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Nitrogen-doped Carbon Nanotubes

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In this thesis, I will focus on the synthesis of transition metal oxide/sulfide-based composite materials for different types of environmental and sustainable energy applications under ambient conditions. Controlled synthesis of these catalysts with unique crystalline structures, physical, and chemical properties will be carried out to achieve an improved catalytic activity. The correlations between the material structure and catalytic activity will be investigated by various

characterization techniques. Finally, the catalytic activities for the resulting materials will be evaluated for environmental friendly photocatalytic dye degradation and electrochemical water splitting reaction, respectively. [Living and Controlled Polymerization](#) Springer Science & Business Media (Cont.) A method of electrospinning was used to encapsulate magnetic nanoparticles in a polymeric matrix to create field responsive nanofibers for various applications. The magnetization properties of the nanofibers were also characterized and their behavior under an applied magnetic field was modeled. [Refined Synthesis and](#)

[Characterization of Controlled Diameter, Narrow Size Distribution Microparticles for Aerospace Research Applications](#) Nova Publishers

As a material is reduced down to sub-100 nm dimensions, its interaction with light, with heat, and with other matter changes due in part to increased confinement of free charges and to an increased surface area relative to volume. In practice, different materials and their characteristics can be tuned to control bulk-system properties like optical transparency, free charge generation, electric field enhancement, and localized thermal enhancement. In this dissertation, I will discuss

the controlled synthesis and characterization of three different nanoparticle material systems: yttria-stabilized zirconia (YSZ), copper-zinc-tin-sulfide (CZTS), and zirconium nitride (ZrN). I will additionally discuss the viability of using the produced materials in proposed applications, namely: YSZ as the basis material for transparent sintered ceramic disks for use as cranial implants; CZTS as the basis material for earth-abundant, inexpensive, polycrystalline thin film photovoltaics; and ZrN as a visible spectrum plasmonic absorbing material for use in light-induced localized field enhancement applications.

Controlled Synthesis and Characterization of Hierarchically Structured Inorganic Materials for Membrane Applications
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Systematically summarizes the current status and recent advances in bimetallic structures, their shape-controlled synthesis, properties, and applications Intensive researches are currently being carried out on bimetallic nanostructures, focusing on a number of

fundamental, physical, and chemical questions regarding their synthesis and properties. This book presents a systematic and comprehensive summary of the current status and recent advances in this field, supporting readers in the synthesis of model bimetallic nanoparticles, and the exploration and interpretation of their properties. **Bimetallic Nanostructures: Shape-Controlled Synthesis for Catalysis, Plasmonics and Sensing Applications** is divided into three parts. Part 1 introduces basic chemical and physical knowledge of bimetallic structures, including fundamentals, computational models, and in situ characterization techniques. Part 2 summarizes recent developments in synthetic methods, characterization, and properties of bimetallic structures from the perspective of morphology effect, including zero-dimensional nanomaterials, one-dimensional nanomaterials, and two-dimensional nanomaterials. Part 3 discusses applications in electrocatalysis, heterogeneous catalysis,

plasmonics and sensing. Comprehensive reference for an important multidisciplinary research field Thoroughly summarizes the present state and latest developments in bimetallic structures Helps researchers find optimal synthetic methods and explore new phenomena in surface science and synthetic chemistry of bimetallic nanostructures **Bimetallic Nanostructures: Shape-Controlled Synthesis for Catalysis, Plasmonics and Sensing Applications** is an excellent source or reference for researchers and advanced students. Academic researchers in nanoscience, nanocatalysis, and surface plasmonics, and those working in industry in areas involving nanotechnology, catalysis and optoelectronics, will find this book of interest.

Controlled Synthesis of One Dimensional Nanostructured Materials and Their Applications as Catalyst Supports in Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells

American Chemical Society

Binary and ternary metal chalcogenides have become well-known materials among

chemists, physicists, material scientists, and other researchers of the field, and they have attracted significant attention because of their novel chemical, magnetic, electronic, mechanical and optical properties. Among the metal chalcogenides, chromium-based chalcospinel ACr_2X_4 ($A = Cu, Co, Fe, Cd, \text{ and } Hg; X = S, Se, \text{ and } Te$) have gained significant attention because they are a notable class of magnetic materials such as semiconductors, magnetic metals, and insulators. In this work, a general overview of binary and ternary metal chalcogenides and their nanocrystals has been provided. We have also provided an overview of the wet-chemical colloidal methods as an important approach to size and shape-controlled synthesis of nanocrystals. We have also discussed the importance of metal doping reactions as a pathway to create previously unavailable multielemental materials for high-performance applications. In this set of studies, colloidal nanocrystals of chromium-based chalcospinel of $CuCr_2S_4$

and $CuCr_2Se_4$ have been synthesized via hot-injection and heat-up methods and were characterized using experimental methodology comprised of different microstructural and structural tests. The magnetic properties of these nanocrystals have also been studied. The next studied system was Cr-doped pyrite $CuSe_2$ nanocrystals, eventually leading to the observation of significant enhancement of ferromagnetic moment by Cr-doping in octahedral sites of the pyrite structure. We performed a unique reaction in which nanocrystals of $Cr_xCu_{1-x}Se_2$ ($x = 0.1-0.5$) formed in the pyrite phase, which is not stable in bulk form. The host p- $CuSe_2$ nanocrystals did also undergo a degradation influenced by the reaction temperature and the doping of Cr^{3+} ions in the pyrite crystal structure. The Cr-doped nanocrystals of the pyrite phase were formed during the heat-up procedure and by increasing the reaction temperature transformed to $CuCr_2Se_4$ spinel nanocrystals. To the best of our knowledge, no cationic substitution of chromium

for copper has been reported on pyrite $CuSe_2$ systems so far, likely due to the significant size difference between chromium and copper. Therefore, the results of this work are a powerful approach for the design and fabrication of new multielemental materials that may not be stable in the bulk form. The Synthesis and Characterization of Controlled Activity Polymers for Release of Pendent Pesticides Springer Science & Business Media Fourth, a size-controlled synthesis of water soluble DPPH (1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl) nanoparticles has been developed. Importantly, these nanoparticles exhibit size-dependent absorption spectra and fast-exchange-narrowed single-line EPR spectra with linewidths of $\sim 1.5-1.8$ G. Furthermore, the EPR linewidth can be controlled by partially reducing the DPPH radical. These water-soluble DPPH nanoparticles are a perfect standard EPR labels for biological and biomedical systems. Graphene Nanoribbons and Their Polymeric Nanocomposites John Wiley & Sons

Solution methods of materials synthesis have found application in a variety of fields due to the diversity of products accessible, facility of process scalability, and the ease of tuning their properties through prudent selection of reaction conditions. Control of experimental variables during the formation of colloiddally stable nanoscale solids within a liquid matrix allows for tailoring of the particles' characteristics, including shape, size, composition, and surface chemistry. In this dissertation, I will discuss how the manipulation of reaction chemistries can be used to synthesize shape-controlled metal and semiconductor colloidal nanocrystals. Further, I will elaborate on the mechanisms by which these particles form from molecular precursors and describe how their properties can differ from their bulk analogues through extensive characterization, especially using transmission electron microscopy. These studies contribute to the continued development of chemical routes to nanocrystals and their application as functional materials. First, I will

review recent advances in the synthesis and characterization of shape-controlled nanocrystals, as well as highlight their promising applicability in a number of emerging technologies. These principles will then be leveraged to the specific case of catalytically-active rhodium nanocrystals, which can be synthesized with morphological and dimensional control using a polyol solution-mediated strategy. I describe an innovative shape-controlled synthesis to monodisperse colloidal rhodium icosahedra, cubes, triangular plates, and octahedra using this route. Additionally, new insights into the important role of the polyol reducing solvent on the synthesis of these nanocrystals are revealed, and how these might be exploited to engender superior reaction control and novel products. Next, I will describe how a crystallization mechanism was established for the synthesis of numerous morphologies of noble metal nanocrystals. I present a thorough analysis of the synthesis of shape-controlled rhodium nanocrystals, using extensive transmission electron microscopy

characterization, and relate these findings to one of the primary synthetic levers available in the polyol synthesis: the anionic ligands present. Further, I show that the crystallization process proceeds by a nonclassical mechanism in which cluster particles serve as a stable intermediate between molecular precursors and the final product. I then apply these principles to the shape-controlled synthesis of other noble metal nanocrystals before expounding a generalized formation mechanism in the polyol synthesis of colloidal metal nanocrystals. Finally, I will highlight my efforts in the designed synthesis and characterization of colloidal tin(II) sulfide (SnS) semiconducting "quantum dot" nanocrystals. I describe a route for the solution synthesis of monodisperse colloidal SnS nanosheets, nanocubes, and nanospherical polyhedra in high yield. Further, detailed crystallographic characterization of these nanocrystals using transmission electron microscopy indicates that their atomic structure possesses a previously-unreported nanoscale

deviation from the bulk phase. Additionally, I show that their electronic and photocatalytic properties of these quantum dots are both shape-dependent and distinct from bulk SnS.

Controlled Synthesis, Molecular-level Characterization and Chemical Transformation of Hybrid Organosilazane/silylamine Pre-ceramic Telechelic Oligomers

Our society depends heavily on metals. They are ubiquitous construction materials, critical interconnects in integrated circuits, common coinage materials, and more. Excitingly, new uses for metals are emerging with the advent of nanoscience, as metal crystals with nanoscale dimensions can display new and tunable properties. The optical and photothermal properties of metal nanocrystals have led to cancer diagnosis and treatment platforms now in clinical trials, while, at the same time, the ability to tune the surface features of metal nanocrystals is giving rise to designer catalysts that enable more sustainable use of precious resources. These are just two

examples of how metal nanocrystals are addressing important social needs.

דו"ח על הביקורת במועצה המקומית מזכרת בתיה

The living/controlled polymerisation techniques opened new vistas in polymer chemistry. The leading authorities in this field and its pioneers contributed chapters to this collective volume.

The controlled polymerisation techniques have enabled preparation of polymers, copolymers, and block copolymers with predetermined molecular weights and narrow polydispersity, in which functional groups or biologically active molecules could be placed at well defined locations. They have also enabled preparation of advanced polymeric structures with precisely determined architectures and improved properties.

Moreover, they have provided opportunities for preparation of novel polymeric materials from monomers, which before have not been suitable or accessible for such purposes. Properties of some of these polymeric materials may be significantly different from those of the existing ones. They provide opportunities for new

applications. Several patents have already been approved for such speciality applications as, drug delivery, biocompatible surfaces, thermoplastic elastomers, moisture curable sealants, and so on. Many more products, based on polymers fabricated by the living/ controlled polymerisation techniques, will certainly emerge in such specialised areas as, nanotechnology, medical devices, "smart polymers", sensors, smart separation technologies, optical fibres and other optical applications, various biomaterials, etc.

Controlled Synthesis and Characterization of Some One-dimensional Semiconductor Nanomaterials

Carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are advanced materials that have numerous novel and useful properties. Controlling the synthesis and properties of CNTs is the major challenge toward their future applications. This thesis addresses this challenge with several contributions. This thesis begins with the brief introduction of CNTs, including the history of their discovery, their geometric structure, unique properties and

potential applications. Then focus is laid on the subsequent three sections: characterization, synthesis, and manipulation of CNTs. Chapter 2 describes three characterization tools: AFM, SEM and Raman, which are commonly used to analyze CNTs and other nanomaterials. They offer both qualitative and quantitative information on many physical properties including size, morphology, surface texture and roughness. Also, they can be used to determine the structure of CNTs. Chapter 3 addresses the synthesis of CNTs, because synthesis is an important and indispensable process to study CNTs experimentally. Specifically, two controllable synthesis techniques are realized, which are capable to produce iron catalyst nanoparticles for single-walled carbon nanotube (SWNT) growth. Iron nanoparticles of different sizes obtained from both wet chemistry and electrodeposition can be used for diameter-controlled synthesis of SWNTs. Following synthesis, two manipulation methods of CNTs are discussed in Chapter 4. Firstly, effort of

electrical breakdown of CNTs is introduced. Both SWNTs and MWNTs (Multi-walled carbon nanotubes) are cut using this method. Moreover, SWNT kink is shown using AFM tip manipulation. These two manipulation methods provide us a possibility to fabricate large cavity from a MWNT for our purposes. In the end of this thesis, conclusions on my master work in research field of CNTs are drawn and future research directions are proposed.

Block Copolymer Templated Nitrogen-enriched Nanocarbons

Nanomaterials have attracted significant interest in the past decade due to their unique structure and properties compared to their bulk counterparts. Nanomaterials-based solutions can address challenges in various technologies such as proton exchange membrane fuel cells (PEMFCs). PEMFC is an innovative energy conversion technology to directly convert chemical energy to electrical energy by using hydrogen as fuel. However, the current PEMFC system still faces significant technological roadblocks which have to be overcome before the

system can become economically viable. A major impediment to the commercialization of PEMFC is the high cost of materials and manufacturing and stability, which is primarily associated with the cost of Pt catalysts and their support in membrane electrode assembly (MEA). One approach in addressing these issues is the controlled synthesis and application of nanostructured Pt-based catalysts and their support in PEMFCs. The objective of this thesis is to synthesize and characterize various nanostructures (e.g. metal oxides and metal silicides or composites) and evaluate their performance as Pt supports used in the PEMFCs. Various advanced characterization techniques such as high resolution scanning and transmission electron microscopy, X-ray absorption spectroscopy and electrochemical characterization methods have been used to understand growth mechanism of obtained nanostructures and their roles in PEMFCs. We also reported the synthesis of WSi₂ and Ta₅Si₃ heterostructures using a

low pressure chemical vapor deposition (LPCVD) method. The morphologies of these nanostructures were found to be sensitive to the concentration of reactive species and silica vapor in the CVD chamber. The results indicated that the morphology of WSi_2 and Ta_5Si_3 nanostructures varied from nanowires, networked nanoribbons to nanosheets with the control of the oxygen concentration. A vapor solid growth mechanism based on silica sheath formation was proposed for the synthesis of these nanostructures. To take advantage of unique properties of carbon nanotubes, metal oxide and metal silicides as catalyst support, a new method was developed for the synthesis of composite nanostructures. TiSi_2O_x -NCNTs and TiO_2 -NCNTs nanocomposites were synthesized using a combination of CVD process and magnetron sputtering and their performance as catalyst supports in PEMFCs were studied. Pt nanoparticles deposited on these nanostructures showed enhanced catalytic activity compared to commercial Pt/carbon

electrodes. The electronic structure of Pt on the catalyst supports was investigated using X-ray absorption spectroscopy, to obtain insight into the interaction between the catalyst supports and Pt nanoparticles. As an example of well controlled synthesis of nanostructures, one-dimensional tungsten oxide nanostructures (W18O49) have been synthesized using a conventional chemical vapor deposition method (CVD). The morphology of the nanostructures such as diameter and length, were controlled during the synthesis process via sulfur doping. The dependence of morphology, composition and structure of tungsten oxides on the sulfur flow rate has been studied. Further, one step synthesis of tungsten sulfide/tungsten oxide nanocables ($\text{WS}_2/\text{W18O49}$) have been achieved for the first time using tungsten and sulfur powder as the starting materials. In summary, the research work presented in this thesis aims at contributing to the development of various novel nanostructured catalyst supports and probing the correlation between

synthesis approach, fine structure, and catalytic performance of the nanostructures as well as exploring their potential applications in highly active electrocatalysts for PEMFCs.

Controlled Synthesis and Characterization of One Dimensional Nanomaterials

Magnetic particles have been used for many applications demanding a broad range of particles morphologies and chemistries.

Superparamagnetism is advantageous over ferromagnetism because it enables us to control and recover magnetic nanoparticles during and after chemical processing. Superparamagnetic particles have an oriented magnetic moment under a magnetic field but lose this behavior in the absence of a field.

Ferromagnetic materials can be superparamagnetic when they consist of a single size domain, which is on the order of 10s of nanometers. However, since the magnetic force is proportional to the volume of the particle, one needs to apply higher gradient of magnetic field to recover smaller particles. Therefore, large particles are preferred for

easy manipulation using external forces. For this reason, the synthesis of large, superparamagnetic particles is very important and is desirable for future applications. The purpose of this work is (1) to examine the three synthesis methods of superparamagnetic units, (2) to understand the behavior of particles created using these methods as well as the synthesis mechanisms, and (3) to investigate the potential applications of these particles. Large paramagnetic particles can be made by assembling superparamagnetic nanoparticles. We developed a method for the process-dependent clustering of monodisperse magnetic nanoparticles using a solvent evaporation method from solid-in-oil-in-water (S/O/W) type emulsions. When polymers that are incompatible with the nanoparticle coatings were included in the emulsion formulation, monolayer- and multilayer-coated polymer beads and partially coated Janus beads were prepared. The precise number of nanoparticle layers depended on the polymer/magnetic

nanoparticle ratio in the oil droplet phase parent emulsion. The magnetic nanoparticle superstructures responded to the application of a modest magnetic field by forming regular chains with alignment of nonuniform structures (e.g., toroids and Janus beads) in accordance with theoretical predictions and with observations in other systems. In addition, we synthesized non-spherical magnetic microparticles with multiple functionalities, shapes and chemistries. Particle synthesis is performed in two steps; polymeric microparticles homogeneously functionalized with carboxyl groups were generated AA % using stop-flow lithography, and then in situ co-precipitation was used to grow magnetic nanoparticle at these carboxyl sites. With successive growth of magnetic nanoparticles, we obtained polymeric particles with saturations magnetization up to 42 emu per gram of microparticle, which is significantly greater than what can be obtained commercially. We also investigated the physical properties of magnetic

nanoparticles grown in polymeric microparticles, and provide an explanation of the properties. Lastly, we used experimentation and modeling to investigate the synthesis of opaque microparticles made via stop-flow lithography. Opaque magnetic beads incorporated into hydrogel microparticles during synthesis changed the height and the degree of cross-linking of the polymer matrices formed. The effect of the concentration of the opaque material on the particle height was determined experimentally, and agreed well with model predictions based on the photopolymerization process over a wide range of UV absorbance. We also created particles with two independent anisotropies, magnetic and geometric, by applying magnetic fields during particle synthesis. Our work provides a platform for rational design of lithographic patterned opaque particles and also a new class of structured magnetic microparticles. Overall, this work demonstrates three strategies for creating magnetic substrates containing

superparamagnetic nanoparticles and characterization of their resulting properties.

Les Vrais Incroyables ou les Métamorphoses modernes

Extracting multifunctional benefits by combining multiple nano-scale materials has driven materials science to develop nano-heterostructures, which are known as nanohybrids (NHs). Many such composite materials have been researched for applications in the energy sector and in biomedical devices and processes. Among these NHs, carbon nanotubes combined with metal oxides (MOs) are one of the most studied materials that provide unique advantages as electrocatalyst supports, and are currently being commercialized as embedded electrodes for fuels cells. NHs are not only a new class of complex materials but also brings in novel physicochemical properties that most likely cannot be captured by the sum of the properties of their components materials. Thus, understanding the environmental health and safety (EHS) of this new class of composite NHs is imperative. The first

challenge that the nano-EHS community faces is to synthesize these materials with a range of MO loadings or composition under a controlled and comparable set of experimental conditions. In this dissertation, a set of carbonaceous-metal oxide NHs have been synthesized and characterized under comparable synthesis conditions. After synthesis, the underlying mechanisms of metal oxide formation on multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWNT) surfaces has been enumerated, and finally, aggregation behavior of a select NH and its components has been assessed as a function of the metal oxide loading. A modified sol-gel technique has been developed to grow TiO₂, ZnO, Er₂O₃, and Pr₆O₁₁ nanocrystals on MWNT surfaces. The novelty of this technique is that, by varying reagent composition, metal oxide content on the MWNT surfaces can be controlled, keeping all other parameters unchanged. The modified synthesis protocol has been successfully developed to produce a relatively large amount of NHs (100s of mg per

batch of synthesis), adequate for systematic nano EHS studies. Following detailed characterization of the materials, underlying hybridization and MO crystal formation mechanism(s) have been enumerated. Furthermore, standard electron potential of the metal species (while considering electron transfer between their oxidized state to zero valent form) has been found to be the controlling factor for the formation of metal or metal oxide crystals from the precursors on MWNT surfaces, using the sol-gel synthesis technique. Self-aggregation, one of the dominant environmental processes that particles undergo upon release into aquatic environment, has been assessed for one of the most used and commercialized NHs MWNT-TiO₂ and its components. This study investigated the role of TiO₂ loading on the aggregation behavior, MWNT-TiO₂ NH with three different TiO₂ loadings. Results suggested that TiO₂ loading on MWNT surfaces control aggregation behavior of the composite NHs. NHs with all TiO₂ loading demonstrated strong

dependence on electrokinetics. Deoxygenation of the NHs with decreased TiO₂ loading due to the NH synthesis process appeared to be a key contributor on the electrokinetics of the NHs. The van der Waals interaction forces of the NHs decreased with decrease in TiO₂ loading. This study also concluded that classical DLVO theory may be inadequate to capture the aggregation behavior of the NHs. The controlled synthesis technique developed during this research, as well as the mechanisms of metal vs. metal oxide formation identified will be valuable to prepare a large set of NHs for nano-EHS studies. Aggregation behavior of the composites can be very complex in nature and cannot be predicted from the sum of the behavior of their component materials. The deviation of DLVO prediction from the experimental aggregation data calls for further investigation on direct measurement of other complex surface properties of the NHs upon hybridization such as surface roughness and surface charge heterogeneity

Synthesis and Release

Characterization of Polypeptides for the Controlled Release of Drugs

A variety of methods were used to make polymers with different architecture and functionalities. The linking chemistry of vinyltrimethylchlorosilane (VTMCS) with poly(styryl)lithium ($M_n = 1,700-3,000$ g/mol) was studied. The average degree of branching varied from 7.5 to 9.4 with an increase in concentration of VTMCS (1.2 to 5.2 eq). The intrinsic viscosities and melt viscosities (at 160°C) of the star polymers were found to be less than half of that of the corresponding linear polystyrenes. α -Pyrrolidine-functionalized polystyrene ($M_n = 2,700$ g/mol, $M_w/M_n = 1.03$, 92.5%) was successfully synthesized from α -chloromethyltrimethylsilane-functionalized polystyrene ($M_n = 2,600$ g/mol, $M_w/M_n = 1.02$) based on NMR spectroscopy, MALDI-TOF and ESI mass spectrometry. The stability of silyl hydride groups under atom

transfer radical polymerization conditions was proven by copolymerizing methyl methacrylate and (4-vinylphenyl)dimethylsilane (VPDS). Tapered block copolymers of isoprene, VPDS, and styrene with narrow molecular weight distributions (1.04 and 1.05) were synthesized via anionic polymerization. Evidence regarding the topology of cyclic polybutadienes was obtained by Atomic Force Microscopy of grafted polymers obtained by grafting an excess of silyl hydride-functionalized polystyrene ($M_n = 8,300$ g/mol, $M_w/M_n = 1.01$) onto cyclic polybutadiene ($M_n = 88,000$ g/mol, $M_w/M_n = 2.0$). The reactivity of polyisobutylene carbocations was compared with respect to competitive electrophilic addition to a vinyl group versus silyl hydride transfer by investigating the reaction with VPDS. Based on GPC results, and ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy, no evidence for any vinyl group addition was observed. A successful attempt was made to prepare electrospun fibers

from fluoro-functionalized styrene-butadiene elastomers. The water contact angle of these surfaces was found to be 162.8° [plus or minus] 3.8° for the fibrous mat of the fluorinated polymers as compared to 151.2° [plus or minus] 2.4° for the analogous fibrous mat of the non-fluorinated polymers. In-chain functionalization of tapered styrene butadiene rubber using chloromethyldimethylsilane was quantitatively done via a hydrosilation reaction. Pyrrolidine-functionalized styrene butadiene rubber was obtained in 71% yield after reacting pyrrolidine with chloromethyldimethylsilane-functionalized styrene butadiene rubber. In-chain, silyl hydride-functionalized, deuterated polystyrene ($M_w/M_n = 2,100$ g/mol, $M_w/M_n = 1.01$) was functionalized with allyl cyanide in the presence of Karstedt's catalyst to obtain in-chain cyano-functionalized, deuterated polystyrene (45% based on the mass of in-chain, cyano-functionalized deuterated polystyrene obtained).
Characterization of PmHS2

Glycosyltransferases for the Controlled Synthesis of Heparosan

The first step in developing nanoscience and nanotechnology is the production of nanoparticles. Controlled Synthesis of Nanoparticles in Microheterogeneous Systems contains descriptions of one of the most powerful bottom-up methods of synthesizing size controlled and stable nanoparticles. This method is based on the use of surfactant-containing microheterogeneous systems: liquid crystals, monolayers and multilayers, solutions of direct and reversed micelles, direct and reversed vesicles, and water-in-oil and oil-in-water microemulsions. The author is prominent in the field of physico-chemical characterization of microheterogeneous systems and their use as ideal solvent and reaction media for the production and long-term storage of nanomaterials. This is the first book that attempts to unify the knowledge necessary for judicious manipulation of surfactant-based systems and a fine tuning of geometric and physico-chemical properties of nanoparticles of a wide

variety of substances. Prof. Turco Liveri has chosen to write an easy-to-read book aiming to be evocative rather than exhaustive. Because of the intense interest in nanoscience and nanomaterials, this book is an important fundamental work that fits ideally into the series Nanostructure Science and Technology and will be useful for a wide range of students and young researchers involved in the study and manipulation of matter at the atomic level.
Controlled Synthesis and Characterization of Hierarchically Structured Inorganic Materials for Membrane Applications
"Reversible-deactivation radical polymerization (RDRP), also referred to as controlled/"living" radical polymerization (CRP) has been developed over the past 20 years. RDRP promotes the synthesis of well-defined polymeric materials with controlled molecular weights and molecular weight distributions, complex topologies and functionalities. In the past decade, the Matyjaszewski and Kowalewski groups pioneered the work of synthesizing nanostructured carbon by

pyrolysis of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) containing polymeric precursors prepared via RDRP. My contribution to this topic was primarily focused on the following aspects: (1) optimization of the synthetic procedure, (2) deeper investigation of the structures, (3) exploration of the surface chemistry with particular emphasis of nitrogen functionality, (4) and energy related applications. This thesis first focuses on addressing current challenges in RDRP particularly in atom transfer radical polymerization (ATRP), one of the most robust RDRP techniques. Based on the development of a deep mechanistic understanding of RDRP's, ATRP was then used for the synthesis of PAN containing block copolymers followed by applying a series of analytical tools to provide detailed physical characterization. Finally, these materials were utilized as precursors for the formation of nanocarbons that were evaluated in various energy related applications. The development of nanostructured carbon materials from PAN

precursors is discussed in Chapter 1. Particular emphasis is placed on the rational structural design of PAN containing polymeric precursors developed in the Matyjaszewski and Kowalewski groups, while the detailed synthetic methodology will be discussed in the subsequent chapters. Controlled synthesis is the prerequisite for many applications. The successful preparation of block copolymers via RDRP requires preparation of a macroinitiator with preserved chain end functionality (CEF). Work described in Chapter 2 resulted in the establishment of a universal rule for quantifying the CEF in all RDRPs, which is also the most important criterion for determining the "livingness" and degree of control over the polymerization. The parameters affecting the level of CEF preservation are determined. Another challenge in ATRP is diminishing the concentration of catalyst employed during the polymerization procedure in order to reduce the cost and simplify the purification steps. Chapter 3 describes the

systematic study of RDRP in the presence of zerovalent copper, which offers significant advantages in this regard. The contribution of all of the potential reactions occurring in an ATRP carried out in the presence of copper zero were evaluated, and a supplemental activator and reducing agent (SARA) ATRP mechanism is concluded to precisely describe this system. How to conduct and optimize SARA ATRP system is then demonstrated. Chapter 4 is focused on another aspect of the robust capability of ATRP : controlling the molecular weight distribution. Activator regeneration electron transfer (ARGET) ATRP was employed to prepare polystyrene-block-poly(methyl acrylate) copolymers with tunable dispersity in the range of 1.32 to 2.0 for each block. Knowledge attained from the studies discussed in Chapter 2 to 4 has been extensively utilized in the studies of nanocarbons. Chapter 5 discusses the preparation of a series of PAN containing diblock copolymers that were used as precursors for the preparation of nanocarbons. The block copolymers undergo

phase separation and then the poly(n-butyl acrylate) serves as a sacrificial segment upon pyrolysis. Both thin film and bulk nanocarbons with diverse morphologies, resembling the original phase-separated copolymer precursors, were prepared. The carbonization of bulk copolymer precursors with branched PAN domains was of particular interest; which resulted in the formation of porous nanocarbons with large surface area and highly accessible nitrogen functionality originating from PAN. Chapter 6 illustrates how porosity and accessible nitrogen functionality in the nanocarbon introduced in Chapter 5 can be utilized for CO₂ capture. The main emphasis was placed on the surface area and nitrogen content's influence on adsorption capacity and selectivity was studied. Chapter 7 discusses the application of PAN-derived nanocarbons as electrode materials for supercapacitors. Materials displaying both high energy density and high power density were achieved. This excellent performance was partially due to the mesoporous

structure with high specific surface area, in combination with the pseudocapacitance originating from graphitic edge nitrogens. Evidence of electrochemical activity of the nitrogen heteroatoms provided the motivation to explore the performance of copolymer templated nanocarbon as an electrocatalyst for oxygen reduction, as described in Chapter 8. A desirable 4-electron transfer process with a low overpotential system was achieved by as-prepared nanocarbon film with porous morphology; which again, demonstrates one of the unique properties of nanocarbons prepared from PAN containing block copolymer precursors. Finally, a summary is provided in Chapter 9 and some future directions regarding synthesis and utility of heteroatom-enriched nanocarbons are discussed."--Pages ii-v. *Synthesis and Characterization of a Controlled Release Biomaterial for the Incorporation of Pharmacologically Active Compounds* Metal Oxide Nanoparticles in Organic Solvents discusses recent advances in the chemistry involved for the controlled

synthesis and assembly of metal oxide nanoparticles, the characterizations required by such nanoobjects, and their size and shape depending properties. In the last few years, a valuable alternative to the well-known aqueous sol-gel processes was developed in the form of nonaqueous solution routes. Metal Oxide Nanoparticles in Organic Solvents reviews and compares surfactant- and solvent-controlled routes, as well as providing an overview of techniques for the characterization of metal oxide nanoparticles, crystallization pathways, the physical properties of metal oxide nanoparticles, their applications in diverse fields of technology, and their assembly into larger nano- and mesostructures. Researchers and postgraduates in the fields of nanomaterials and sol-gel chemistry will appreciate this book's informative approach to chemical formation mechanisms in relation to metal oxides. Controlled Synthesis of Magnetic Particles Flow visualization using polystyrene microspheres (PSL)s has enabled researchers to learn a

tremendous amount of information via particle based diagnostic techniques. To better accommodate wind tunnel researchers needs, PSL synthesis via dispersion polymerization has been carried out at NASA Langley Research Center since the late 1980s. When utilizing seed material for flow visualization, size and size distribution are of paramount importance. Therefore, the work described here focused on further refinement of PSL synthesis and characterization. Through controlled variation of synthetic conditions (chemical concentrations, solution stirring speed, temperature, etc.) a robust, controllable procedure was developed. The relationship between particle size and salt concentration, $MgSO_4$, was identified enabling

the determination of PSL diameters a priori.

Suggestions of future topics related to PSL synthesis, stability, and size variation are also described.

Bimetallic Nanostructures

This book focuses on recent advances in the synthesis of nanoparticles, their characterization, and their applications in different fields such as catalysis, photonics, magnetism, and nanomedicine.

Nanoparticles receive a large share of the worldwide research activity in contemporary materials science. This is witnessed by the number of scientific papers with "nanoparticle" as a keyword, increasing linearly in the last 10 years from about 16,000 in 2009 to about 50,000 in 2019. This impressive widespread interest stems from the basic science of nanoparticles, which

constitute a bridge between the molecular and the bulk worlds, as well as from their technological applications.

The preparation of nanoparticles is a crossroad of materials science where chemists, physicists, engineers, and even biologists frequently meet, leading to a continuous improvement of existing techniques and to the invention of new methods. The reader interested in nanoparticles synthesis and properties will here find a valuable selection of scientific cases that cannot cover all methods and applications relevant to the field, but still provide an updated overview on the fervent research activity focused on nanoparticles.

[Synthesis and Characterization of Bioerodible Polymers for Controlled Drug Release](#)