

Design and Synthesis of Polymer Supramolecular Functional Nanomaterial

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Supramolecular chemistry has emerged as a promising approach for functional nanomaterials. The challenge of the area is how to synthesize self-assembled objects in a designed fashion in terms of particles shapes, chemical compositions and architectures, etc. We are trying to address this challenge using polymers, especially block copolymers, as self-assembly building blocks. As a result, a number of nanomaterials with designed chemical compositions have been prepared. Particularly, we have developed new concepts to incorporate metal elements into polymer nanoparticles in an attempt to develop nanomaterials possessing magnetic, conductive, optical, catalytic properties for potential applications. This talk will briefly summarize our efforts in this area.

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Synthesis and Self-Assembly of Metal-Containing Polymer for Supramolecular Functional Nanomaterials

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- I. Research interests
- II. Polymer supramolecular chemistry
- III. Metal-containing polymer and supramolecular chemistry
- IV. Metal coordination polymer nanoparticles
 1. designed synthesis
 2. functions and properties
- IV. Summary
- V. Acknowledgement

Polymer Supramolecular Functional Nanomaterials

Polymer synthesis

- 1) Living free radical polymerization
- 2) Organometallic and metal coordination chemistry

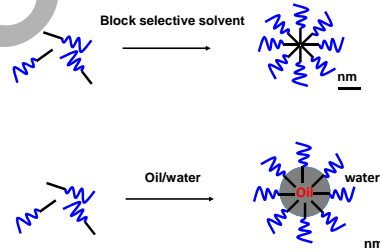
Supramolecular chemistry

- 1) Defined synthesis
- 2) Multicomponent systems

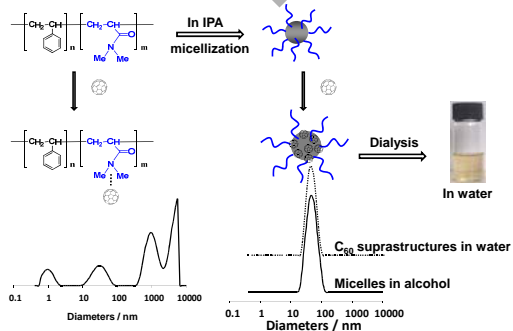
Functions and material applications

- 1) metal elements, e.g. electronic, optical, catalytic, etc.
- 2) polymers, e.g. stimulus, solubility, mechanical properties, etc.
- 3) nanostructures and synergetic effects of nanodomains, e.g. porous network, charge transfer, smart materials, etc.

Polymer Solution Self-Assembly

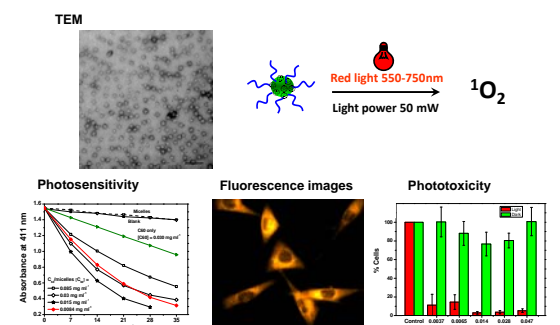


Polymer Supramolecular Chemistry Defined Synthesis of C₆₀ Colloids



Wang, X. S.; Metanawin, T.; Zheng, X. Y.; Wang, P. Y.; Ali, M.; Vernon, D., *Langmuir* 2008, 24, 9230-9232.

Polymer Supramolecular Chemistry Structure vs Functions



Tanapak Metanawin, Tian Tang, Rongjun Chen, David Vernon and Xiaosong Wang Nanotechnology 2011

Polymer Supramolecular Chemistry Adjusting Nucleation Rate

micelle $\xrightarrow{\text{Pd}}$ $\xrightarrow{\text{3 months or heating for 2 days}}$ **ChemComm**

Pd + PPh3 -> Pd(PPh3)2

Polymer Supramolecular Chemistry for Novel Morphology

PBLG-b-PEG + homo-PBLG \rightarrow PBLG: poly(γ -benzyl L-glutamate)

Computer simulation
Tobacco mosaic virus
500nm
300 nm
18 nm
2.3nm

[*]C(=O)C(Cc1ccccc1)C(=O)O[*]

Cai, C. H.; Lin, J. P.; Chen, T.; Wang, X. S.; Lin S. L. *Chem. Commun.* 2009 2709-2711.

Examples of Metal Containing Polymers

• Static binding • Dynamic binding

• Linear • Branched • Dendritic

From organometallic and polymer chemistry to processible materials

Nature Material 2011 176

Metal Containing Polymers Materials

Solar cell
Acc. Chem. Res., 2010, 43 (9), 1246-1256

Stimulated gel
 $\text{Fe}^{3+} + e^- \rightleftharpoons \text{Fe}^{2+} - e^-$
Strongly Crosslinked (hard) Weakly Crosslinked (soft)
ACS Macro Lett., 2012, 1 (1), pp 204-208

Anion exchange membranes
J Am Chem Soc. 2012, 134, 4493

Magnetic particles
Angewandte Chemie International Edition 2008, 47, 1255-1259.

Drug delivery

J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2010, 132 (51), pp 18273-18280

Protein Immobilisation
J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2011, 133 (43), pp 17307-17314

Anticancer treatment
Angewandte Chemie International Edition 2012 early view

Optical healing

Shape memory
Light, Temperature, Chemical

Permanent Recovered Fixed

Nature 472, 334-337
<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v472/n7343a00042/nature09963-02.jpg>

J Am Chem Soc. 2011 Aug 17;133(32):12866-74.

Blue + Yellow
Blue + weak red.

The photographs were taken at room temperature: a, under room light. b-d, on exposure to a 254-nm ultraviolet light. Procedures:
(i) Printing with a thermal facsimile-type printer.
(ii) Heating at 100 °C for blacking out.
(iii) Aging at 45 °C for initialization.

Security ink
Nature Mater. 4, 546–549 (2005).

Anionic Living Polymerization for Metal-Containing Polymer Synthesis

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12 Y = H
13 Y ≠ H

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PFS-b-PDMS

Metal Containing Polymer Architecture Design

PFS-b-PDMAEMA

PFS(PI)₃

PFP-b-PFS-b-PDMS

PI-b-PFS

PFS-b-PMVS

— = Polyisoprene

Living Self-Assembly for Block Comicelles

Hexane

PI-b-PFS micelles in decane + THF solution of PFS-b-PDMS → Block co-micelles of PI-b-PFS and PFS-b-PDMS

Wang, X. S.; Guerin, G.; Wang, H.; Wang, Y. S.; Manners, I.; Winnik, M. A. *Science* 2007, 317, 644-647.

Nanomaterials From PFS Micelles

1. PFS micelle
2. AgNP@PFS micelle
3. AgNP@PFS micelle

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2005, 127, 8924 and 2008, 130, 12921–12930.

J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2007, 129 (17), 5630–5639, and 2003, 125, 12686–12687

Supramolecular Chemistry for Processible Metal-Coordination Polymers and Nanoparticles

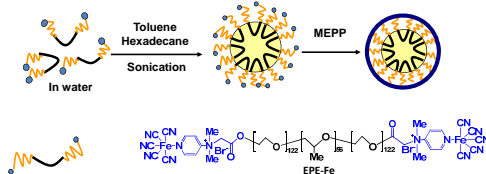
One Dimension
Two Dimensions
Three Dimensions

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Metal Coordination Nanocapsules

Rich functionalities associated with metal ions, organic ligands and porous structures
But lack of techniques for designed synthesis, ...

Sequential Self-assembly of Block Copolymers and Metal Ions for Designed Synthesis of Metal Coordination NanoShells



- Rational structure design, e.g. size, shape, chemical composition
- Efficient encapsulation,
- Functional hybrid nano shells

G. Liang, J. Xu and X. Wang, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2009, 131, 5378–5379

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Prussian Blue and Its Analogues

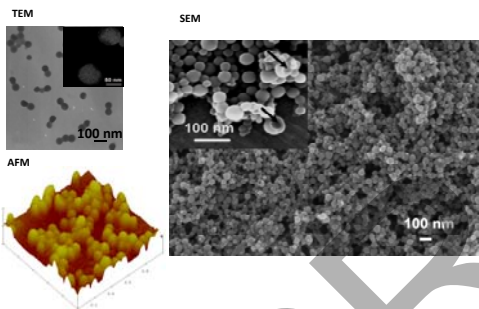


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very high affinity for radioactive and non-radioactive cesium and thallium.

Oxidase-enzyme-based biosensors.

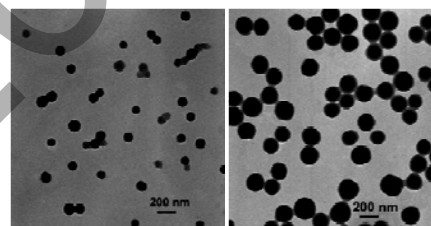
Magnetic properties of PB analogues: e. g. light-induced magnetic switch

Microscopy Characterization of PB NanoShells



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PB NanoShells with Varied Size

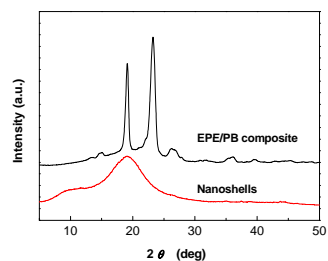


0.5 % surfactants, 5% toluene

0.5% surfactants, 20% toluene

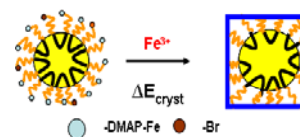
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Amorphous Nature of the PB NanoShells



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NanoShells with Crystalline Structures

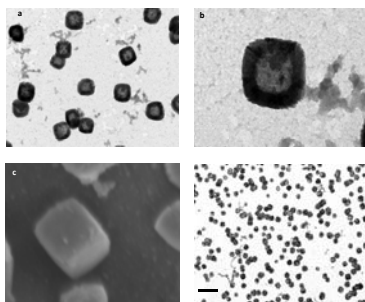


Surfactants: 4 wt%, containing 60 % of -DMAP-Fe end groups

Oil (toluene) content: 5 wt%.

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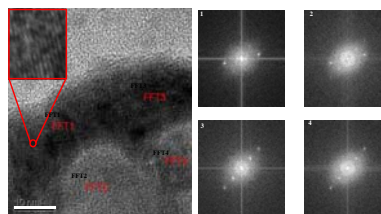
TEM and SEM Images of the Nanoboxes



R. McHale, N. Ghasdian, Y. b. Liu, M. B. Ward, N. S. Hondow, H. H. Wang, Y. Q. Miao, c R. Brydsonb, X. S. Wang, Chem. Commun., 2010, **Hot Article!**

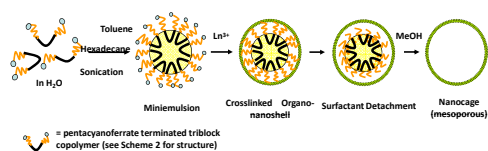
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Crystallinity of the Nanoboxes



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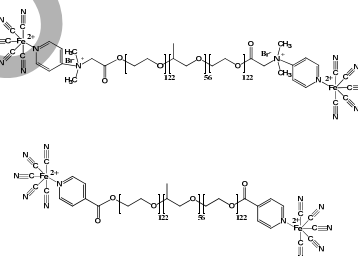
Dual Lanthanide Role in the Designed Synthesis of Prussian Blue Analogue Nanocages



Makoto Komiya et al JOURNAL OF PHYSICAL ORGANIC CHEMISTRY, VOL. 11, 41-46 (1998)

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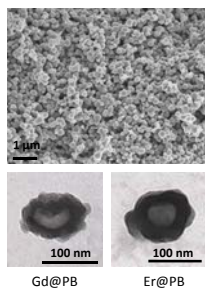
MetalloSurfactant Design for the Synthesis of Nanocages



Noemí D. Lis de Katz a and Néstor E. Katz Monatshefte für Chemie 113,745-750 (1982)

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SEM and TEM of PB analogue Nanocages

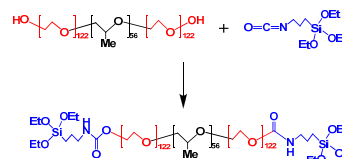


Gd@PB

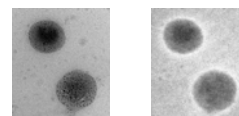
Er@PB

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Synthesis of Silica Nanocapsules



TEM analysis:
(Contrast was provided by selectively staining encapsulated dyes using OsO₄)



Carbon element mapping

Block Copolymer Assisted PB Nanoparticle Synthesis

bipyrindinium-functionalized block ionomer (BI)

Chlorobenzene/THF

a) b)

200 nm 200 nm

X. Roy, J. K.-H. Hui, M. Rabnawaz, G. Liu and M. J. MacLachlan, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 2011, 133, 8420–8423; *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2011, 50, 1597–1602

Pentacyanoferrate-Coordinated Block Copolymers

UV

(a)

0.75 h
1.75 h
3.75 h
6.5 h

NMR

(b)

0 h
0.75 h
1.75 h
3.75 h
6.5 h

Micellization of Pentacyanoferrate-Coordinated Block Copolymers

P(4VPFe-co-4VP)-b-PDMA in water

EtOH

PDMA P4VP Fe(CN)₅

Electron Microscope Images

a) b) c) d)

100 nm 100 nm 50 nm 200 nm

PB nanoparticles: uniform morphology and size, soluble in water and organic solvents

Thermal Properties of the PB NanoShells

Weight (%)

Temperature (°C)

Higher thermostability of PB nanoShells;
The organo-nanoShells comprise >90 wt% organic surfactant in their interior.

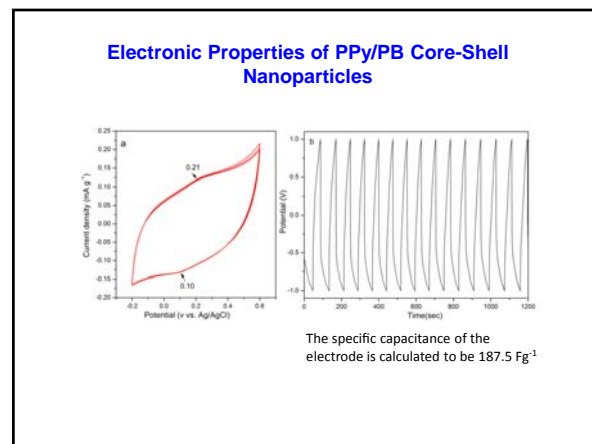
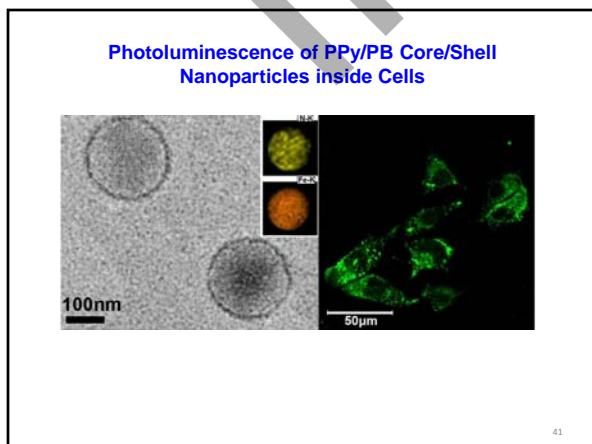
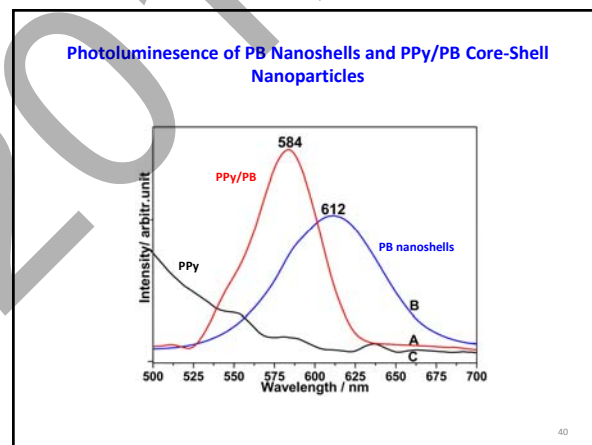
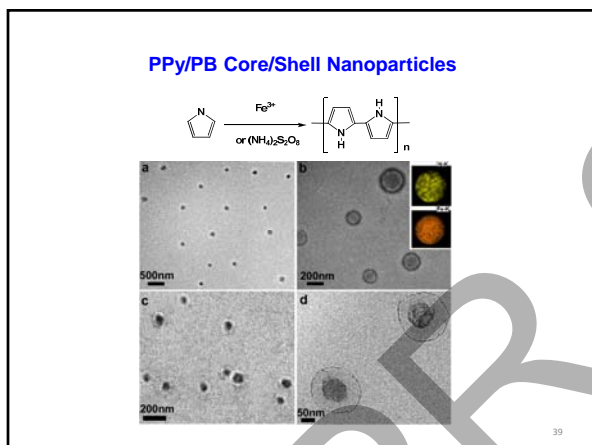
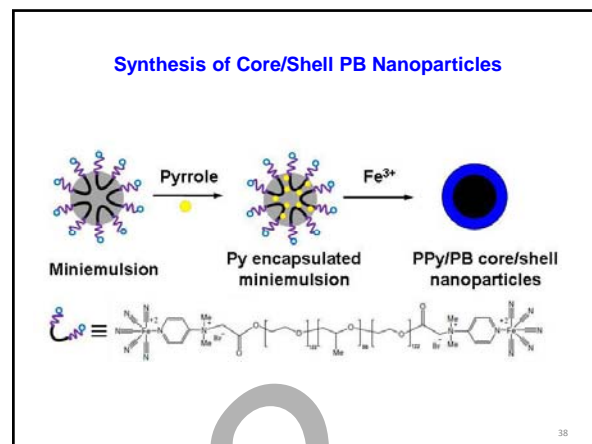
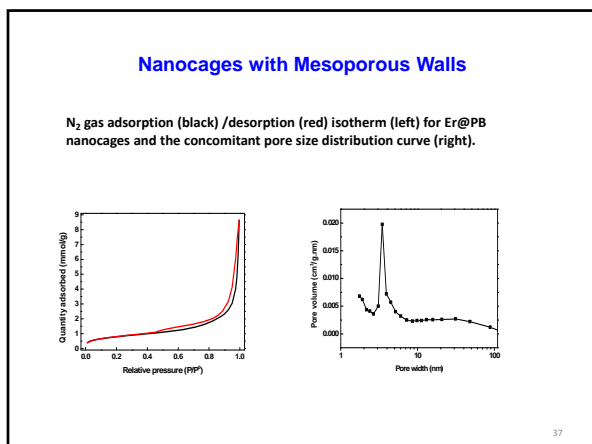
Thermal Behaviour of the Nanocages

Weight loss (%)

Temp °C

Gd@PB Er@PB

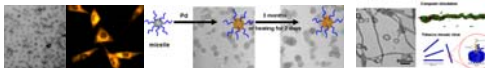
The nanocages consist of pure metal coordination polymers



Summary

We strive to develop functional materials via supramolecular, polymer and organometallic chemistry

I) Explored the potential of polymer supramolecular chemistry.



II) Polymer chemistry combined with metal coordination and organometallic chemistry is a promising approach for processible functional materials



III) Designed synthesis of metal coordination polymer nanoparticles has been developed and offers a new route for functional nanomaterials.



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