Magnetic Coatings

A methodology for making anisotropic, reversibly reconfigurable and erasable coatings is developed by K. G. Kornev, S. Minko, and co-workers using core–shell superparamagnetic particles with a locking behavior. On page 4738, magnetic particles are reversibly locked in the chains by adjusting the pH of the aqueous solution. The anisotropy of the coating is imposed by the external magnetic field.

Organic Electronics

A square-planar Pt(II)-pyridyltriazolate phosphor with excellent n-type electrical behavior is used for dopant-free white organic light-emitting diodes (DFW-OLEDs) by B. E. Gnade, M. A. Omary, and co-workers. On page 4746, the devices display a simple dopant-free architecture and exhibit unparalleled color stability, with negligible efficiency roll-off at high luminance levels so as to make them competitive with today’s state-of-the-art doped devices.

Chemotherapy

Time-staggered combination chemotherapy fails to translate clinically due to different drug formulation parameters and routes of administration. On page 4753, E. Blanco and co-workers show how drug-containing polymer nanoparticles, with a shell of drug complexed with cationic cyclodextrin, enable release in a time- and sequence-specific manner. Encapsulation of fluorescent moieties within the nanoconstruct allows effective visualization of site-specific sequential drug release in vitro and murine models.
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Membranes


Ultrathin Polymer Films with Intrinsic Microporosity: Anomalous Solvent Permeation and High Flux Membranes

Ultrathin PIM-1 membranes are fabricated and applied to organic solvent nanofiltration. A 140 nm thick PIM-1 membrane shows a permeance value for heptane 90 times higher than Starmem240 (a commercial polyimide-based organic solvent nanofiltration membrane). Its mechanical response is found to be robust to nanofiltration pressures of about 10 bar. The performance of even thinner membranes deteriorates due to enhanced packing upon further confinement.

Magnetic Coatings

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Reconfigurable Anisotropic Coatings via Magnetic Field-Directed Assembly and Translocation of Locking Magnetic Chains

A methodology of making anisotropic, reversibly reconfigurable and erasable coatings is developed. The core-shell superparamagnetic particles with a locking behavior are employed to make the colloidal aqueous dispersion sensitive to pH. Particles are reversibly locked in chains by adjusting pH of the aqueous solution. The anisotropy of the coating is imposed by the external magnetic field.

Organic Electronics


Undoped yellow-orange and white OLEDs based on a Pt(II)-phosphor [Pt(ptp)_2] realize very high power efficiencies of 79.2 ± 0.2 lm W^{-1} and 49.5 ± 0.1 lm W^{-1}, respectively. The working mechanisms of both devices are studied to unveil the determining factors leading to such high efficiencies.

Chemotherapy


Polymer Nanoparticles Encased in a Cyclodextrin Complex Shell for Potential Site- and Sequence-Specific Drug Release

A nanoplatform consisting of drug-containing PLGA polymer nanoparticles, stably fashioned with a shell composed of drug complexed with cationic cyclodextrin, enables drug release in a time- and sequence-specific manner within tumors for synergy enhancement. Sequential release in both the in vitro and in vivo setting, site-specifically, highlights the potential to translate time-staggered combination chemotherapy strategies to the clinical arena.
Structure-property-processing behavior of Nafion thin films is controlled by a complex interplay between substrate/film interactions, thickness, and casting method. Self-assembled and spin-cast films demonstrate different behavior depending on the substrate. Swelling decreases from the bulk polymer values or films between ~20 to 100 nm thick and then increases for films thinner than 20 nm, for which phase-separation is weak.

Plasmon-coupled internal photoemission is demonstrated as a means to accurately determine the injection energy barrier directly in thin film organic electronic devices. As compared to conventional internal photoemission, this approach eliminates ambiguity due to sub-gap photoconductivity in organic thin films and greatly enhances sensitivity to enable measurement of the interface density of states distribution that is key to the current injection process in organic devices.

Using an appropriate deposition protocol and combined experimental techniques (STM, AFM, XPS, XAS, and XMCD), it is shown, that the Gd₄M₈ (M = Zn, Ni) molecules remain intact and they preserve their magneto-thermal properties when dispersed on gold and graphite substrates. In particular, a remarkable magneto-caloric effect is measured, namely, \( \Delta S = S(6 \, T) - S(0 \, T) \) exceeds 8 R (20 J kg⁻¹ K⁻¹) for Gd₄Ni₈ at 4 K. These results demonstrate the dealing with single molecule coolers.

Photoactive electrodes are fabricated by electrospraying bacterial reaction centers on the surface of highly oriented pyrolytic graphite substrates. Photo-current densities of up to 7 µA cm⁻² are measured by using the reaction centers from *Rhodobacter sphaeroides* as the photoactive material.
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### Live Cell Imaging


**3-Dimensional Tracking of Non-blinking ’Giant’ Quantum Dots in Live Cells**

The bioconjugation of non-blinking 'giant' quantum dots to the IgE allergen receptor allows for extended 3D tracking of receptor dynamics in live cells. The extended tracking duration afforded by the stable quantum dot fluorescence emission allows the observation of heterogeneous diffusion occurring on long time scales for individual allergen receptors.

### Thin Films


**Self-Directed Localization of ZIF-8 Thin Film Formation by Conversion of ZnO Nanolayers**

The self-template route for the manufacturing of ZIF-8 films on silicon (Si) and quartz crystal microbalance (QCM) substrates involves the pre-deposition of ZnO films prepared by sputtering or atomic layer deposition methods and the subsequent conversion of the immobilized ZnO phase into crystalline and homogeneously dense ZIF-8 films via microwave-assisted synthesis.

### Interfaces

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**Hybrid Interface States and Spin Polarization at Ferromagnetic Metal–Organic Heterojunctions: Interface Engineering for Efficient Spin Injection in Organic Spintronics**

Hybrid interface states and spin polarization are observed at ferromagnetic metal (FM)–organic interfaces, which result from the chemical interaction and hybridization between the FM and the organic molecules. It provides a way for spininterface engineering in organic spintronics. This approach allows full control of the spin band appropriate for carrier injection, opening up new spintronic device concepts for future exploitation.

### Cancer Treatment

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**Ultrasmall Phosphorescent Polymer Dots for Ratiometric Oxygen Sensing and Photodynamic Cancer Therapy**

Novel ultrasmall phosphorescent polymer dots are developed via the self-assembly of semiconducting Ir(III) complex-containing polyfluorene. The polymer dots serve as not only an optical probe for oxygen sensing, but also an efficient photosensitizer in photodynamic cancer therapy.
Through a topochemical oxidative reaction (TOR) of $\beta$-Co(OH)$_2$, cobalt mono-metal layered double hydroxide Co$^{II}$-Co$^{III}$ is obtained and analyzed using a combined set of characterization techniques. The results agree with chemical titration of the oxidation state of Co atoms. Remarkable capacitances are obtained, close to 1500 F g$^{-1}$ at 0.5 A g$^{-1}$, into KOH aqueous electrolyte.

Si and Si composite nanowires are fabricated with precisely controlled dimensions via colloidal assisted catalytic etching. The nanowires can be rotated with deterministic speed and chirality, which depend on the applied AC electric frequency, the electronic type, geometry, surface coating, and electric conductivity of the suspension medium. The rotation of the Si nanowires is analysed, and their electric resistivity is determined from their mechanical rotation.

Ultrathin conducting polymer microactuators are designed and operated in open-air in the kHz frequency range. These materials are fabricated through processes compatible with standard microsystems techniques leading to the thinnest air-operating conducting polymer microactuators ever described. These electroactive materials combine softness, low driving voltage, downsizing ability, large displacement and speed, opening new perspectives for next generation MEMS.

Rapid control of bulk mechanical properties is useful in many applications ranging from medical devices to soft robotics. The characteristic thermal diffusion length determines the minimum switching time scale for stiffness transitions in bulk thermoplastics. Vascularized polymer structures reduce the characteristic length scale of diffusion and permit rapid and reversible stiffness transitions by microfluidic perfusion.