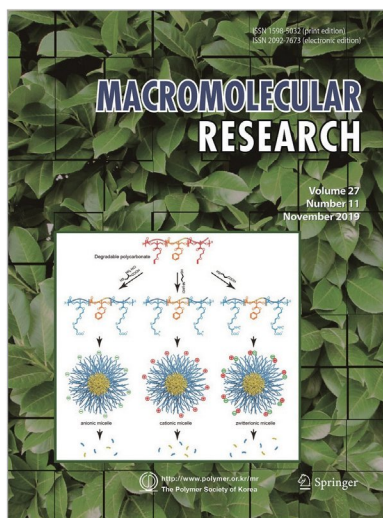


## COVER PAPER

### Preparation of Degradable Polymeric Nanoparticles with Various Sizes and Surface Charges from Polycarbonate Block Copolymers

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Degradable polycarbonate-based ABA-type block copolymers with pendant vinyl ether and benzyl ester functionalities were synthesized by organocatalytic sequential ring-opening polymerization of functional cyclic carbonate monomers. The vinyl ether moieties on the resulting block copolymers were readily conjugated with differently charged thiol compounds through thiol-ene "click" reactions, yielding anionic, cationic, and zwitterionic self-assembled nanoparticles, respectively, in corresponding buffers. Polymeric nanoparticles with various sizes and surface charges can be prepared by altering side chain functionalities and pHs of dispersing media. This strategy can be further applicable to a variety of polymeric scaffolds to develop potential platforms for new drug delivery systems.

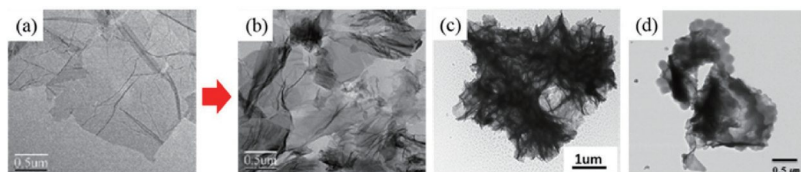
## REVIEW

### Stimuli-Responsive Graphene Oxide-Polymer Nanocomposites

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and Hyoung Jin Choi\*

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Graphene oxide (GO) as a high-performance stimuli-responsive 'smart' material has become a subject of great scientific value of its strongly hydrophilic behavior. GO based polymer nanocomposites have thus created a new class of polymer nanocomposites. This paper reviews their research progress. We focus on the GO based polymer nanocomposites with several stimuli responses by electric and magnetic fields, thermal, light, mechanical and pH input.



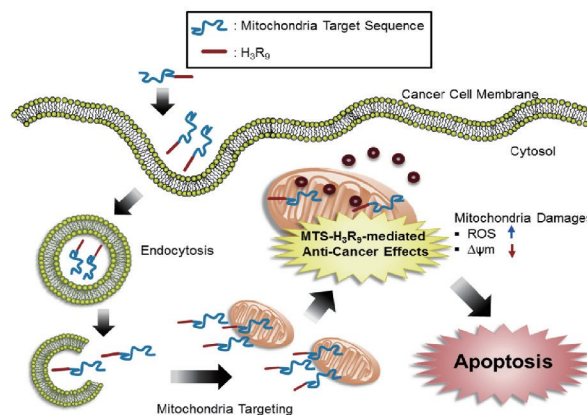
## ARTICLES

### Cationic Oligopeptide-Functionalized Mitochondria Targeting Sequence Show Mitochondria Targeting and Anticancer Activity

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Goo-Young Kim, Kyung Soo Ko,  
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We demonstrated that mitochondria targeting sequence (MTS)-H<sub>3</sub>R<sub>9</sub> peptide showed increased proton buffering effect and enhanced mitochondria-targeting efficiency compared to unmodified MTS peptide. We propose that the dual effect of MTS-H<sub>3</sub>R<sub>9</sub> as a drug delivery vehicle and an anticancer reagent demands further studies ultimately aiming of developing novel combinatorial therapy for mitochondria-related diseases.

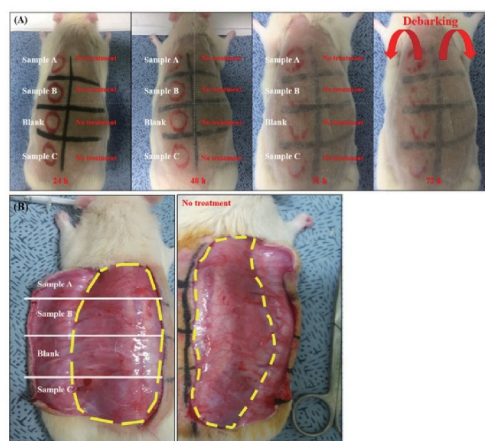


### Cytotoxicity and *In Vivo* Biosafety Studies of the Poly(alkylphenol) Derivatives as Vulcanizing Agents

Yoon Ju Song, Joon Woo Chon,  
Hyuk Yoo, Jin Hwan Kim,  
and Dong June Chung\*

*Macromol. Res.*, **27**, 1081 (2019)

We investigated mechanical properties of rubbers with two different organic vulcanized agents derived from poly(alkylphenol) disulfide and their *in vitro* cytotoxicity and *in vivo* biological safety. Every compounded rubber sample containing poly(alkylphenol) disulfide vulcanizing agent showed not only improved elongation properties compared with the inorganic vulcanizing agent, but also good biocompatibility.

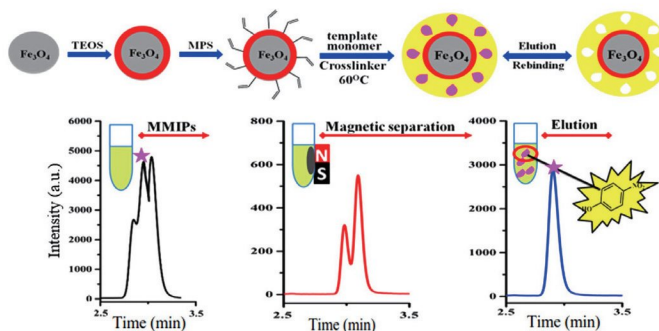


### Magnetic Molecularly Imprinted Polymer Particles Based Micro-Solid Phase Extraction for the Determination of 4-Nitrophenol in Lake Water

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Wenwu Yang, Imran Muhammad,  
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and Sergey A. Piletsky

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Preparation of a novel magnetic molecularly imprinted polymer (MMIP) for 4-nitrophenol (4-NP). The high selective material for 4-NP. Development of a dispersive solid-phase extraction method for 4-NP. Simple and green extraction with high recovery.

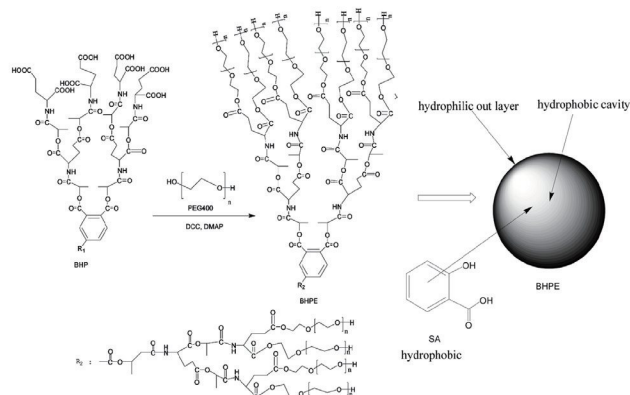


### Biopeptide Hyperbranched Polyether Assembled from Lactic Acid, Glutamic Acid and Polyethylene Glycol Block Chains for Drug Loading

Linya Zhang\*, Wei Xue, and Limin Gu

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A drug loading system is based on biopeptide hyperbranched polyether (BHPE). The biopeptide hyperbranched polymer (BHP) is composed of trimellitic anhydride, lactic acid and glutamic acid chains, and the BHPE is assembled by the BHP and polyethylene glycol 400 (PEG400). The SA-loaded BHPE system possess obvious core-skin structure, and it demonstrates good *in vitro* released performance.

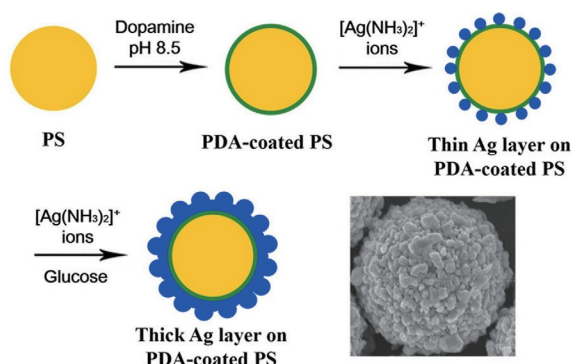


### Facile and Affordable Process to Control Shell Thickness of Polydopamine-Assisted Polystyrene/Silver Core-Shell Particles

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*Macromol. Res.*, **27**, 1104 (2019)

We prepared polystyrene (PS)/silver (Ag) core-shell particles with excellent electrical conductivity in a facile, affordable and eco-friendly way. The effect of glucose concentration on Ag shell thickness of polydopamine (PDA)-assisted PS/Ag core-shell particles was investigated. Thick and uniform Ag shell layer could be plated on PDA-coated PS particles, which rendered excellent electrical conductivity.

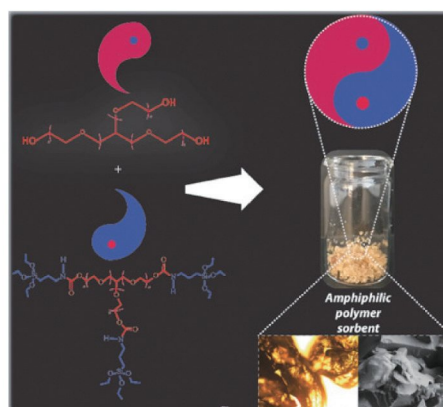


### 3-Arm PEG Based Amphiphilic Polymer Sorbents for Polar and Non-Polar Liquids

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*Macromol. Res.*, **27**, 1110 (2019)

Novel amphiphilic polymer sorbents consisting of glycerol ethoxylate and different organosilane crosslinker were fabricated. Synthesized star PEG based amphiphilic polymer sorbents have high affinity for water and organic liquids due to their hydrophobic and hydrophilic polymeric structure. Thus, the obtained polymeric networks behave as an organogel in oil medium, while they exist as a hydrogel in aqueous medium.



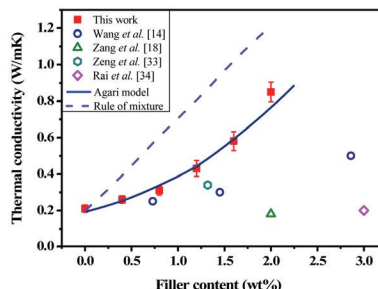


### Enhancement of Thermal Conductivity of Poly(methylmethacrylate) Composites at Low Loading of Copper Nanowires

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and Sung-Ryong Kim\*

*Macromol. Res.*, **27**, 1117 (2019)

The exceptionally long copper nanowires (CuNWs) with high aspect ratios were synthesized by the chemical reduction method and incorporated into the poly(methylmethacrylate) (PMMA) matrix to fabricate thermally conductive PMMA composites. The thermal conductivity of PMMA composites reached the highest value of 0.85 W/mK at 2.0 wt% of CuNW loading, which corresponds to an enhancement of more than 400% compared to that of the neat PMMA. The significant improvement of thermal conductivity is attributed to the well-dispersed CuNWs in the PMMA matrix and the high aspect ratio of CuNWs. The experimental results of thermal conductivity fitted well with the Agari model.

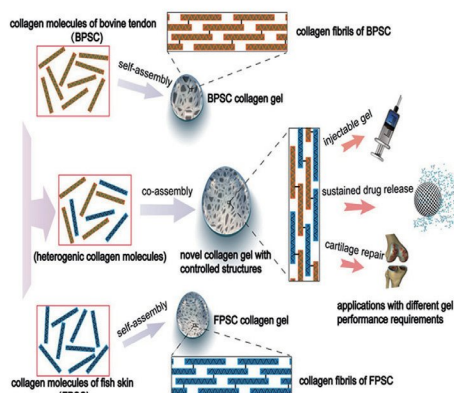


### Reconstituted Fibril from Heterogenic Collagens-A New Method to Regulate Properties of Collagen Gels

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Benmei Wei, Chengzhi Xu, Yuling Xu,  
Juntao Zhang, and Sheng Li

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Collagen molecules of heterogenic collagens could co-assemble in a way of quarter staggered arrangement to form novel collagen fibrils from the perspective of molecular level, whose structure and gel properties could be modulated by the species and ratio of the two collagens in heterogenic collagen reconstitution method, thus broadening the applications of the collagen-based materials.

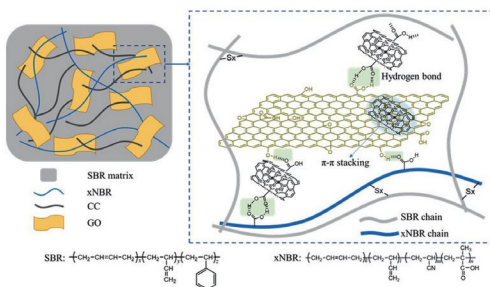


### Improving Mechanical Properties and Thermal Conductivity of Styrene-Butadiene Rubber via Enhancing Interfacial Interaction Between Rubber and Graphene Oxide/Carbon Nanotubes Hybrid

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and Zonglin Peng\*

*Macromol. Res.*, **27**, 1136 (2019)

Graphene oxide (GO) was used to promote the dispersion of carboxylated multi-walled carbon nanotubes (CC) in the rubber matrix.  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions and hydrogen bonds were constructed between GO and CC to obtain stable GO/CC hybrids. Carboxylated acrylonitrile butadiene rubber (xNBR) was used to enhance the interfacial interaction between the styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) and the GO/CC hybrid. The carboxyl groups of xNBR could form hydrogen bonds with the oxygenated functional groups of GO/CC hybrid, and the backbone of xNBR could be crosslinked to SBR. As a result, mechanical properties and the thermal conductivity of SBR were significantly improved.



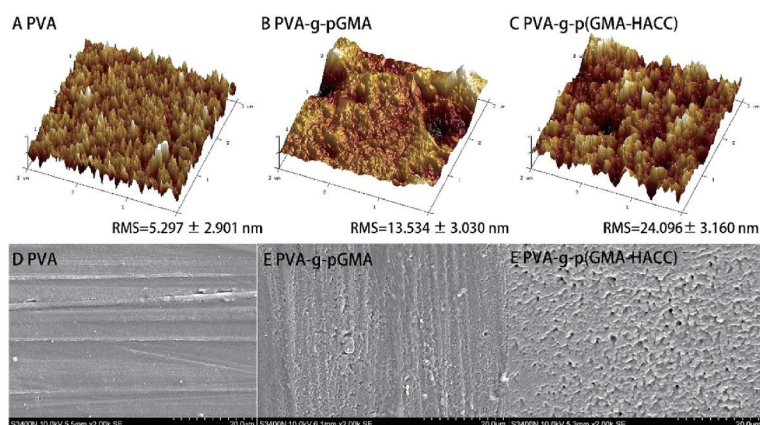


### PVA Hydrogel Functionalization via PET-RAFT Grafting with Glycidyl Methacrylate and Immobilization with 2-Hydroxypropyltrimethyl Ammonium Chloride Chitosan via Ring-Open Reaction

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Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) hydrogel has widely applied in biological industries, but it still faced the biofouling problem. To solve the biofouling problem, photoinduced electron transfer-reversible addition fragmentation chain transfer (PET-RAFT) polymerization and ring-open reaction were used in this work, and glycidyl methacrylate (GMA) and 2-hydroxypropyltrimethyl ammonium chloride chitosan (HACC) were grafted on the surface of PVA. After grafting, the properties of PVA were changed, especially the antifouling property. Due to the steric repulsion effect and surface hydration effect.

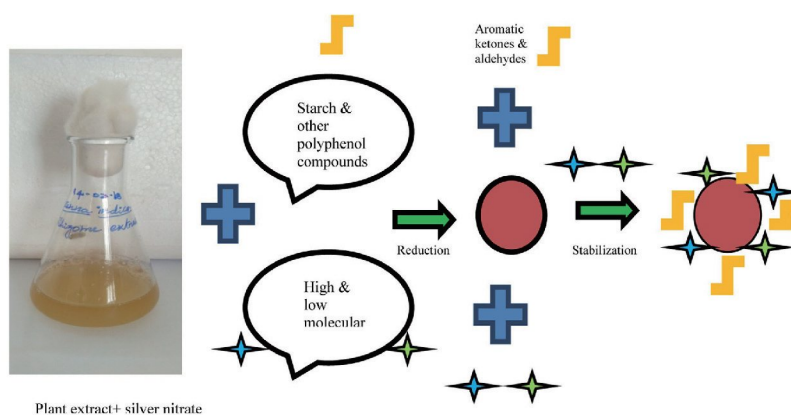


### Autoclave Mediated Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles Using Aqueous Extract of *Canna indica* L. Rhizome and Evaluation of Its Antimicrobial Activity

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Autoclave mediated synthesis of silver nanoparticles by using aqueous rhizome extract of *Canna indica* Linn is reported. A fixed ratio of plant extract to metal salt was prepared and the mixture was allowed to autoclave for 15 min. The colour change was observed as red wine which evidenced the formation of silver nanoparticles. The silver nanoparticles were witnessed for antimicrobial activity against selected bacterial strains.

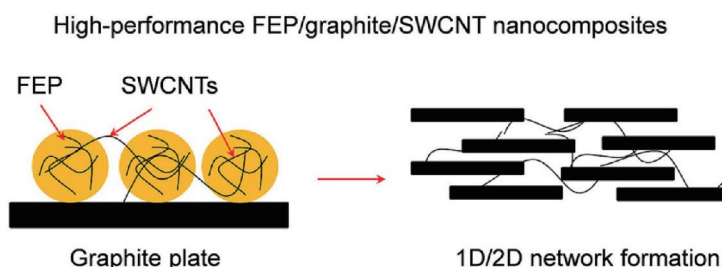


### High-Performance Fluorinated Ethylene-Propylene/Graphite Composites Interconnected with Single-Walled Carbon Nanotubes

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Macromol. Res., 27, 1161 (2019)

A novel method is described for the fabrication of highly conductive and flexurally strong fluorinated ethylene-propylene (FEP)/graphite nanocomposites by incorporating well-dispersed single-walled carbon nanotubes (SWCNTs) in the FEP matrix. The developed nanocomposites can potentially be used to prepare high-temperature bipolar plates for phosphoric acid fuel cells and heat-sink parts for vehicles.



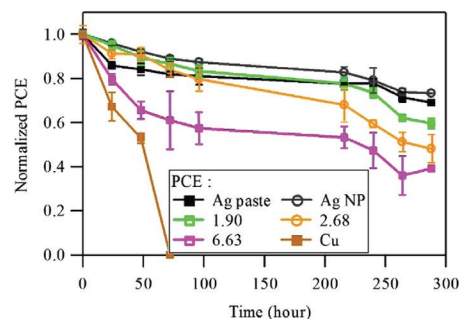
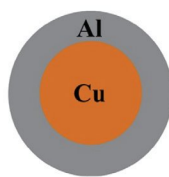
### Intense Pulsed Light Sintered Core-Shell Nanoparticles for Organic Photovoltaic Devices

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and Jae-Woong Yu\*

*Macromol. Res.*, **27**, 1167 (2019)

A high-speed and low-cost fabrication process using intense pulsed light sintering of metal nanoparticles was studied. Silver, copper, and four different alloy composition of copper-silver core-shell type nanoparticles were synthesized. The power conversion efficiency (PCE) and lifetime of the organic photovoltaic (OPV) fabricated with sintered metal electrode were studied. The device performance of OPV can be maintained with the copper to silver alloy ratio of 2. The use of metal alloy electrode could reduce the price of the silver electrode down 33%.

Copper core-silver shell nanoparticles

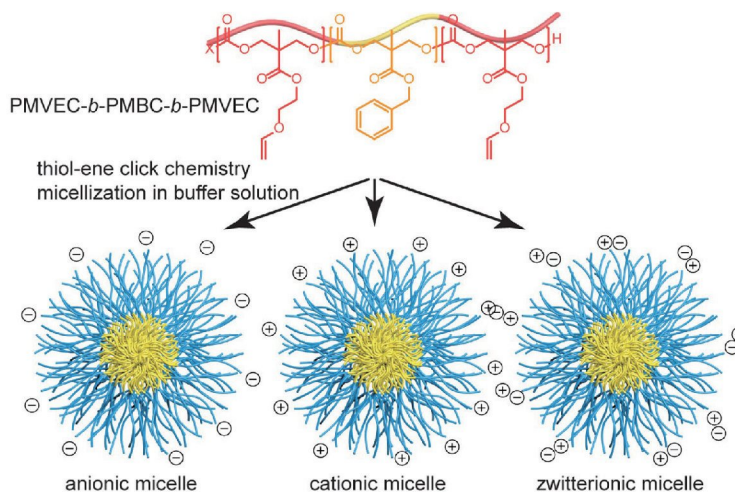


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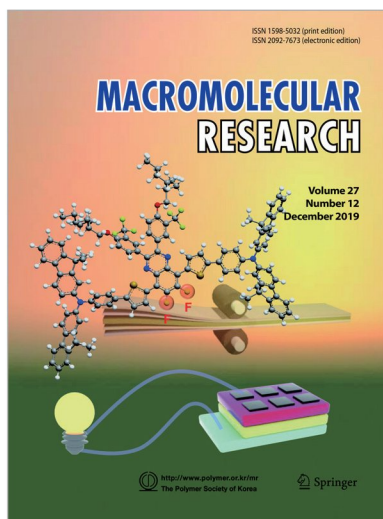
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### Synthesis of Quinoxaline-Based Small Molecules Possessing Multiple Electron-Withdrawing Moieties for Photovoltaic Applications

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Owing to the significant contribution of the electron-withdrawing trifluoromethyl ( $\text{CF}_3$ ) and fluorine (F) units, all inverted type organic solar cells based on conjugated small molecules exhibited high open circuit voltages greater than 0.82 V. In addition, the power conversion efficiencies (PCEs) of the devices were gradually improved with increasing number of fluorine atoms. The highest PCE (2.82%) with an open circuit voltage of 0.88 V, a short-circuit current of  $6.38 \text{ mA cm}^{-2}$ , and a fill factor of 50.6% was achieved.

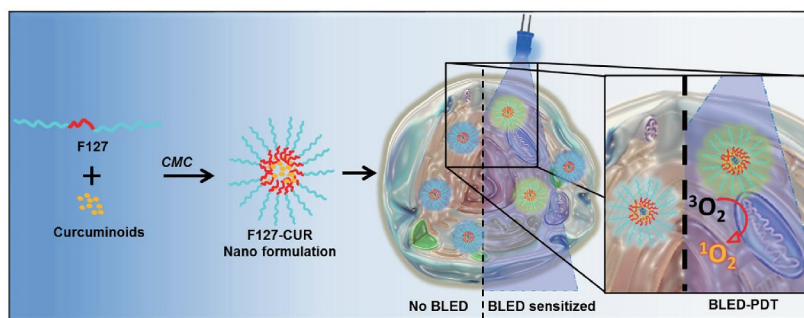
## ARTICLES

### Curcumin Encapsulated Micellar Nanoplatfrom for Blue Light Emitting Diode Induced Apoptosis as a New Class of Cancer Therapy

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*Macromol. Res.*, 27, 1179 (2019)

Blue light emitting diode (BLED) were known to inhibit cancer proliferation and induced apoptotic cell death by increasing intracellular reactive oxygen species (ROS) and caspase activation. However, not many attempts were made to study the naturally occurring photosensitizer molecule (PS) curcuminoids (CUR) mediated blue light emitting diode induced photodynamic therapy (BLED-PDT). Here, we demonstrated the use of pluronic F127 nanoplatfrom as a novel BLED-PDT based system for anticancer therapy. Aqueous soluble F127-CUR was proven to significantly mediate BLED-PDT, we anticipate that F127-CUR combined with BLED to induce BLED-PDT could be a promising cancer treatment modality.



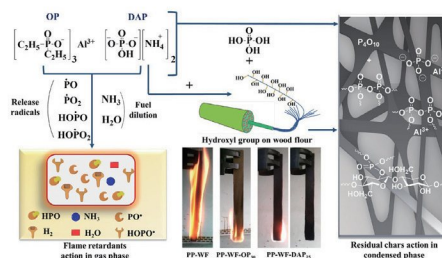


### Effective Phosphorus/Phosphorus-Nitrogen Fire Retardants Applied to Biocomposites Based on Polypropylene-Wood Flour: Flammability, Thermal Behavior, and Mechanical Properties

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By adding diammonium phosphate (DAP) or aluminum diethyl phosphinate (OP) as flame retardants, flame retardancy of composites based on polypropylene and wood flour (PP-WF) improved significantly. A loading of 25 wt% DAP achieved a UL-94 V-0 rating as well as LOI value of 29%, which increased by 52.6% compared with that of the PP-WF composite alone. A 30 wt% OP loading provided a rating of UL-94 HB standard, and achieved LOI value of 28%. Meanwhile, the PP-WF composite without flame retardant, completely burned to the sample holder clamp with low LOI value (19%). Thermal properties of the PP-WF composite with and without DAP and OP flame retardants, were investigated using TGA and DSC. Flame retardant performance was also studied, through the morphology and chemical structure of residual char by TGA, FTIR, SEM, and XPS analyses. There was interaction between DAP and the composite, which played a key role in maintaining mechanical properties of the material.

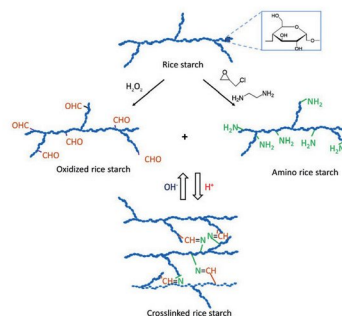


### pH-Induced Crosslinking of Rice Starch via Schiff Base Formation

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and Chayanisa Chitichotpanya\*

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The first synthesis of pH-induced crosslinking of rice starch without the use of any external chemical crosslinking agent is reported. It was prepared by forming the Schiff base (or imine) between the two modified starches: the oxidized rice starch and the amino rice starch. A pH-induced crosslinking reaction was demonstrated in which the crosslinking occurred under acidic conditions, whereas the hydrolysis occurred under basic conditions.

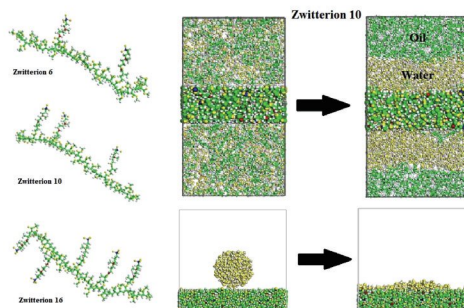


### Molecular Dynamics (MD) Simulation of Zwitterion-Functionalized PMMA with Hydrophilic and Antifouling Surface Characteristics

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Mohammad Reza Moghbeli\*,  
and Sousa Javan Nikkhah

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The simulation results showed a change in the behavior of the poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) model, which was functionalized by the various amounts of the zwitterionic groups. The surface hydrophilicity increased with increasing the number of the zwitterionic groups. Further increase in the zwitterion level up to 16 wt%, (PMMA-Z16), caused difficulties in the reorientation of the functional groups and hydrophilic surface improvement. Functionalized PMMA model with 10 wt%, (PMMA-Z10), exhibited a proper modified PMMA structure with higher surface hydrophilicity and antifouling characteristics.

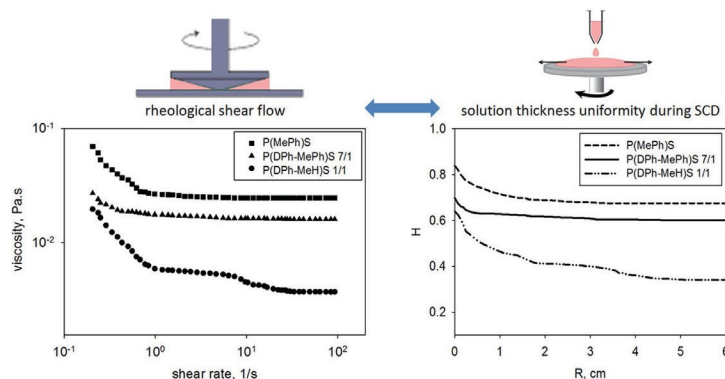


### Correlation Between Shear-Flow Rheology and Solution Spreading During Spin Coating of Polysilane Solutions

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Raluca Marinica Albu,  
Emil Ghiocel Ioanid,  
Liviu Sacescu, and Valeria Harabagiu

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The nature of polysilane substituent, affects its rheological behavior in toluene. Molecular modeling showed conformation in solution and polymer-solvent interaction. Flow behavior, spin speed, and spin time affect radial uniformity of wet film thickness. Polysilane solution adhesion to various substrates is evaluated.

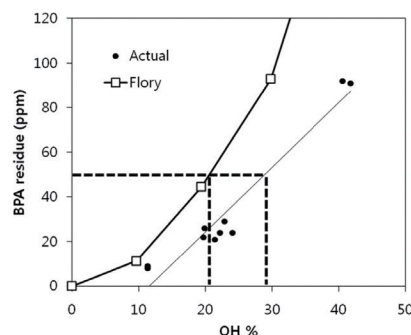


### Effect of the Monomer Ratio on the Properties of Melt-Polymerized Polycarbonate

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and O Ok Park\*

*Macromol. Res.*, **27**, 1221 (2019)

Hydroxide value as a function of the bisphenol A (BPA) residue from the actual data and data predicted by the Flory equation are plotted. The OH content and BPA residual amount are proportional. However the actual value tends to be slightly different from the value predicted by the Flory equation. In the Flory equation, the residual amount of BPA is less than 50 ppm at an OH content of less than 20%. In the actual data, the BPA content is less than 50 ppm at an OH content of less than or equal to 29%. For a product with a molecular weight of 10,500, the excess diphenyl carbonate (DPC) amount should be at least 3% relative to BPA, and it can be predicted more easily by the measurement of the OH content.

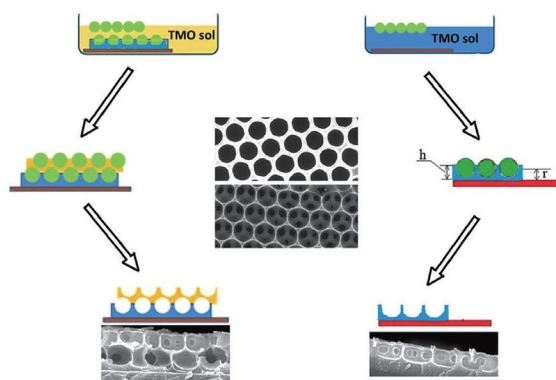


### New One Step Self-assembly Strategy of Large-Area Highly Ordered, Crack-Free 2D Inverse Opal Films of Transition Metal Oxides and Its Application to Fabrication of Bilayer Inverse Opal Films

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Jacques Robichaud, and Yahia Djaoued\*

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Large area polystyrene (PS)/tungsten oxide (WO<sub>3</sub>) and PS/titanium dioxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>) opal composite monolayer films were generated using self-assembled polymeric colloidal spheres floating on aqueous WO<sub>3</sub> and TiO<sub>2</sub> precursors and were then used as building blocks to obtain highly ordered bilayer inverse opal (IO) films with homo- and hetero-structure *via* repeated operations of this one step self-assembly method.

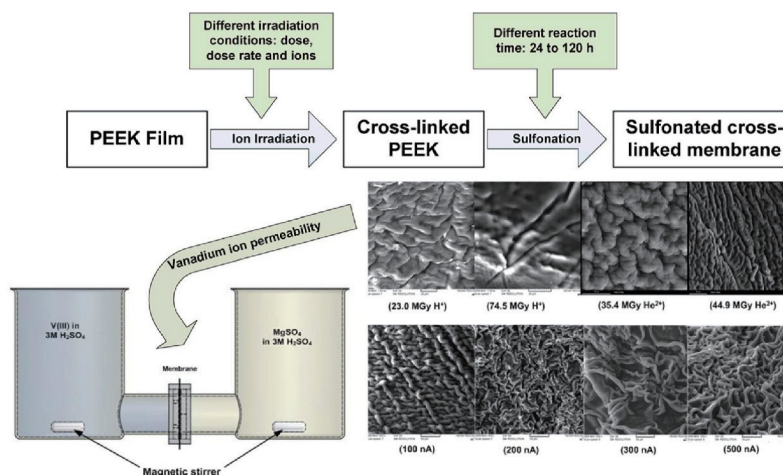


### Sulfonated Cross-Linked Poly(ether ether ketone) Films with Wrinkled Structures: Preparation and Vanadium Ions Permeability

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Sulfonation of ion irradiated poly(ether ether ketone) introduced a variety of wrinkling patterns on the surface of membranes. The wrinkles were controlled by varying the degree of sulfonation, cross-linking density and ion irradiation conditions. The membranes produced are promising for applications that require large-surface area and uniform surface patterning. They had a low permeability of vanadium ions, *i.e.*  $1.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ min}^{-1}$ .

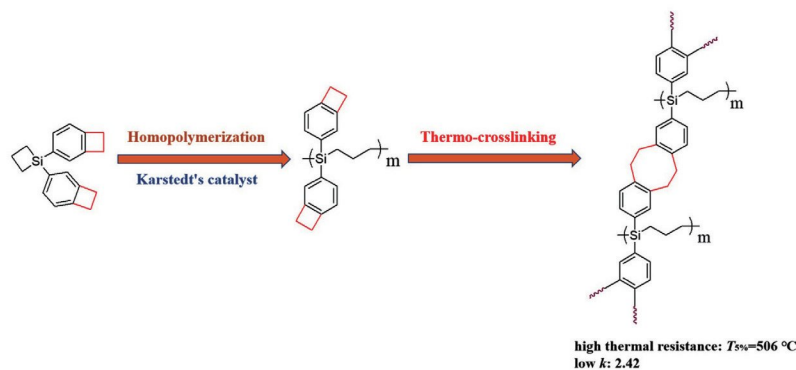


### All-Benzocyclobutene Functionalized Polycarbosilane and Derived Copolymers with Low Dielectric Constant and High Thermal Stability

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All-benzocyclobutene functionalized polycarbosilane was prepared by ring-opening polymerization. The derived cured resin has a low-dielectric constant (2.42), high thermal stability ( $T_{5\%} = 506^\circ\text{C}$ ) and high modulus (6.3 GPa).

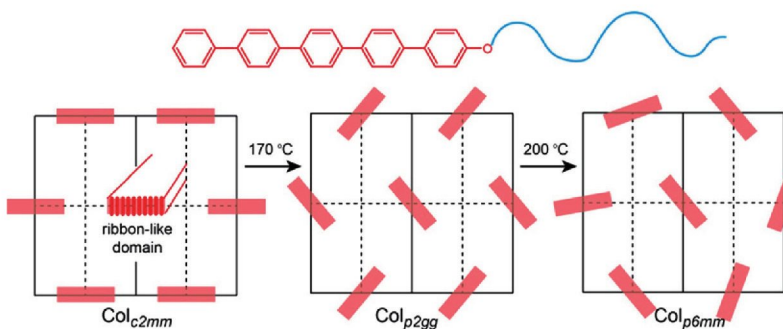


### Sequential Symmetry-Breaking Intercolumnar Transformations of a Conjugated Rod Molecule with a Flexible Coil

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Penta-*para*-phenylene rod linked to a poly(ethylene oxide) coil exhibited sequential intercolumnar transformations from *c2mm* to *p2gg* to *p6mm* symmetry with increasing temperature. The observed symmetry-breaking transitions occurred *via* the thermally-induced rotation of the ribbon-like aromatic columns along the columnar axis, which was not accompanied by enthalpy change.



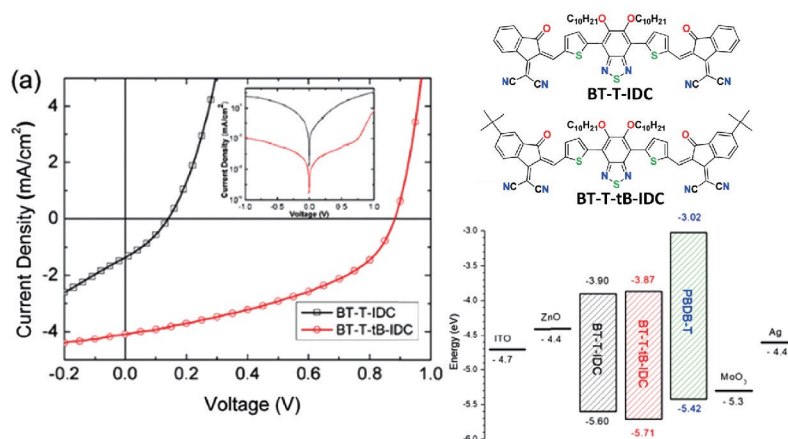


## Synthesis and Characterization of Benzothiadiazole and Dicyanovinylindandione Based Small-Molecular Conjugated Materials and Their Photovoltaic Properties

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A series of non-fullerene small molecules (**BT-T-IDC** and **BT-T-tB-IDC**) with the architecture of A1- $\pi$ -A2- $\pi$ -A1 (acceptor 1- $\pi$ -acceptor 2- $\pi$ -acceptor 1), have been synthesized. The device based on **BT-T-tB-IDC** showed a better PCE.



## Synthesis of Quinoxaline-Based Small Molecules Possessing Multiple Electron-Withdrawing Moieties for Photovoltaic Applications

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### Cover Paper

Three quinoxaline-based small molecules possessing multiple electron-withdrawing moieties were synthesized. The electron-donating triarylamine units were linked to both ends of electron-accepting 2,3-diphenyl quinoxaline (DPQ) derivatives with strong electron-withdrawing trifluoromethyl (CF<sub>3</sub>) moieties. Owing to the significant contribution of the electron-withdrawing CF<sub>3</sub> and fluorine units, the highest PCE (2.82%) with a  $V_{oc}$  of 0.88 V, a short-circuit current of 6.38 mA cm<sup>-2</sup>, and a fill factor of 50.6% was achieved from the device based on **CF3Qx-2F**.

