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Hybrid Materials

S. Park, S.-J. Hwang, and co-workers report the fabrication of strongly coupled hybrid films of reduced graphene oxide-layered titanate with an unexpected high sterilization efficiency for Escherichia coli. On page 2288, E. coli cells exposed to the hybrid film are irreversibly destroyed by the edges of the nanosheets. The enhanced adhesion of bacteria on the rough surface of the hybrid films additionally contributes to their excellent antibacterial activity.



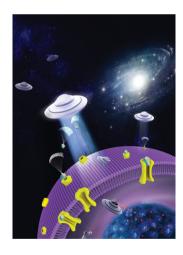
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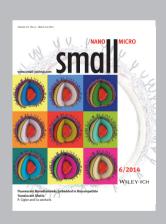
Drug Delivery

Sequential and site-specific co-delivery of two anticancer therapeutics in a programmed manner is demonstrated by J. Zhou, Z. Gu, and co-workers on page 2295. The delivery is triggered by the tumor microenvironment and cellular conditions. The gel-liposome based nanovehicle can transport and release an anticancer cytokine (TRAIL) and small-molecule drug (doxorubicin) to their distinct acting sites: the cellular membrane and nucleus, respectively.



Nanomembranes

Through UV-assisted electroless chemical etching, single crystalline gallium nitride nanomembranes are exfoliated by B. S. Ooi and co-workers on page 2305, with the threading-dislocation cores selectively detached. This false-color scanning electron microscope image shows the nanomembrane lying on top of porous gallium nitride. The enlarged region reveals the gallium nitride nanowires (green), formed from threading-dislocations cores, protruding through the gallium nitride nanomembrane.



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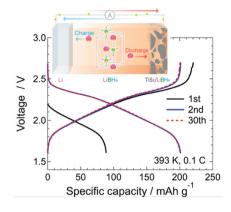
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FEATURE ARTICLE

Rechargeable Batteries

A. Unemoto, M. Matsuo, S. Orimo*......2267-2279

Complex Hydrides for Electrochemical **Energy Storage**



Complex hydrides have energy conversion-related functions including fast Li-ionic conduction, typically in high-temperature phase of LiBH₄. Bulk-type allsolid-state lithium rechargeable battery using LiBH₄-based solid electrolytes allows noticeable charge-discharge cycles. In addition to the fast Li- and Na-ionic conductivities in the class of materials. future prospects on the next generation battery developments based on the complex hydrides are also summarized.

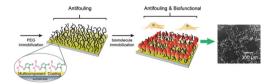
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Antifouling

M.-Y. Tsai, Y.-C. Chen, T.-J. Lin, Y.-C. Hsu, C.-Y. Lin, R.-H. Yuan, J. Yu, M.-S. Teng, M. Hirtz, M. H.-C. Chen, C.-H. Chang,* H.-Y. Chen*.....2281-2287

Vapor-Based Multicomponent Coatings for Antifouling and Biofunctional **Synergic Modifications**

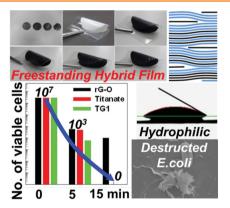
A multicomponent coating containing a distinct electron-deficient alkyne and unsaturated maleimide anchoring sites is synthesized using a straightforward process involving chemical vapor deposition copolymerization. The coating is utilized to design a biofunctionally active surface that resists fouling. The antifouling properties suppress protein adsorption and cell adhesion; the biofunctional surface precisely controls manipulated cell attachments synergically.



Hybrid Materials

I. Y. Kim, S. Park, H. Kim, S. Park,* R. S. Ruoff, S.-J. Hwang* 2288-2294

Strongly-Coupled Freestanding Hybrid Films of Graphene and Layered Titanate Nanosheets: An Effective Way to Tailor the Physicochemical and Antibacterial Properties of Graphene Film

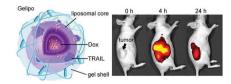


The strongly coupled freestanding hybrid films of graphene and layered metal oxide exhibit tunable physicochemical properties such as mechanical strength, chemical stability, surface roughness, and hydrophilicity. These hybrid films graphene-oxide-layered show complete sterilization of E. coli in 15 min, underscoring the beneficial effect of the layered metal oxide nanosheets in improving the functionality of graphene film.

Drug Delivery

T. Jiang, R. Mo, A. Bellotti, J. Zhou,* Z. Gu*......2295-2304

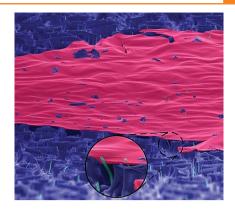
Gel-Liposome-Mediated Co-Delivery of Anticancer Membrane-Associated **Proteins and Small-Molecule Drugs** for Enhanced Therapeutic Efficacy



A core-shell based "nanodepot" consisting of a liposomal core and a crosslinkedgel shell (Gelipo) is developed for the sequential and site-specific delivery (SSSD) of dual anticancer therapeutics. The programmed Gelipo can release the protein and small-molecule drug successively and transport them to their distinct targets, the plasma membrane and the nucleus, for enhanced synergetic anticancer activity.

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Chemical exfoliation of gallium nitride nanomembranes that are completely threading dislocation-free. singlecrystalline, ultrathin, and unstrained is demonstrated using UV-assisted electroless chemical etching. These novel nanomembranes, once transferred to other substrates, present a unique and technologically attractive path towards integrating high-efficiency gallium nitride optical components along with silicon electronics.

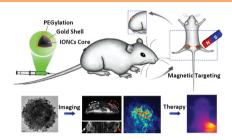


Nanomembranes

R. T. ElAfandy, M. A. Majid, T. K. Ng, L. Zhao, D. Cha, B. S. Ooi*....2305-2311

Exfoliation of Threading Dislocation-Free, Single-Crystalline, Ultrathin Gallium Nitride Nanomembranes

A multifunctional magnetic-plasmonic nano-agent for magnetic resonance/ photoacoustic multimodal imaging guided photothermal therapy of cancer is developed. Such a magnetic targeting-enhanced cancer theranostic strategy could potentially enable highly effective tumor ablation therapy, which could be carefully planned before treatment, precisely controlled during treatment, and with accurate prognosis after treatment.

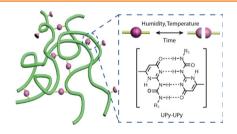


Cancer Theranostics

Z. W. Li, S. N. Yin, L. Cheng, K. Yang, Y. G. Li, Z. Liu*2312-2321

Magnetic Targeting Enhanced Theranostic Strategy Based on Multimodal Imaging for Selective Ablation of Cancer

The surface properties and adhesion mechanism of a self-healing polymer containing a quadruple hydrogen bonding group called "2-ureido-4[1H]pyrimidinone" (UPy) are investigated under different environmental conditions. The results provide new insights into the fundamental understanding of the adhesive mechanisms of multiple hydrogen-bonded polymers, and the development of novel self-healing and stimuli-responsive materials.

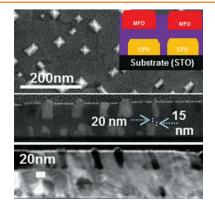


Self-Healing Polymers

A. Faghihnejad, K. E. Feldman, J. Yu, M. V. Tirrell, J. N. Israelachvili, C. J. Hawker, E. J. Kramer, H. Zeng*.....2322-2333

Adhesion and Surface Interactions of a Self-Healing Polymer with Multiple Hydrogen-Bonding Groups

Nanocomposites consisting of magnetic spinel pillars (CoFe₂O₄, NiFe₂O₄, or MgFe₂O₄) in a ferroelectric perovskite matrix (BiFeO₃) are made in which the pillars are deposited in layers, enabling an out-of-plane modulation in the pillar composition and tailoring of the magnetic properties.



Nanocomposite Films

D. H. Kim, N. M. Aimon, X. Sun, C. A. Ross*2334–2342

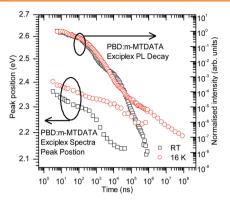
Compositionally Modulated Magnetic Epitaxial Spinel/Perovskite **Nanocomposite Thin Films**

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Organic LEDs

D. Graves, V. Jankus, * F. B. Dias, A. Monkman2343-2351

Photophysical Investigation of the Thermally Activated Delayed Emission from Films of m-MTDATA:PBD Exciplex

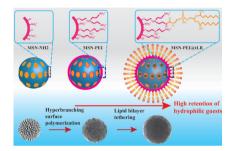


Extra singlet production via thermally activated delayed fluorescence in the exciplex formed between m-MTDATA and PBD is investigated. The exciplex singlettriplet splitting is estimated to be very small at ≈5 meV, leading to a multiple cycling between the resonant singlet and triplet manifolds of exciplex before eventually being emitted from a singlet state.

Drug Delivery

J. Zhang, D. Desai, J. M. Rosenholm*2352-2360

Tethered Lipid Bilayer Gates: Toward Extended Retention of Hydrophilic Cargo in Porous Nanocarriers

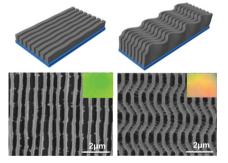


Gating ensured by cushioning: Hyperbranched polyethylenimine (PEI) on the surface of mesoporous silica nanoparticles is used, for the first time, to covalently tether defect-free phospholipid bilayers (LB), providing an unprecedented high retention of hydrophilic guest molecules. A surface charge conversion behavior is observed, opening the possibility of controlling their intracellular trafficking.

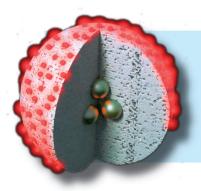
Nanowaves

J. Li, Y. Cho, I.-S. Choi, S. Yang*.....2361-2366

Transforming One-Dimensional Nanowalls to Long-Range Ordered Two-**Dimensional Nanowaves: Exploiting Buckling Instability and Nanofibers** Effect in Holographic Lithography



Two-dimensional nanowaves with longrange order are transformed from onedimensional nanowalls by exploiting constraint swelling-induced buckling and effect of nanofibers formed between the nanowalls during holographic lithography. The degree of lateral undulation can be controlled by tuning the pattern aspect ratio and exposure dosage. The film with nanowaves show weaker reflecting color and lower transmittance compared to the straight nanowalls.



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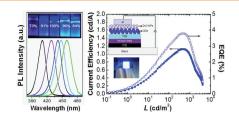
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Violet-blue $Zn_xCd_{1-x}S/ZnS$ core/shell quantum dots (QDs) with quantum yields near to 100% are successfully synthesized using a high temperature shell growth method. High bright and efficient deep-blue OD-LED show an maximum luminance up to 4100 cd m⁻². and peak external quantum efficiency of 3.8% which can be comparable with state-of-the-art OLED technology.



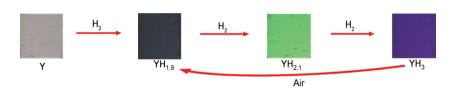
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Inorganic Quantum Dots

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High-Efficient Deep-Blue Light-**Emitting Diodes by Using High Quality** Zn, Cd1-, S/ZnS Core/Shell Quantum Dots

Reversible change in the optical properties of Y thin film in the presence of H₂ is combined with interference effects to create a novel, low-cost, and highly sensitive H2 detector which indicates the presence of H2 merely by an eye-readable, reversible, and tunable color change. Its high selectivity in H2O and O2 makes it potentially suitable for biochemical/biomedical H₂ sensing applications.

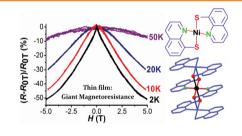


Optical Sensors

- P. Ngene,* T. Radeva, M. Slaman, R. J. Westerwaal, H. Schreuders,
- B. Dam*.....2374-2382

Seeing Hydrogen in Colors: Low-Cost and Highly Sensitive Eye Readable **Hydrogen Detectors**

Devices based on paramagnetic [Ni(quinoline-8-thiolate), show giant negative magnetoresistance above 50% at 2 K in single crystals and also in evaporated multicrystalline thin films, which is unique for a molecular material. A weaker effect is still observed at 200 K. The GMR is interpreted through a double exchange mechanism with the shape of the curve determined by the magnetic anisotropy.

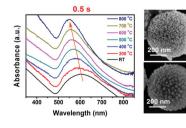


Organic Electronics

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- N. Robertson*......2383-2388

Giant Magnetoresistance in a Molecular Thin Film as an Intrinsic Property

A nanothermometer based on a silicagold core-shell design enables temperature sensing from 300 to 800 °C with a sub-second response. The mechanism is based on the thermally induced morphological self-reorganization and characteristic surface plasmon (SP) absorption of the metal shell. The morphological self reorganization and variation of the SP absorption are irreversible, behaving as characteristic "fingerprints" for temperature recording permanently and allowing the retrieval of thermal history ex-situ.



Nanothermometers

H. T. Sun, X. Sun, M. P. Yu, A. K. Mishra, L. P. Huang, J. Lian*2389-2395

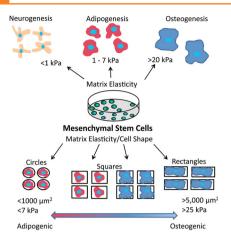
Silica-Gold Core-Shell Nanosphere for **Ultrafast Dynamic Nanothermometer**

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Stem Cells

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Deconstructing the Effects of Matrix Elasticity and Geometry in Mesenchymal **Stem Cell Lineage Commitment**

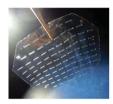


Micropatterned hydrogels capable of parsing the effects of matrix elasticity, cell shape, and cell size are used to explore the relationship between physical factors in mesenchymal stem cell lineage commitment. Cells on 1000 um² circles. squares, and rectangles are primarily adipogenic lineage, while cells cultured on 2500 and 5000 µm² shapes heavily depend on shape and elasticity for lineage specification.

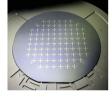
Flexible Electronics

J.-H. Kim, S. H. Hong, K.-d. Seong, S. Seo*.....2404–2408

Fabrication of Organic Thin-Film Transistors on Three-Dimensional **Substrates Using Free-Standing** Polymeric Masks Based on Soft Lithography









A novel fabrication technique for integrated organic devices on complexstructured substrates using free-standing polymeric masks with flexibility and adhesive properties is presented. The freestanding polymeric masks are easily patterned and applicable for various film-deposition methods. Thus, the free-standing polymeric masks facilitate the fabrication of devices integrated on complex-structured substrates, and show promise as an easy process for large-area electronics.