

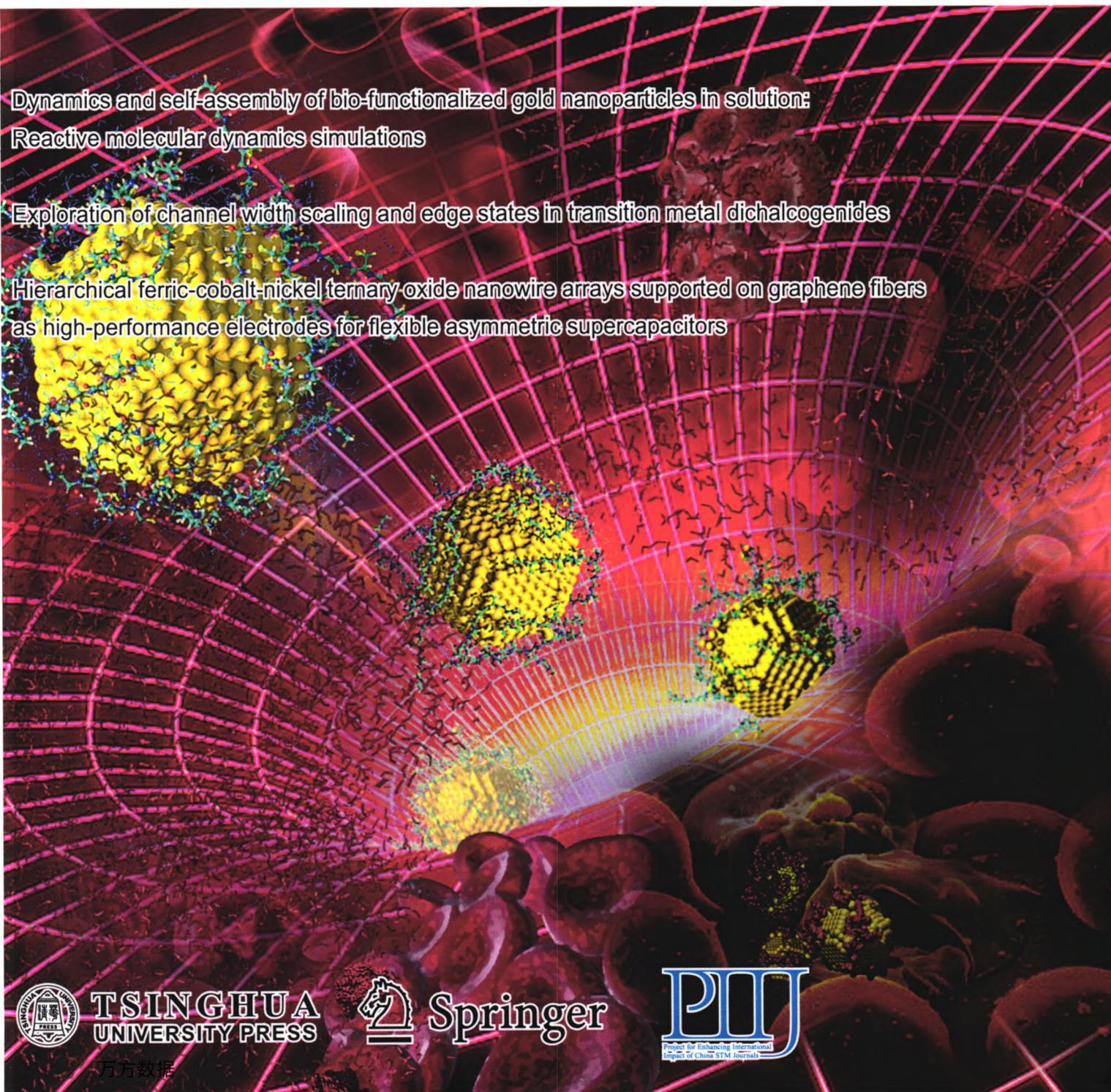
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Dynamics and self-assembly of bio-functionalized gold nanoparticles in solution: Reactive molecular dynamics simulations

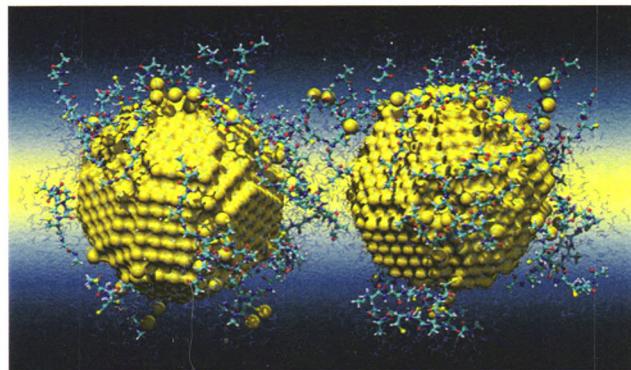
Susanna Monti<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Giovanni Barcaro<sup>3</sup>, Luca Sementa<sup>3</sup>, Vincenzo Carravetta<sup>3</sup>, and Hans Ågren<sup>2,4</sup>

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The motion and self-interaction of gold nanoparticles functionalized with a cysteine-based peptide are simulated in water solution by means of classical reactive force field approach (ReaxFF).

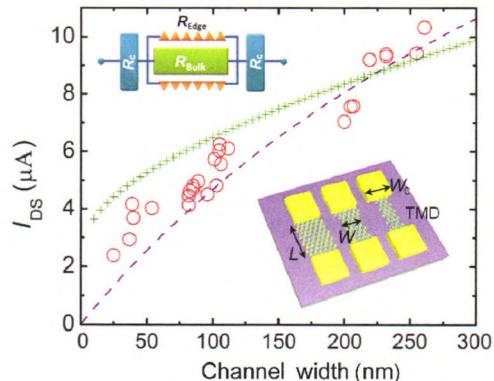
1757–1767

Exploration of channel width scaling and edge states in transition metal dichalcogenides

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This article describes a comprehensive study of various transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs), including semimetallic Td-phase WTe<sub>2</sub>, and semiconducting 2H-phase MoTe<sub>2</sub> and MoS<sub>2</sub>. The materials were analyzed with respect to the impact of channel width scaling on the transport and edge effects in various TMD ribbon geometries.

1768–1774

## Hierarchical ferric-cobalt-nickel ternary oxide nanowire arrays supported on graphene fibers as high-performance electrodes for flexible asymmetric supercapacitors

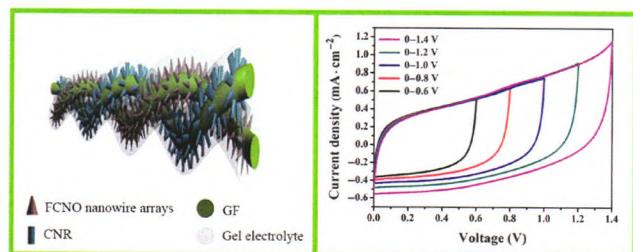
Jingxin Zhao<sup>1,2</sup>, Chaowei Li<sup>2</sup>, Qichong Zhang<sup>2</sup>, Jun Zhang<sup>2</sup>, Xiaona Wang<sup>2</sup>, Juan Sun<sup>2</sup>, Juanjuan Wang<sup>1</sup>, Jixun Xie<sup>1</sup>, Ziyin Lin<sup>3</sup>, Zhuo Li<sup>3</sup>, Weibang Lu<sup>2</sup>, Conghua Lu<sup>1,\*</sup>, and Yagang Yao<sup>2,\*</sup>

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1775–1786



Assembled flexible asymmetric graphene fiber-based supercapacitor devices present excellent flexibility and high specific capacitance.

## Application of chemical vapor-deposited monolayer ReSe<sub>2</sub> in the electrocatalytic hydrogen evolution reaction

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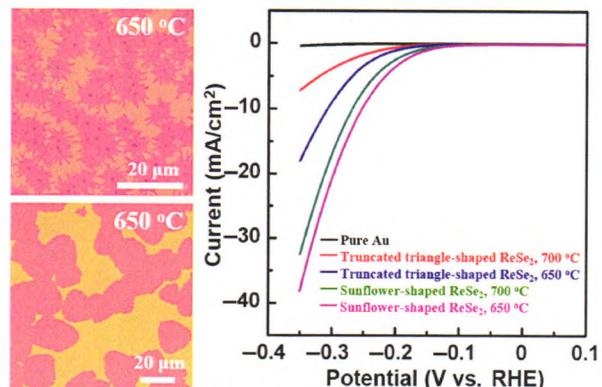
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1787–1797



Structurally anisotropic rhodium diselenide (ReSe<sub>2</sub>) with variable domain morphologies (sunflower- or truncated-triangle-shaped) and uniform monolayer thickness was successfully synthesized on SiO<sub>2</sub>/Si substrates by ambient-pressure chemical vapor deposition. The prepared monolayer ReSe<sub>2</sub> could be transferred onto Au foil to afford electrodes with promising electrocatalytic activity for the hydrogen evolution reaction.

## In situ transformation of Cu<sub>2</sub>O@MnO<sub>2</sub> to Cu@Mn(OH)<sub>2</sub> nanosheet-on-nanowire arrays for efficient hydrogen evolution

Li Chen<sup>1,2</sup>, Xing Zhang<sup>1,3,\*</sup>, Wenjie Jiang<sup>1,3</sup>, Yun Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Linbo Huang<sup>1,3</sup>, Yuyun Chen<sup>1</sup>, Yuguo Yang<sup>2</sup>, Li Li<sup>4</sup>, and Jinsong Hu<sup>1,3,\*</sup>

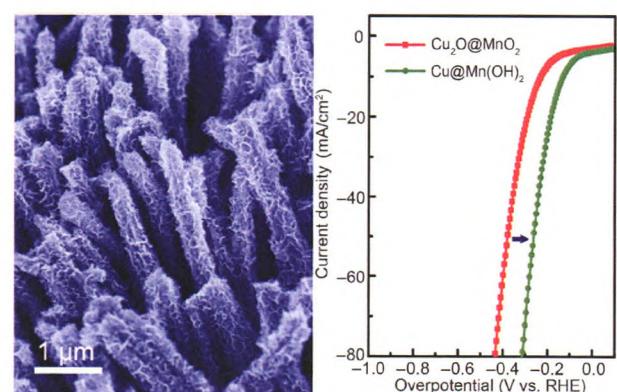
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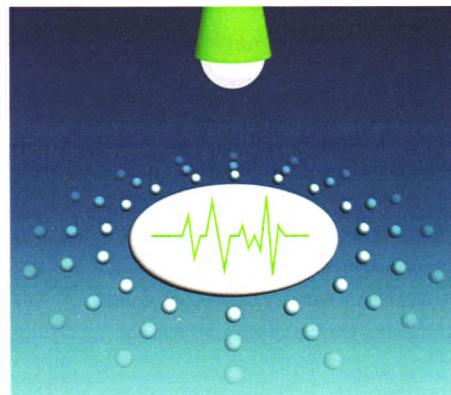


*In situ* transformation of three-dimensional Cu<sub>2</sub>O@MnO<sub>2</sub> into Cu@Mn(OH)<sub>2</sub> nanosheet-on-nanowire arrays significantly boosts the electrocatalytic activity for the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER), demonstrating its potential as a new HER electrocatalyst.

### Light-powered direction-controlled micropump

Mingtong Li, Yajun Su, Hui Zhang, and Bin Dong\*

Soochow University, China



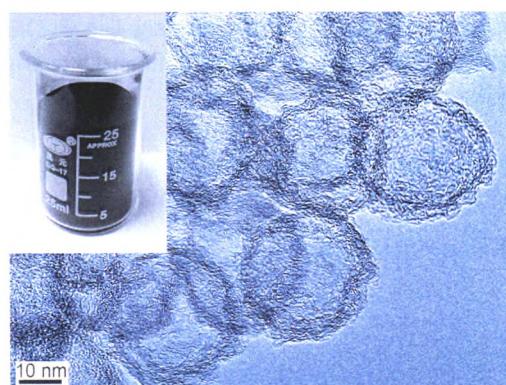
1810–1821

### Scalable synthesis of sub-100 nm hollow carbon nanospheres for energy storage applications

Hongyu Zhao<sup>1</sup>, Fan Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Shumeng Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Shengnan He<sup>1</sup>, Fei Shen<sup>1</sup>, Xiaogang Han<sup>1,\*</sup>, Yadong Yin<sup>2</sup>, and Chuanbo Gao<sup>1,\*</sup>

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1822–1833

### Electrical contacts in monolayer blue phosphorene devices

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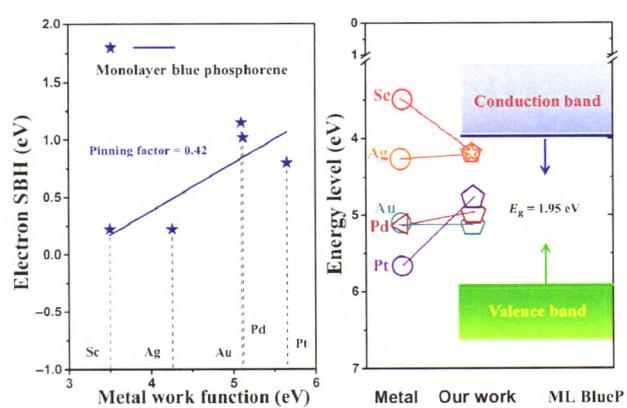
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This study presents a light-driven binary micropump based on perovskite and poly[(2-methoxy-5-ethylhexyloxy)-1,4-phenylenevinylene] (MEHPPV) that exhibits controlled pumping directions. The micropump is utilized to realize heartbeat-like pumping and spatial control over colloidal transportation inside a solution.



*Ab initio* quantum transport simulations show that monolayer blue phosphorene forms n-type Schottky contact with Sc, Ag, and Pt electrodes with lateral electron Schottky barrier heights of 0.22, 0.22, and 0.80 eV, respectively, and it forms p-type Schottky contact with Pd and Au electrodes with lateral hole Schottky barrier heights of 0.79 and 0.61 eV, respectively.

1834–1849

## Growth of ZnO self-converted 2D nanosheet zeolitic imidazolate framework membranes by an ammonia-assisted strategy

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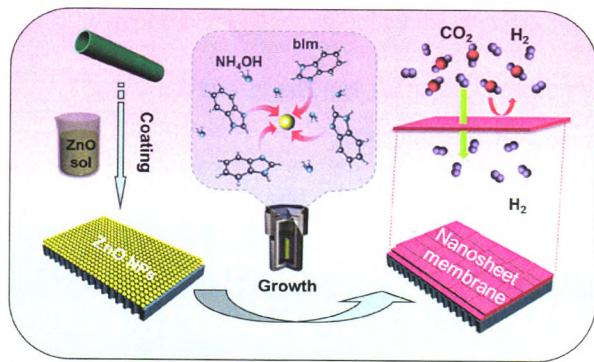
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1850–1860



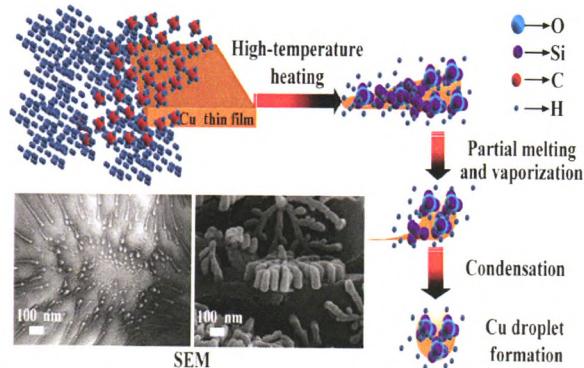
A two-dimensional (2D) nanosheet zeolitic imidazolate framework membrane is fabricated by direct growth based on the localized solvothermal self-conversion of pre-deposited ZnO on a porous Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> tube and using ammonium hydroxide as a synthetic modulator. The 2D nanosheet membrane achieved here exhibits excellent molecular sieving performance with high H<sub>2</sub> permeance and selectivity for H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> separation.

## One-step synthesis of novel snowflake-like Si-O/Si-C nanostructures on 3D graphene/Cu foam by chemical vapor deposition

Jing Ning, Dong Wang\*, Jincheng Zhang\*, Xin Feng, Ruixia Zhong, Jiabo Chen, Jianguo Dong, Lixin Guo, and Yue Hao

Xidian University, China

1861–1872



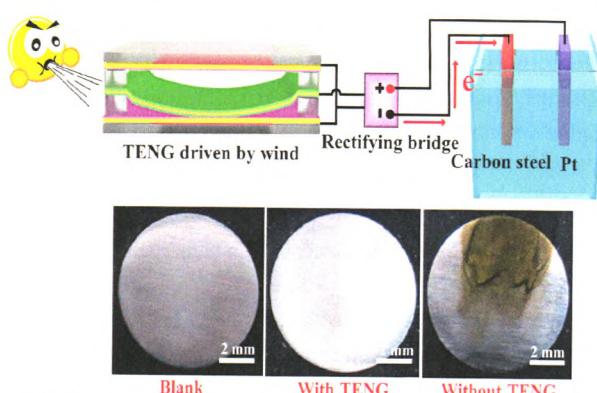
In this work, novel snowflake-like Si-O/Si-C nanostructures with a high specific surface area were synthesized by low-pressure chemical vapor deposition (CVD). The nanostructures showed a high specific capacitance of ~ 963.2 mF/cm<sup>2</sup> at a scan rate of 1 mV/s. Further, even after 20,000 sequential cycles, the electrode retained 94.4% of its capacitance.

## Triboelectrification based on double-layered polyaniline nanofibers for self-powered cathodic protection driven by wind

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A wind-driven polyaniline nanofibers-based triboelectric nanogenerator (TENG) with a high output performance was used as a novel power source for a self-powered cathodic protection system.

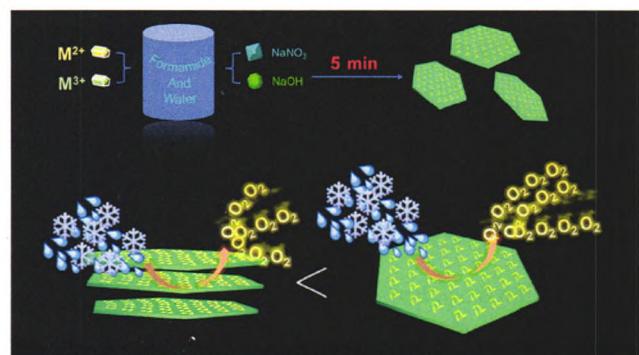
1873–1882

## Fast formation of single-unit-cell-thick and defect-rich layered double hydroxide nanosheets with highly enhanced oxygen evolution reaction for water splitting

Rui Gao<sup>1</sup> and Dongpeng Yan<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

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This work presents a combined experimental and theoretical study on two-dimensional (2D) single-unit-cell-thick layered double hydroxide (LDH) nanosheets (NSs) with high oxygen evolution reaction (OER) activities, which have potential applications in water splitting for renewable energy.

1883–1894

## Copper nanowire-TiO<sub>2</sub>-polyacrylate composite electrodes with high conductivity and smoothness for flexible polymer solar cells

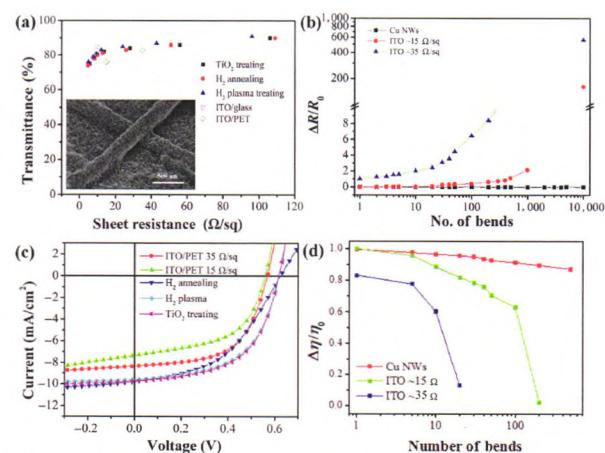
Haitao Zhai<sup>1,2</sup>, Yang Li<sup>3</sup>, Liwei Chen<sup>3</sup>, Xiao Wang<sup>1,2</sup>, Liangjing Shi<sup>1</sup>, Ranran Wang<sup>1,\*</sup>, and Jing Sun<sup>1,\*</sup>

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1895–1904

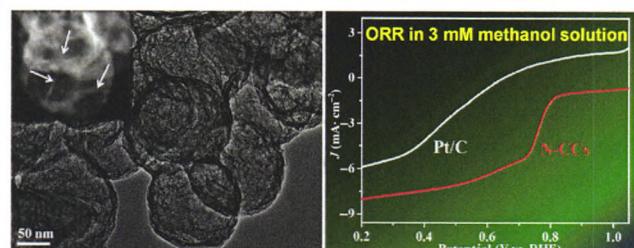


Polymer solar cells with excellent flexibility were fabricated on a copper nanowire-TiO<sub>2</sub>-polyacrylate composite electrode. The power conversion efficiency of the cells based on the composite electrode reached 3.11% under a simulated AM1.5G illumination and maintained 90% of their original efficiency after 500 cycles of bending.

## N-doped carbon nanocages: Bifunctional electrocatalysts for the oxygen reduction and evolution reactions

Nan Jia, Qiang Weng, Yaru Shi, Xinyan Shi, Xinbing Chen, Pei Chen\*, Zhongwei An, and Yu Chen

Shaanxi Normal University, China



N-doped carbon nanocages (N-CCs) with a porous self-supported architecture and high specific surface area were synthesized by a simple interfacial assembly method. They exhibited long-term operational durability and excellent methanol tolerance during the oxygen reduction reaction.

1905–1916

## Fullerene/cobalt porphyrin charge-transfer cocrystals: Excellent thermal stability and high mobility

Shushu Zheng<sup>1,3</sup>, Junwen Zhong<sup>1</sup>, Wakana Matsuda<sup>2</sup>, Peng Jin<sup>4</sup>, Muqing Chen<sup>1</sup>, Takeshi Akasaka<sup>1</sup>, Kazuhito Tsukagoshi<sup>3,\*</sup>, Shu Seki<sup>2,\*</sup>, Jun Zhou<sup>3</sup>, and Xing Lu<sup>1,\*</sup>

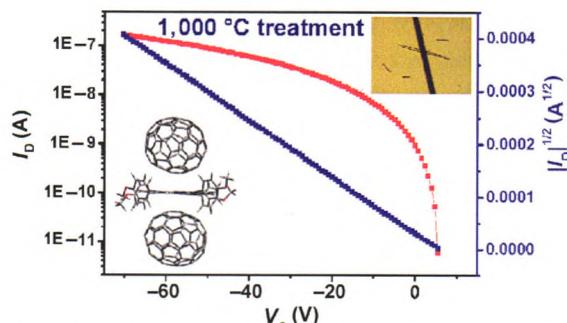
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1917–1927



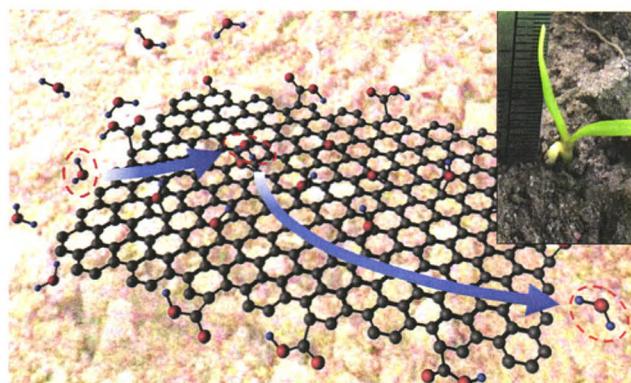
Needle-like fullerene ( $C_{70}$ )/cobalt porphyrin supramolecular architectures were readily prepared by using a liquid–liquid interfacial precipitation method. These architectures showed excellent electrical conductivity of  $1.08 \times 10^3 \Omega^{-1} \cdot m^{-1}$ , high mobility of  $4.21 \text{ cm}^2 \cdot V^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$ , and good charge transfer properties even after thermal treatment at 1,000 °C, which are highly promising attributes for the development of future multifunctional electronics.

## Graphene oxide as a water transporter promoting germination of plants in soil

Yijia He, Ruirui Hu, Yujia Zhong, Xuanliang Zhao, Qiao Chen, and Hongwei Zhu\*

Tsinghua University, China

1928–1937



Graphene oxide (GO) was tested as a moisture retention additive in soil. The hydrophilic nature and water-transferring properties of GO helped to expedite germination and growth of plants.

## A low-cost, printable, and stretchable strain sensor based on highly conductive elastic composites with tunable sensitivity for human motion monitoring

Yougen Hu<sup>1</sup>, Tao Zhao<sup>1</sup>, Pengli Zhu<sup>1,\*</sup>, Yuan Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Xianwen Liang<sup>1</sup>, Rong Sun<sup>1,\*</sup>, and Ching-Ping Wong<sup>3,4</sup>

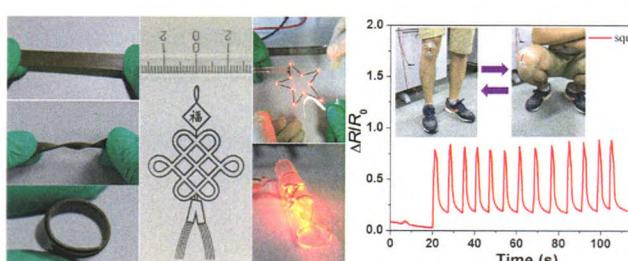
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1938–1955



Low-cost silver-coated polystyrene spheres (PS@Ag)/polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) elastic conductive composites fabricated by robust screen printing technology show excellent flexibility and printing adaptability, and exhibit high electrical conductivity, low percolation threshold, and good electrical stability under vigorous mechanical deformation. They also demonstrate excellent strain-sensing performance in monitoring various human motions with high sensitivity and excellent stability.

## Semi-transparent polymer solar cells with all-copper nanowire electrodes

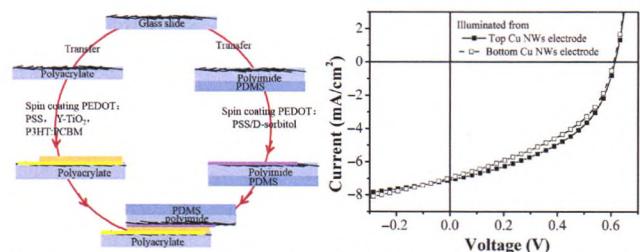
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1956–1966



Semi-transparent polymer solar cells (PSCs) with all-Cu nanowire (NW) electrodes were fabricated with the structure of polyacrylate (PA)/Cu NWs/poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene):poly(styrenesulfonate) (PEDOT:PSS) (PH1000)/Y-TiO<sub>2</sub>/poly(3-hexylthiophene):[6,6]-phenyl-C<sub>61</sub>-butyric acid 3,4,5-tris(octyloxy) benzyl (P3HT:PC<sub>61</sub>BM)/PEDOT:PSS (4083)/Cu NWs/polyimide (PI)/polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS). The semi-transparent PSCs showed power conversion efficiencies up to 1.97% and 1.85% from each side with an average transmittance of ~42% in the visible region.

## Oxygen-assisted preparation of mechanoluminescent ZnS:Mn for dynamic pressure mapping

Xiandi Wang<sup>1,2</sup>, Rui Ling<sup>1,3</sup>, Yufei Zhang<sup>1,4</sup>, Miaoling Que<sup>1,2</sup>, Yiyao Peng<sup>1,2</sup>, and Caofeng Pan<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

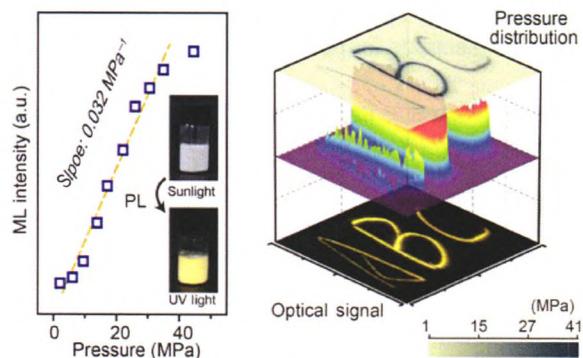
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1967–1976



Two-dimensional pressure distribution can be observed using mechanoluminescent ZnS:Mn particles synthesized by solid-state reaction at atmospheric pressure with the assistance of oxygen.

## Piezotronic effect on the luminescence of quantum dots for micro/nano-newton force measurement

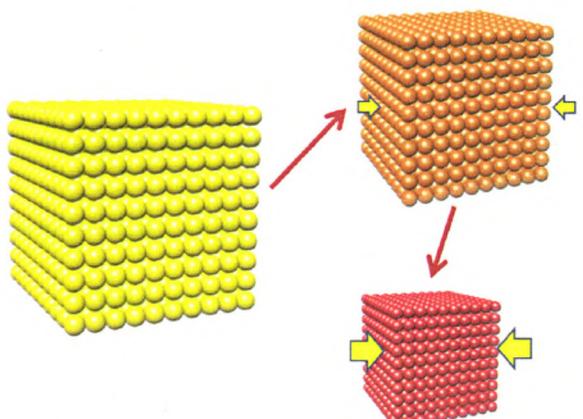
Yan Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Jiaheng Nie<sup>1</sup>, and Lijie Li<sup>3,\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup> University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, China

<sup>2</sup> National Center for Nanoscience and Technology (NCNST), China

<sup>3</sup> Swansea University, UK

1977–1986



Analysis of semiconductor quantum dots applied as nano-newton force sensors based on the control of the luminescence spectrum using the piezotronics effect has been reported.

## Rational design of a “sense and treat” system to target amyloid aggregates related to Alzheimer’s disease

Zhi Du, Nan Gao\*, Yijia Guan, Chao Ding, Yuhuan Sun, Jinsong Ren, and Xiaogang Qu\*

Changchun Institute of Applied Chemistry, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

1987–1997

## Long-term stable silver nanowire transparent composite as bottom electrode for perovskite solar cells

Yunxia Jin, Yong Sun, Kaiqing Wang, Yani Chen, Ziqi Liang, Yuxi Xu\*, and Fei Xiao\*

Fudan University, China

1998–2011

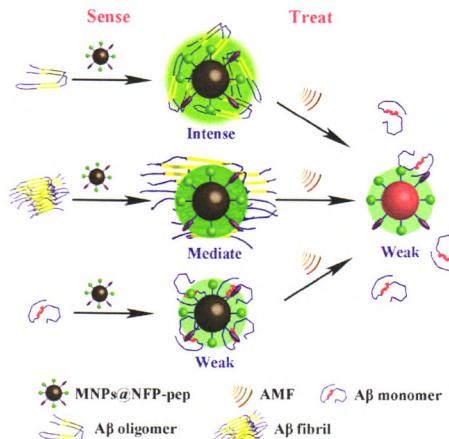
## Novel dual fluorescence temperature-sensitive chameleon DNA-templated silver nanocluster pair for intracellular thermometry

Weijun Zhou<sup>1,2</sup>, Jinbo Zhu<sup>1</sup>, Ye Teng<sup>1</sup>, Baoji Du<sup>1,2</sup>, Xu Han<sup>1</sup>, and Shaojun Dong<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

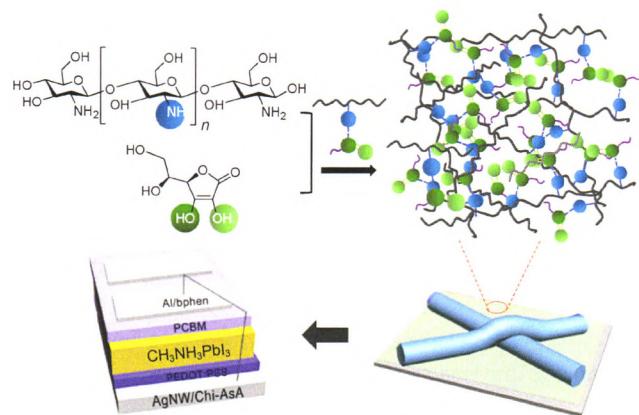
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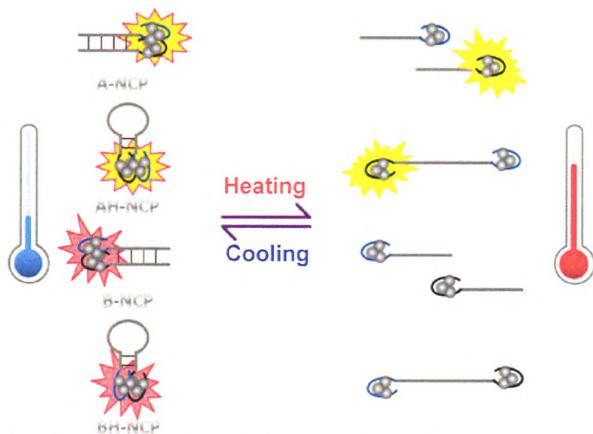
2012–2023



This hybrid system can specifically detect  $\text{A}\beta$  oligomers, and achieve the wireless deep magnetothermally mediated disassembly of  $\text{A}\beta$  aggregates with a biologically adaptable alternating magnetic field.



A long-term stable, smooth silver nanowire (AgNW) composite with ascorbic-acid-modified chitosan was fabricated via a low-temperature solution process and was successfully employed in perovskite solar cells as the bottom electrode.



A series of dual fluorescence temperature-sensitive silver nanocluster (AgNC) pairs were reported. The AgNC pairs achieved sensitive fluorescence variations responding to temperature change from 15 to 45 °C and succeed in indicating temperature in living cells.

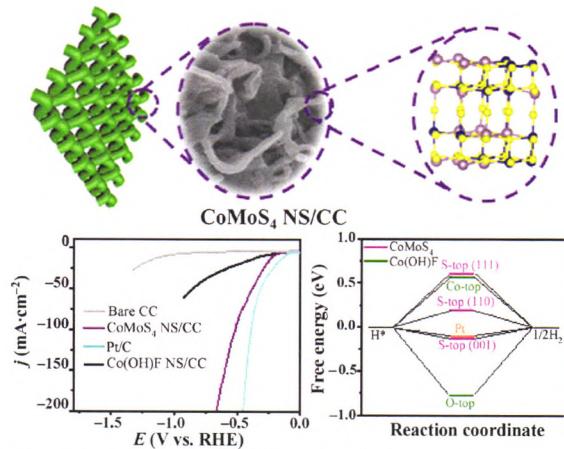
## Self-supported CoMoS<sub>4</sub> nanosheet array as an efficient catalyst for hydrogen evolution reaction at neutral pH

Xiang Ren<sup>1</sup>, Dan Wu<sup>1</sup>, Ruixiang Ge<sup>2</sup>, Xu Sun<sup>1</sup>, Hongmin Ma<sup>1</sup>, Tao Yan<sup>1</sup>, Yong Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Bin Du<sup>1</sup>, Qin Wei<sup>1,\*</sup>, and Liang Chen<sup>2,\*</sup>

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2024–2033



As a durable catalyst, the CoMoS<sub>4</sub> nanosheet array on carbon cloth shows high activity for hydrogen evolution reaction in neutral media, achieving a geometrical catalytic current density of 10 mA·cm<sup>-2</sup> at an overpotential of 183 mV.

## Dual-mode emission of single-layered graphene quantum dots in confined nanospace: Anti-counterfeiting and sensor applications

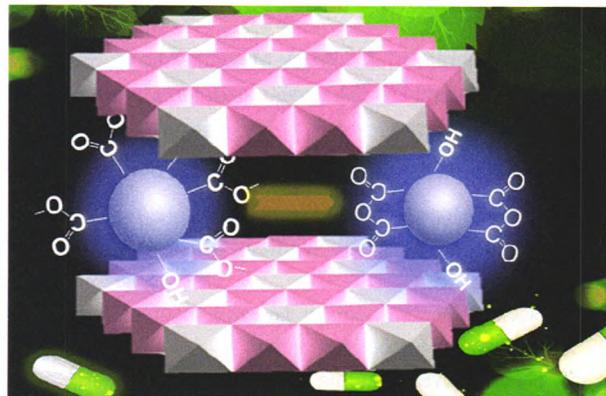
Liqian Bai<sup>1</sup>, Ning Xue<sup>1</sup>, Yufei Zhao<sup>2</sup>, Xinrui Wang<sup>3</sup>, Chao Lu<sup>1</sup>, and Wenyi Shi<sup>1,\*</sup>

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2034–2045



Graphene quantum dots-layered double hydroxide (GQDs-LDH) composites show dual-emission property. This originates from synergistic effects of confinement and rich O-containing functional groups owing to the nanospace confinement and catalysis property of LDHs. GQDs-LDHs can potentially be used as a green anti-counterfeiting material.

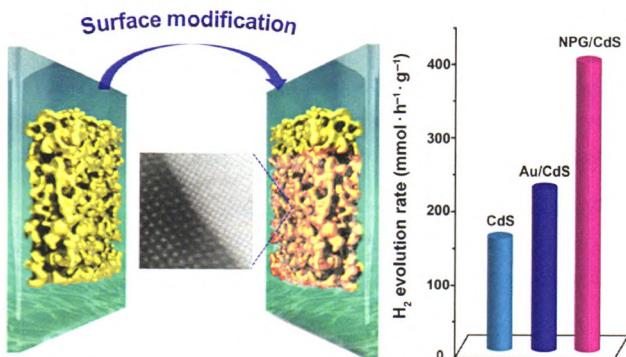
## Ultrathin nanoporous metal–semiconductor heterojunction photoanodes for visible light hydrogen evolution

Weiying Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Yunfeng Zhao<sup>1</sup>, Kai He<sup>1</sup>, Jun Luo<sup>1</sup>, Guoliang Li<sup>1</sup>, Ruirui Liu<sup>1</sup>, Siyu Liu<sup>1</sup>, Zhen Cao<sup>1</sup>, Pengtao Jing<sup>2</sup>, and Yi Ding<sup>1,\*</sup>

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2046–2057



A plasmonic porous metal–semiconductor nano-heterojunction photoelectrode with just ~100 nm overall thickness exhibits impressive hydrogen evolution rate and photostability.

## Promoting the methanol oxidation catalytic activity by introducing surface nickel on platinum nanoparticles

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Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China



Using surface controlled PtNi alloy nanoparticles as model catalysts, we propose that the methanol oxidation reaction (MOR) undergoes a Langmuir–Hinshelwood mechanism. Bifunctional catalysts with both CO and OH adsorption sites are beneficial for promoting the MOR in an alkaline electrolyte.

2058–2068

## Real-time decay of fluorinated fullerene molecules on Cu(001) surface controlled by initial coverage

Andrey I. Oreshkin<sup>1,\*</sup>, Dmitry A. Muzychenco<sup>1,\*</sup>, Sergey I. Oreshkin<sup>1</sup>, Vladimir A. Yakovlev<sup>2</sup>, Palanichamy Murugan<sup>3</sup>, S. Selva Chandrasekaran<sup>3</sup>, Vijay Kumar<sup>4,5</sup>, and Rauf Z. Bakhtizin<sup>6</sup>

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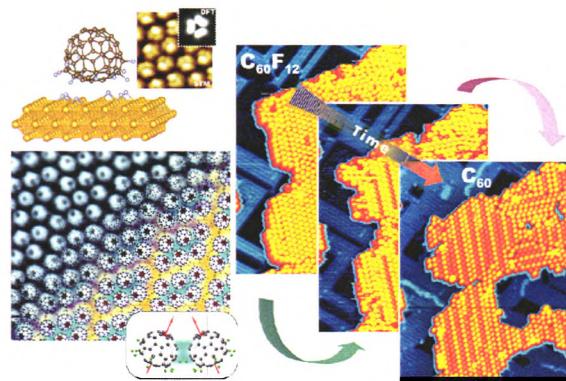
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<sup>6</sup> Bashkir State University, Russia



The real-time evolution of  $C_{60}F_{18}$  molecules on a Cu(001) surface was studied by means of scanning tunneling microscopy and *ab initio* calculations. The results showed that the life-time of fluorinated fullerenes is determined by the density of the two-dimensional (2D) gas phase formed by their decay on a Cu(001) surface occurring as a result of a step-by-step detachment of F atoms from the  $C_{60}$  cage.

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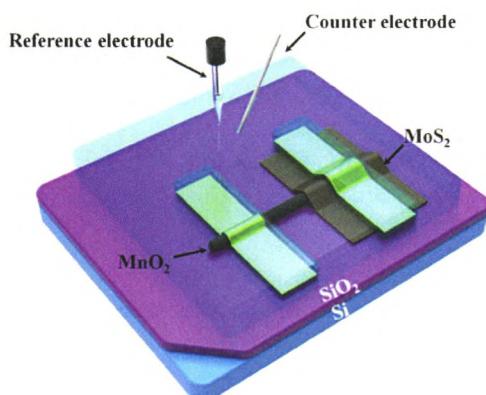
## $\text{MoS}_2/\text{MnO}_2$ heterostructured nanodevices for electrochemical energy storage

Xiaobin Liao<sup>1</sup>, Yunlong Zhao<sup>1,2</sup>, Junhui Wang<sup>1</sup>, Wei Yang<sup>1</sup>, Lin Xu<sup>1</sup>, Xiaocong Tian<sup>1</sup>, Yi Shuang<sup>1</sup>, Kwadwo Asare Owusu<sup>1</sup>, Mengyu Yan<sup>1,\*</sup>, and Liqiang Mai<sup>1,3,\*</sup>

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In this work, an electrochemical energy storage device based on a  $\text{MoS}_2$  nanosheet/ $\text{MnO}_2$  nanowire heterostructure was fabricated to study the effect of the heterogeneous interface on the energy storage performances.

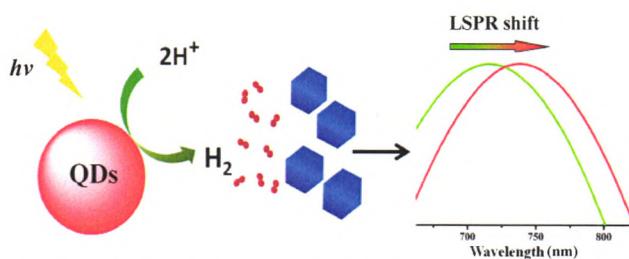
2083–2092

**Pd/Ag nanosheet as a plasmonic sensing platform for sensitive assessment of hydrogen evolution reaction in colloid solutions**

Minmin Wang<sup>1,2</sup>, Ping Wang<sup>1</sup>, Jie Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Hui Hou<sup>1,2</sup>, Chuanping Li<sup>1,2</sup>, and Yongdong Jin<sup>1,\*</sup>

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The photocatalytically generated  $H_2$  from a quantum dot (QD) nanosystem will adsorb and react with palladium/silver nanosheets (Pd/Ag NSs), resulting in a gradual red-shift of localized surface plasmon resonance (LSPR), which in turn can be used to assess the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER) efficiency of an  $H_2$ -generating QD system in colloid solutions.

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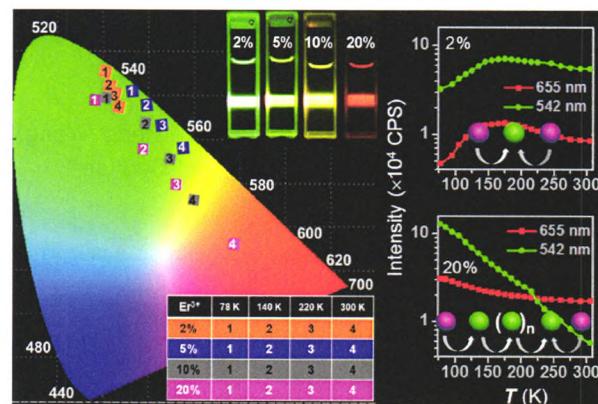
**Temperature modulation of concentration quenching in lanthanide-doped nanoparticles for enhanced upconversion luminescence**

Luoyuan Li<sup>1</sup>, Ningjiu Zhao<sup>1,2</sup>, Limin Fu<sup>1,\*</sup>, Jing Zhou<sup>3</sup>, Xicheng Ai<sup>1</sup>, and Jianping Zhang<sup>1</sup>

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The temperature-switchable concentration quenching mechanism may shed light on improving the upconversion luminescence properties and their practical applications.

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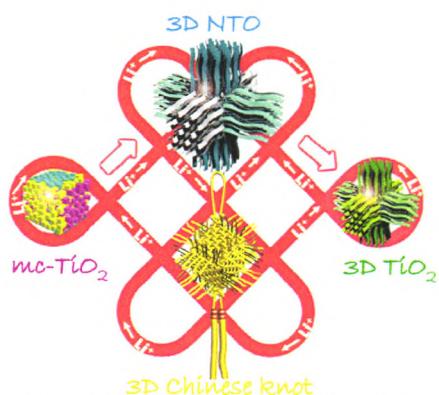
**Ultrathin nanobelts-assembled Chinese knot-like 3D  $TiO_2$  for fast and stable lithium storage**

Qili Wu<sup>1</sup>, Shiman He<sup>1</sup>, Xianfeng Yang<sup>2</sup>, Jingling Yang<sup>1</sup>, Gaoren Li<sup>1</sup>, Yuying Meng<sup>1</sup>, Shengfu Tong<sup>1,\*</sup>, Liqiang Mai<sup>3,\*</sup>, and Mingmei Wu<sup>1,\*</sup>

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Chinese knot-like three-dimensional (3D)  $TiO_2$  nanoarchitectures assembled with well-oriented ultrathin nanobelts are rationally synthesized based on epitaxial growth-combined topotactic conversion. The as-prepared 3D  $TiO_2$  can be utilized as an anode material for long lifespan and fast-charge lithium ion batteries.

2116–2128

## Building 2D quasicrystals from 5-fold symmetric corannulene molecules

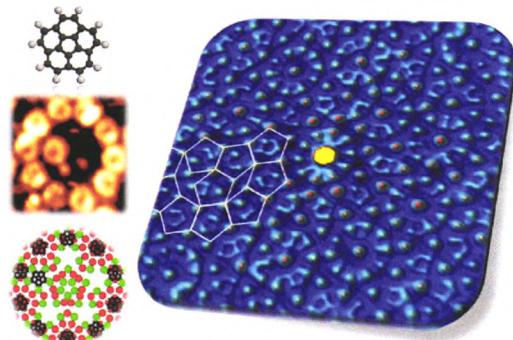
Nataliya Kalashnyk<sup>1</sup>, Julian Ledieu<sup>1</sup>, Émilie Gaudry<sup>1</sup>, Can Cui<sup>2</sup>, An-Pang Tsai<sup>3</sup>, and Vincent Fournée<sup>1,\*</sup>

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A two-dimensional quasicrystal has been grown from 5-fold symmetric corannulene molecules, via a method that uses the templating effect of the icosahedral Ag-In-Yb substrate through a rational selection of molecular moiety leading to the preferential adsorption of  $C_{20}H_{10}$  molecules with their convex sides down at 5-fold symmetric sites, and hence enforcing long-range quasiperiodic order in the film.

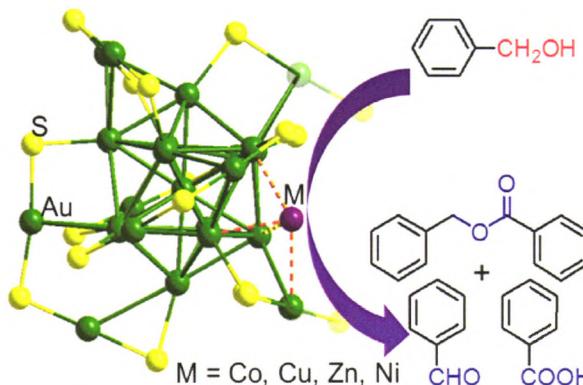
## Transition metal-mediated catalytic properties of gold nanoclusters in aerobic alcohol oxidation

Chaolei Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Yongdong Chen<sup>1,\*</sup>, Hong Wang<sup>1</sup>, Zhimin Li<sup>2</sup>, Kai Zheng<sup>2</sup>, Shujun Li<sup>1</sup>, and Gao Li<sup>2,\*</sup>

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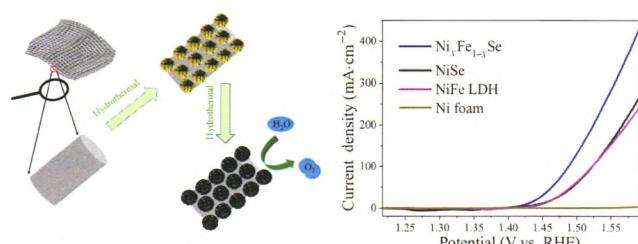
In this study, we found that the catalytic performance of gold nanoclusters is greatly tuned by heteroatom dopants in aerobic alcohol oxidation.

## 3D mesoporous rose-like nickel-iron selenide microspheres as advanced electrocatalysts for the oxygen evolution reaction

Jiahao Yu<sup>1</sup>, Gongzhen Cheng<sup>1</sup>, and Wei Luo<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

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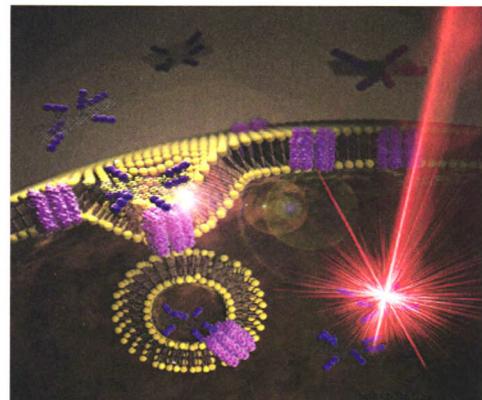
3D mesoporous nickel iron selenide with rose-like microsphere architecture was directly synthesized on Ni foam via a successive two-step hydrothermal method. This system exhibits superior oxygen evolution reaction (OER) electrocatalytic activity, with an ultralow overpotential of 197 mV required to produce a current density of  $10 \text{ mA}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$  in 1 M KOH.

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**Chemokine-mimetic plerixafor derivative for tumor-specific delivery of nanomaterials**

Seungbeom Ko, Gayong Shim, Jinyoung Kim, and Yu-Kyoung Oh\*

Seoul National University, Republic of Korea



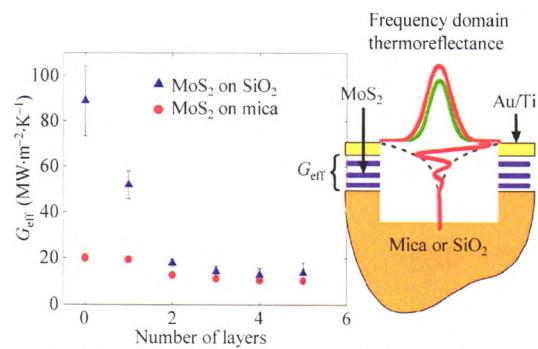
Chemokine-mimetic plerixafor derivatives were designed for tumor-specific delivery and functional effects of nanomaterials.

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**Enhanced thermal transport across monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub>**

Miguel Goni, Jia Yang, and Aaron J. Schmidt\*

Boston University, USA



This work describes measurements of thermal transport across single- and few-layer exfoliated MoS<sub>2</sub> on SiO<sub>2</sub> and muscovite mica substrates. On the SiO<sub>2</sub> substrate a significant improvement in heat transport was observed for monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub> compared to few layer MoS<sub>2</sub>, while on the mica substrate the MoS<sub>2</sub> had a minimal impact on heat transport.

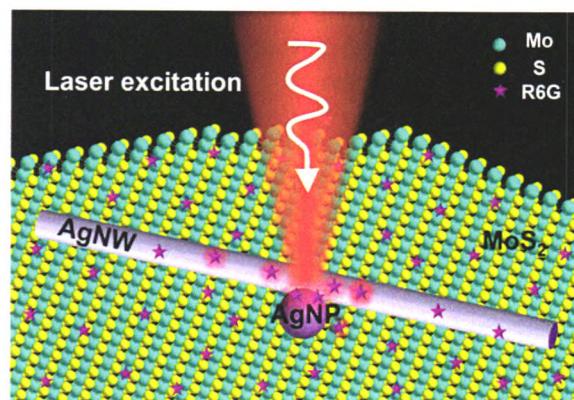
2173–2180

**Ag nanowire/nanoparticle-decorated MoS<sub>2</sub> monolayers for surface-enhanced Raman scattering applications**

Juan Li<sup>1,2</sup>, Weinan Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Hongxiang Lei<sup>1,\*</sup>, and Baojun Li<sup>2,\*</sup>

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A surface-enhanced Raman scattering (SERS)-active substrate is fabricated by decorating a MoS<sub>2</sub> monolayer with Ag nanowire and nanoparticle structures using a spin-coating method. The fabricated SERS substrate exhibits ultrasensitive detection capabilities, reliable reproducibility, and good stability.

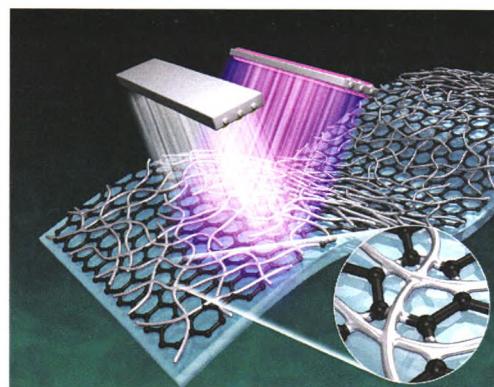
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**UV-assisted flash light welding process to fabricate silver nanowire/graphene on a PET substrate for transparent electrodes**

Wan-Ho Chung, Sung-Hyeon Park, Sung-Jun Joo, and Hak-Sung Kim\*

Hanyang University, Republic of Korea

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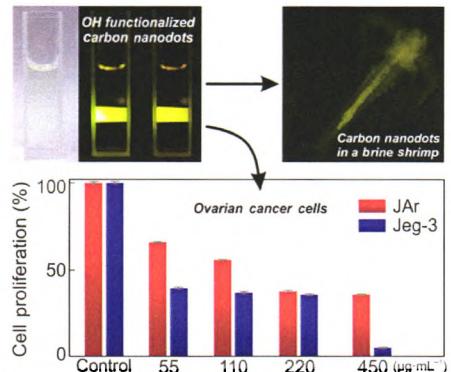
The flexible transparent electrode films with silver nanowire and mixed graphene (SMG) coated on polyethylene terephthalate (PET) substrate can be fabricated via ultraviolet (UV)-assisted flash light welding process.

**Selective toxicity of hydroxyl-rich carbon nanodots for cancer research**

Tak H. Kim, Joseph P. Sirdarta, Qian Zhang, Ehsan Eftekhari, James St. John, Derek Kennedy, Ian E. Cock, and Qin Li\*

Griffith University, Australia

2204–2216



Highly biocompatible, yellow-emitting carbon nanodots, which are abundant in hydroxyl functional groups, were synthesized. Interestingly, the nanoparticles display divergent antiproliferative activities against two ovarian choriocarcinoma cell lines, which may be further explored for cancer drug discovery.

**In situ trapped high-density single metal atoms within graphene: Iron-containing hybrids as representatives for efficient oxygen reduction**

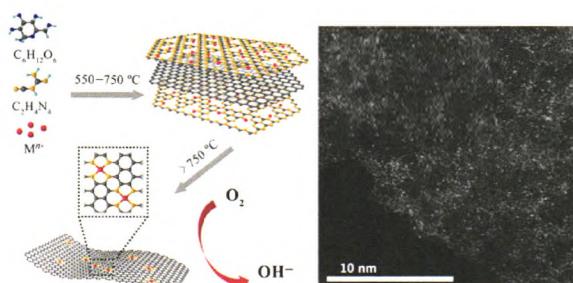
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Highly doped single atom catalyst was prepared via a single-step pyrolysis of glucose, dicyandiamide, and inorganic metal salts (Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, and Pt). High-angle annular dark field-scanning transmission electron microscopy (HAADF-STEM) and X-ray absorption fine structure spectroscopy (XAFS) techniques revealed that nitrogen atoms doped into the graphene matrix were pivotal to the stabilization of metal atoms by generating a metal-N<sub>x</sub> coordination structure. Single iron-doped hybrid (Fe@N-doped graphene), as a representative, showed an excellent electrocatalytic performance for oxygen reduction reaction. This work provided a feasible approach for the design and fabrication of highly doped isolated metal catalysts with practical applications.

## Ion separation and water purification by applying external electric field on porous graphene membrane

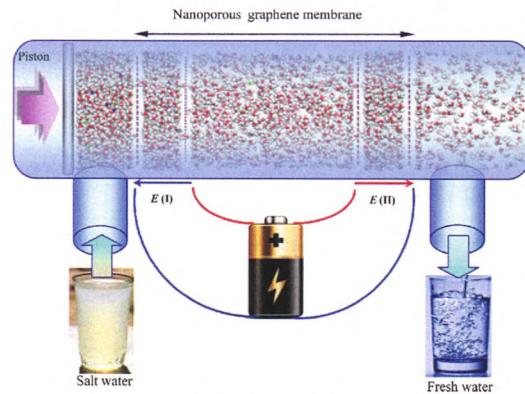
Amir Lohrasebi<sup>1,2,\*</sup> and Samaneh Rikhtehgaran<sup>3</sup>

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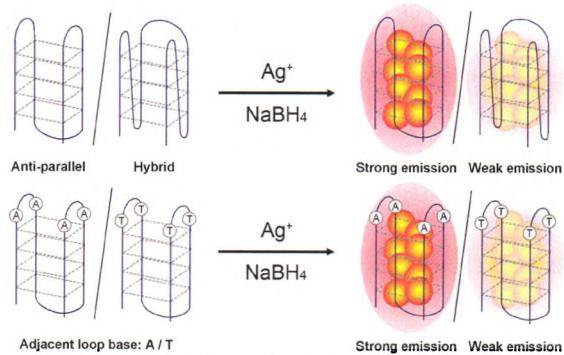
A system including two bilayer graphene membranes, which are exposed to two opposite directions external electric fields, was designed to produce fresh water. It is found that when the system is exposed to the electric field of  $10 \text{ mV}/\text{\AA}$  and higher, the ion rejection is more than 93%.

## How G-quadruplex topology and loop sequences affect optical properties of DNA-templated silver nanoclusters

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Peking University, China

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The optical properties of G-quadruplex-templated silver nanoclusters are affected by G-quadruplex topology and loop sequences. An anti-parallel topology is beneficial to stronger fluorescence, while thymines adjacent to the G-tetrad are detrimental.

## Nontoxic engineered virus nanofibers as an efficient agent for the prevention and detection of fungal infection

Yicun Wang<sup>2</sup>, Hongxi Shi<sup>1</sup>, Shuai Dong<sup>1</sup>, Yan Li<sup>1</sup>, Meng Wang<sup>3</sup>, Yanyan Huai<sup>1</sup>, Xintong Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Xi Chen<sup>1</sup>, Chuanbin Mao<sup>4,5</sup>, Xiang Gao<sup>1,\*</sup>, and Li Wang<sup>1,\*</sup>

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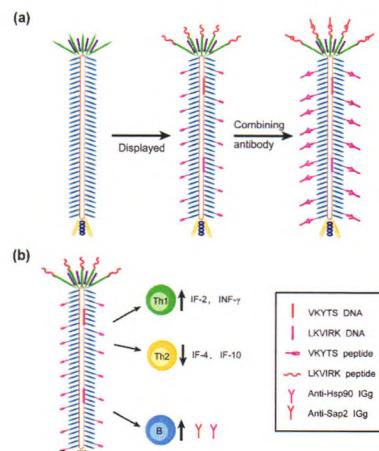
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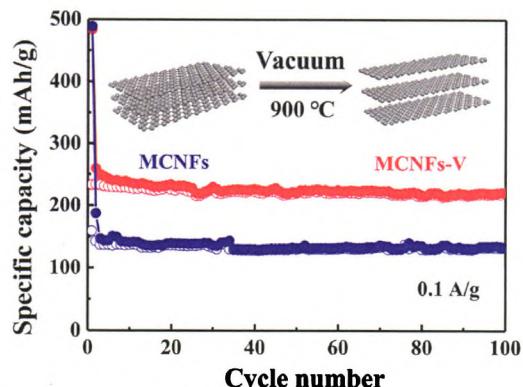
The dual-displayed viral nanofibers could be used as a diagnosis agent for candidemia patients with higher sensitivity, and it could also be served as an excellent vaccine candidate for the prevention of fungal infection. (a) Displayed peptides on the phage, pVIII and pIII, which could recognize fungal antibodies; (b) host immune response to hybrid phage nanofibers.

**Enhanced sodium storage performance in flexible free-standing multichannel carbon nanofibers with enlarged interlayer spacing**

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University of Science and Technology of China, China

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A flexible and free-standing multichannel carbon nanofibers film electrode with enlarged interlayer spacing was fabricated through a facile high-temperature vacuum process and exhibited superior sodium storage performance.

**Flow behavior of liquid metal in the connected fascial space: Intervaginal space injection in the rat wrist and mice with tumor**

Nan Hu<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Yupeng Cao<sup>1,2</sup>, Zhuo Ao<sup>1</sup>, Xinxiao Han<sup>1,2</sup>, Qiang Zhang<sup>1,2</sup>, Wentao Liu<sup>1</sup>, Sidi Liu<sup>1</sup>, Fulong Liao<sup>1,4</sup>, and Dong Han<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

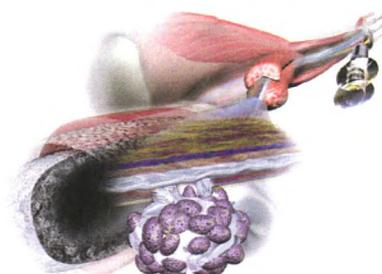
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After the injection of liquid metal into the wrist intervaginal space comprising tendons, vessels, and nerves, the liquid metal wrapped around the fascial space and finally reached the fingertip downstream and armpit upstream in addition to the neurovascular bundle without vessels or lymph nodes. During the invasion of the tumor along the route, the integrity of the fascia is destroyed. The liquid metal may enter the tumor through the damaged spot, finally reach the inside of the tumor through the fascia fiber network, and wrap the tumor cells. As a result, tumor growth is obstructed and the tumor experiences partial necrosis and becomes hollow inside.

**Highly delocalized endohedral metal in Gd@C<sub>2v</sub>(9)-C<sub>82</sub> metallofullerenes co-crystallized with α-S<sub>8</sub>**

Cheng Li<sup>1,2</sup>, Xuejiao J. Gao<sup>4</sup>, Huanli Yao<sup>1,2</sup>, Huan Huang<sup>1,2</sup>, Rongli Cui<sup>1,2</sup>, Xihong Guo<sup>1,2</sup>, Lele Zhang<sup>1</sup>, Bing Liu<sup>1,2</sup>, Binggang Xu<sup>1</sup>, Weiqun Shi<sup>1,2</sup>, Jinquan Dong<sup>1</sup>, Lai Feng<sup>3,\*</sup>, Xingfa Gao<sup>4,\*</sup>, and Baoyun Sun<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

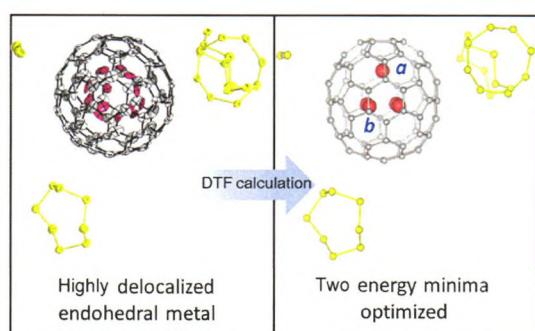
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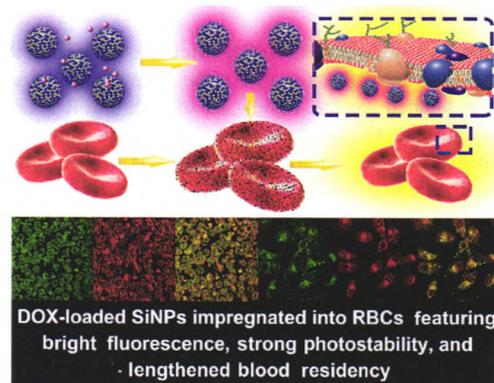


A new Gd@C<sub>2v</sub>(9)-C<sub>82</sub> metallofullerene co-crystallized with α-S<sub>8</sub> was prepared and characterized by single-crystal X-ray diffraction (XRD), and a highly delocalized endohedral Gd atom was identified in the co-crystal for the first time. Density functional theory (DFT) calculations were employed to inspect and rationalize the unique endohedral metal distribution in this system.

Doxorubicin-loaded silicon nanoparticles impregnated into red blood cells featuring bright fluorescence, strong photostability, and lengthened blood residency

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Soochow University, China



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Sodium-doped carbon nitride nanotubes for efficient visible light-driven hydrogen production

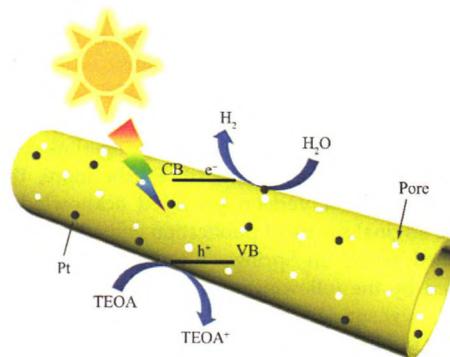
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We herein present doxorubicin-loaded fluorescent silicon nanoparticles impregnated into red blood cells, which simultaneously exhibit bright fluorescence, robust photostability, and significantly lengthened blood residency.



Sodium-doped carbon nitride nanotubes ( $Na_x$ -CNNTs) for photocatalytic water splitting have been prepared via a green and simple two-step method involving hydrothermal and thermopolymerization processes. The synergistic effect of the porous tubular structure and the  $Na^+$  doping enhances the hydrogen evolution rate under visible light ( $\lambda > 420$  nm) irradiation.

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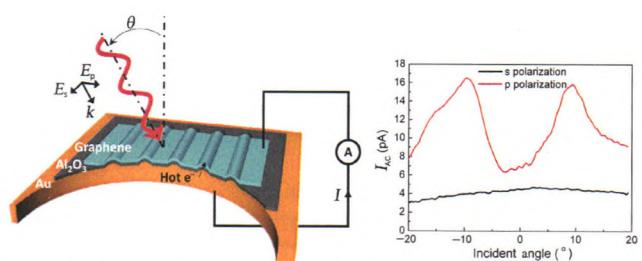
Plasmon resonant amplification of a hot electron-driven photodiode

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Plasmon-enhanced photocurrent is realized in a plasmon resonant grating structure with a pitch of 500 nm. An amplification factor of 4.6× is obtained under resonant conditions.

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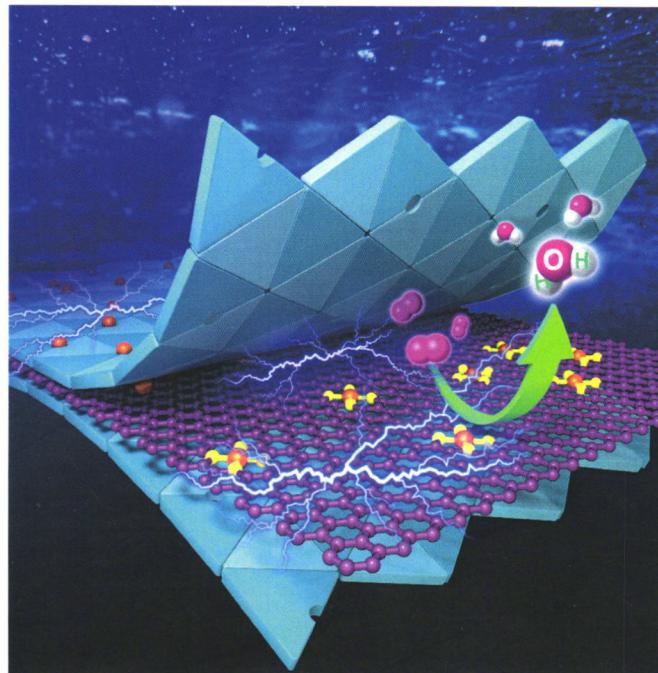
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