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Abstract

In this study, electrically conductive composites of ethylenedioxythiophene-based terpolymer (PETCH), polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) and graphene nanosheets (GNS) have been prepared by compression molding and characterized. A new conjugated PETCH polymer was synthesized and its chemical structure has been confirmed by Fourier transform infrared and ¹H-NMR spectroscopy. The varying weight percentages of (1, 3 and 5%) GNS and 10 wt% PETCH dispersed PVDF nanocomposites were prepared and



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Abstract

A new hyperbranched sulfonated poly(arylene aliphatic ketones) (HB-SPAACK) has been synthesized and loaded with titania nanoparticles to obtain HB-SPAACK/TiO₂ nanocomposites for thermally stable proton-conducting electrolyte membrane fuel cell (PEMFC) applications. The synthesis of HB-SPAACKs was carried out through the polycondensation reaction of different aliphatic and aromatic acids with simultaneous loss of H₂O, trifluoromethane sulfonic acid used as catalyst. The long chain hyperbranched polymers and TiO₂-loaded nanocomposites were characterized by FT-IR, ¹H-NMR, SEM and HR-TEM. Proton conductivity (PC), swelling ratio, water uptake and oxidative stability. The SEM image of TiO₂ NPs and HB-SPAACKs/TiO₂ nanocomposites membrane clearly showed the spherical of TiO₂ and porous structure of HB-SPAACKs with a pore diameter of 2–50 μm. TEM image reveals the uniform particle size distribution of TiO₂ nanoparticles having a nanosize of 100 nm. TiO₂ loaded polymer nanocomposites showed lower values of W/U and S/R when compared to the unmodified HB-SPAACK, while 3% TiO₂ loaded HB-SPAACKs exhibited a threefold increment of proton conductivity of $1.439 \times 10^{-2} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$ compared to HB-SPAACKs ($0.41 \times 10^{-2} \text{ S cm}^{-1}$) and lower than that of Nafion 117 (0.1003 S cm^{-1} at 80°C). The 5% TiO₂ NPs-embedded with HB-SPAACKs nanocomposites membranes also presented admirable oxidative stability with a degradation value of 13.8% during immersion in Fenton reagent for 8 h at 70°C.



Review Article

Neoteric advancements in polybenzimidazole based polymer electrolytes for high-temperature proton exchange membrane fuel cells - A versatile review

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Highlights

- A simple and reproducible procedure is used to prepare polybenzimidazole based membranes.
- Phosphoric acid-doped PBI performs extremely well as HT-PEM.
- The unique cross-linked membranes exhibit outstanding fuel cell performance and high proton conductivity.
- This review highlights the fabricating of PBI-based PEMs to address the current problems of HT-PEMFCs.

Abstract

The world's dependence on hydrocarbon fuel to generate power has proven to be the primary source of energy production. The emission of dangerous toxic and effluent gases during the process of hydrocarbon extraction and utilisation poses a massive threat to the environment and human life. This has driven the

TiO₂-graphene dispersed sulfonated polyphenylenesulfide sulfone nanocomposites for medium temperature PEMFCs

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Enhanced electromagnetic interference shielding in nickel oxide and graphene composite nanostructures loaded polyvinylidene difluoride thin films

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Highlights

- NiO/graphene loaded PVDF having enhanced microwave absorption and electromagnetic interference shielding has been formulated.
- The dissemination of the NiO nanoparticles throughout the PVDF matrix is achieved.
- The 10 wt% of NiO/Graphene/PVDF composites showed highest conductivity of 6.8×10^{-14} at 1KHz and a dielectric constant of 90.
- The 3% NiO in PVDF matrix showed highest shielding effectiveness of 39 dB at 10.3 GHz.

Abstract

Polyvinylidene difluoride nanocomposites having high dielectric, microwave absorption and electromagnetic interference (EMI) shielding properties has been prepared by loading Nickel oxide (NiO) and NiO embedded graphene hybrid nanostructures into PVDF matrix, and characterized. NiO nanoparticle and NiO/graphene were synthesized from hydrothermal reactions at 80°C. The nanocomposites are prepared by the solvent casting method of NiO and NiO/graphene hybrid nanomaterials embedded PVDF are evaluated for their thermal, morphological, dielectric, microwave absorption and electromagnetic interference shielding behavior. The TGA results revealed that the thermal permanence of the nanocomposites was improved proportional to the NiO and NiO/graphene content in the PVDF



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Synthesis and fabrication of Cu-trimesic acid MOF anchored sulfonated Poly(2,5-benzimidazole) membranes for PEMFC applications

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Highlights

- Cu-MOF loaded sABPBI based composite membrane has been prepared for the first time.
- The developed membrane displayed high conductivity of 0.039Scm^{-1} at 80°C .
- The Cu-TMA/sABPBI composite membrane achieved 62% higher conductivity than the pristine membrane.
- Physicochemical studies revealed a very high water absorption capability (21.6%) and radical stability (89.6%).

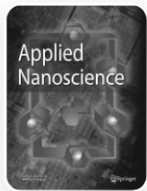
Abstract



Porous metal–organic frameworks (MOFs) have started to gain attention because of their high crystallinity, porosity and structural designability, and they can facilitate proton conduction, but the poor membrane forming ability of MOFs limits their application. In this work, composite membranes based on poly (2,5-benzimidazole) (ABPBI) are focused, and the polymer ABPBI was synthesized from its monomer by solution polycondensation method using polyphosphoric acid (PPA) as solvent. Copper-trimesic acid (Cu-TMA) based metal–organic framework (MOF) was prepared by solvothermal synthesis. Varying ratios of MOF were incorporated into the ABPBI polymer matrix to develop a polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM) by solvent casting technique. Sulfonated composites were obtained by immersing the membranes in 20% sulfuric acid and the membranes were used to characterize the crystallographic

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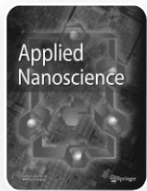
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Construction of direct Z-scheme g-C₃N₄/BiYWO₆ heterojunction photocatalyst with enhanced visible light activity towards the degradation of methylene blue

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Abstract

Construction of the Z-scheme heterojunction photocatalyst achieved highly improved photocatalytic ability by its high redox ability of the photoinduced e⁻-h⁺ pairs. In the study, Z-scheme g-C₃N₄/BiYWO₆ heterojunction photocatalyst is prepared by the single-step hydrothermal method. Further, its photocatalytic ability was assessed by degrading



Construction of direct FeMoO₄/g-C₃N₄-2D/2D Z-scheme heterojunction with enhanced photocatalytic treatment of textile wastewater to eliminate the toxic effect in marine environment

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Highlights

- Novel Z-scheme FeMoO₄/g-C₃N₄ heterojunction photocatalysts were constructed.
- Optimal FeMoO₄/g-C₃N₄ show excellent degradation of Rhodamine B.
- Optimal FeMoO₄/g-C₃N₄ exhibits excellent photostability under visible light.
- h⁺ and O₂^{•-} radicals are playing major role in the degradation of RhB.
- Plausible mechanism for direct Z-scheme FeMoO₄/g-C₃N₄ heterojunction was proposed.

Abstract

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Abstract

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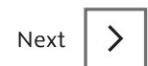
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Abstract

Eliminating harmful organic pollutants from contaminated water remains an urgent problem to be solved. Taking Rhodamine B (RhB) as a representative organic water pollutant we sought to design a facile and scalable synthesis of a BiFeO₃/CeVO₄ (BFO/CVO) nanocomposite catalyst for the degradation of organic pollutant under visible light. BFO nanorods and CVO nanoparticles were fabricated using single-step hydrothermal routes and the resulting materials could be easily combined using a simple wet-chemical precipitation method. From the morphological studies, pure BiFeO₃ and CeVO₄ revealed the 1D-nanorod and 0D-nanoparticles, respectively. For the BFO/CVO composite, 0D-nanoparticles were well attached on the 1D-nanorods of BiFeO₃. Also, the 10% BFO/CVO composite provided efficient photodegradation efficiency (92%) of RhB with 0.0225 min⁻¹ rate constant. Furthermore, the obtained photocatalyst had a low band gap energy value (2.01 eV) and photoluminescence intensity when compared to pure BFO and CVO under visible light illumination. The radical scavenging experiments proposed that the [•]OH acted a substantial role in the RhB decomposition pathway. The optimized BFO/CVO composite photocatalyst exhibits superior recyclability and photostability. The superior photocatalytic action of the 10% BFO/CVO composite could be explained by the development of a heterojunction among BFO and CVO where electrons can migrate at the BFO/CVO interface. These results imply that BiFeO₃/CeVO₄ composites are suitable photocatalysts for the elimination of organic toxins from water.



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In this study, electrically conductive composites of ethylenedioxythiophene-based terpolymer (PETCH), polyvinylidene difluoride (PVDF) and graphene nanosheets (GNS) have been prepared by compression molding and characterized. A new conjugated PETCH polymer was synthesized and its chemical structure has been confirmed by Fourier transform infrared and $^1\text{H-NMR}$ spectroscopy. The varying weight percentages of (1, 3 and 5%) GNS and 10 wt% PETCH dispersed PVDF nanocomposites were prepared and