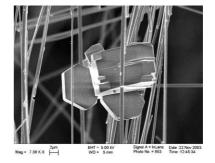
PAPERS

1614

A simple method of growth and lithiation of Ba₆Mn₂₄O₄₈

E. A. Goodilin,* E. A. Pomerantseva, V. V. Krivetsky, D. M. Itkis, J. Hester and Yu. D. Tretyakov

A new simple growth method of manganese-rich oxide whiskers with a tunnel crystal structure is developed to form fibers of one-dimensional superionic conductors.

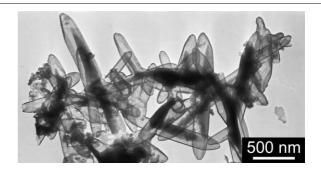


1621

In-situ investigation and effect of additives on low temperature aqueous chemical synthesis of Bi₂Te₃ nanocapsules

X. B. Zhao,* T. Sun, T. J. Zhu and J. P. Tu

Bi₂Te₃ nanocapsules with hollow structure have been synthesized and in-situ investigated using a low temperature aqueous chemical route in an open system.

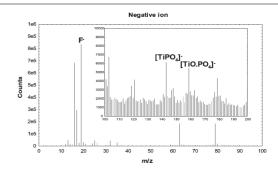


1626

Surface analysis of novel hydroxyapatite bioceramics containing titanium(IV) and fluoride

Christopher J. L. Silwood, Isaac Abrahams, David C. Apperley, Nicholas P. Lockyer, Edward Lynch, Majid Motevalli, Roger M. Nix and Martin Grootveld*

Three hydroxyapatite bioceramics incorporating either titanium(IV) and fluoride, or titanium(IV), fluoride and salicylate have been prepared and analysed using a range of solid state techniques.



1637

Synthesis and characterization of intercalation compounds of stilbazolium chromophores into layered vanadyl phosphate

Chuluo Yang, Huiqiong Zhou, Xingguo Chen, Ying Liu and Jingui Qin*

New inorganic-organic hybrid nanocomposite compounds were obtained by inserting stilbazolium chromophores into interlamellar space of VOPO₄ for potential nonlinear optical property.

ChemComm - a vibrant blend of high quality research from across the chemical sciences



Celebrating in 2005:

- 40 years of successful publication
- An increase in frequency to weekly publication improving print publication times even further
- An increase to **three page communications** providing authors with more flexibility to develop their results and discussion

www.rsc.org/chemcomm



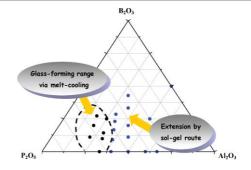
PAPERS

1640

Synthesis and structural evolution of Al₂O₃–B₂O₃–P₂O₅ gels and glasses

Long Zhang and Hellmut Eckert*

Aluminium borophosphate gels and glasses with different compositions are prepared via an aqueous sol-gel process and the influence of composition and temperature on the hydrolysis, polymerization, and vitrification processes is studied.



1654

Efficient electron injection due to a special adsorbing group's combination of carboxyl and hydroxyl: dye-sensitized solar cells based on new hemicyanine dyes

You-Sheng Chen, Chao Li, Zhang-Hua Zeng, Wei-Bo Wang, Xue-Song Wang* and Bao-Wen Zhang*

Benzothiazolium hemicyanine dyes with both carboxyl and hydroxyl as anchoring groups exhibited improved efficiencies of electron injection onto nanocrystalline TiO₂ electrodes.

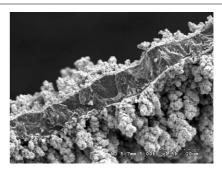
HC-1

1662

Electrodeposition of Cu on deeply reduced polypyrrole electrodes at very high cathodic potentials

Toribio F. Otero,* Sara O. Costa, María J. Ariza and Manuel Marquez

Copper dendrites form by electrodeposition from an aqueous electrolyte on both sides of a deep reduced film of polypyrrole, proving the great conductivity of the reduced material.



1668

A facile precursor route to transition metal molybdates using a polyzwitterionic matrix bearing simultaneously charged moieties and complexing groups

François Rullens, Nicolas Deligne, André Laschewsky* and Michel Devillers*

Hybrid organic-inorganic materials made from an easily-synthesizable zwitterionic polymer used as a sacrificial matrix to stabilize metal species are prepared and used as precursors for simple and mixed Ni, Mn, Co, Ni-Co and Mn-Co molybdates.

AUTHOR INDEX

Abrahams, Isaac, 1626 Apperley, David C., 1626 Ariza, María J., 1662 Blanchard, Philippe, 1589 Chen, Xingguo, 1637 Chen, You-Sheng, 1654 Costa, Sara O., 1662 Deligne, Nicolas, 1668 Devillers, Michel, 1668 Dominguez, Dawn D., 1611 Eckert, Hellmut, 1640 Frère, Pierre, 1589

Goodilin, E. A., 1614 Grootveld, Martin, 1626 Hester, J., 1614 Itkis, D. M., 1614 Keller, Teddy M., 1611 Krivetsky, V. V., 1614 Laschewsky, André, 1668 Laskoski, Matthew, 1611 Li, Chao, 1654 Liu, Ying, 1637 Lockyer, Nicholas P., 1626 Lynch, Edward, 1626 Marquez, Manuel, 1662 Motevalli, Majid, 1626 Nix, Roger M., 1626 Otero, Toribio F., 1662 Pomerantseva, E. A., 1614 Qin, Jingui, 1637 Roncali, Jean, 1589 Rullens, François, 1668 Silwood, Christopher J. L., 1626 Sun, T., 1621 Tretyakov, Yu. D., 1614 Tu, J. P., 1621 Wang, Wei-Bo, 1654 Wang, Xue-Song, 1654 Yang, Chuluo, 1637 Zeng, Zhang-Hua, 1654 Zhang, Bao-Wen, 1654 Zhang, Long, 1640 Zhao, X. B., 1621 Zhou, Huiqiong, 1637 Zhu, T. J., 1621

FREE E-MAIL ALERTS

Contents lists in advance of publication are available on the web *via* www.rsc.org/materials – or take advantage of our free e-mail alerting service (www.rsc.org/ej_alert) to receive notification each time a new list becomes available.

* Indicates the author for correspondence: see article for details.



Electronic supplementary information (ESI) is available *via* the online article (see http://www.rsc.org/esi for general information about ESI).

ADVANCE ARTICLES AND ELECTRONIC JOURNAL

Free site-wide access to Advance Articles and electronic form of this journal is provided with a full-rate institutional subscription. See www.rsc.org/ejs for more information.

RSC Journals Grants for International Authors

www.rsc.org/jgrant

Applications are invited from RSC journal authors wishing to receive funding from the RSC Journals Grants for International Authors scheme to visit laboratories outside their normal country of residence for one or both of the following objectives: to collaborate in research; to give or receive special expertise or training.

There are no restrictions on the countries between which visits may be made, but a significant proportion of these grants will be for visits to the UK and other European Union countries. Applicants should have a recent record of publishing in RSC journals. A grant will not exceed £2000.

Applicants will be assessed by a panel chaired by the President of the RSC. For full criteria for applications and an application form, please see www.rsc.org/jgrant or contact:
Dr Adrian P. Kybett, Journals Grants For International Authors, Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, UK CB4 0WF; e-mail jga@rsc.org

RSC Members may also apply for Jones Travelling
Fellowships to make overseas laboratory study visits.
For further information and an application form, contact:
Mr S. Langer, Royal Society of Chemistry, Burlington
House, Piccadilly, London, UK W1V 0BN;
e-mail langers@rsc.org;
www.rsc.org/lap/funding/fundpostdoc.htm

Background im