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#### **Reviews**

# Dielectric phenomena and electrical energy storage of poly(vinylidene fluoride) based high-*k* polymers

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Since the discovery of relaxor ferroelectric behavior was firstly reported in irradiated poly(vinylidene fluoridetrifluoroethylene) (P(VDF-TrFE)) copolymer, many strategies have been developed to enhance the electrical energy storage capability, including copolymerization, grafting, blending and fabricating of multilayer. This review article mainly summarizes the recent progresses on these strategies and aims to motivate the development of novel PVDF-based polymers for electrical energy storage and dielectric applications.

Percolation of carbon nanomaterials for high-*k* polymer nanocomposites

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This review summarized the recent progress towards high-*k* polymer composites bases on the near-percolated networks of carbon nanomaterials by focusing on the effects of distinct network morphologies on the dielectric properties. It is expected to give guidance on designing new near-percolated networks in polymer matrices towards next-generation polymer dielectrics.





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## Understanding the wettability of nanometer-thick room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) on solid surfaces

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Since many important applications of room temperature ionic liquids (RTILs) such as lubrication, energy storage and catalysis involve RTILs confined to solid surfaces, it is very critical to understand the wettability of nanometer-thick RTILs on solid surfaces.





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#### Chitosan-based self-healing hydrogel for bioapplications

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A chitosan-based biocompatible self-healing hydrogel has been facilely prepared and used for bioapplications.

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#### Molecular-scale electronics: From device fabrication to functionality

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Device fabrication and functionality are two crucial aspects in molecular-scale electronics. Recent advances in this field, including fabrication and application of nanogap electrodes, self-assembled monolayers and their functional devices are highlighted in this review paper.



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This review summarizes the high performance small molecule donors of organic solar cells in various classes of typical donor-acceptor (D-A) structures and discusses their relationships briefly.

### Unleashing chemical power from protein sequence space toward genetically encoded "click" chemistry

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We propose the concept of genetically encoded "click" chemistry (GECC) to describe the "perfect" peptide-protein reactive partners and use SpyTag/SpyCatcher chemistry as a prototype to illustrate their structural plasticity, robust interaction, and versatile applications.







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A Universal Biocompatible Platform

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#### Photo-responsive polymer materials for biological applications

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In this review, we briefly summarized the remarkable progress of photo-responsive polymer materials from zero-dimensional micelles, twodimensional surfaces to three-dimensional hydrogels with irreversible or reversible moieties. Based on the photo-responsiveness, polymer have been designed, synthesized and applied for various biological fields including drug delivery and cell manipulation.



### Insights from polymer crystallization: Chirality, recognition and competition

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Polymer crystallization process far from equilibrium is in practically minimization of the system free energy in local space and finite time, leading to formation of twisted crystals, metastable polymorphism and lamellar crystals with finite thickness. Though each molecule is blind to others, the peculiar ordered configurations with stronger long-range interactions are chosen from the enormous random trials.



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### Drug-polymer inclusion complex as a new pharmaceutical solid form

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Drug-polymer crystalline inclusion complex is a new structure for the drug-polymer 2-component system, and also is a new drug solid form providing more options to optimize the drug pharmaceutical profile.





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## Recent development of perylene diimide-based small molecular non-fullerene acceptors in organic solar cells

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This review summarizes the recent progress of perylene diimide (PDI) derivatives used as the acceptor materials in non-fullerene organic solar cells. The resulting structure-property correlations and design strategies of this type of acceptors are discussed and commented, which will help to constructing high-performance PDI-based acceptor materials in the future. The problems at present and the effort direction are also pointed out in this review.

#### Communications

#### Poly(1,8-octanediol citrate)/bioactive glass composite with improved mechanical performance and bioactivity for bone regeneration

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A series of POC/bioactive glasses (BG) composites were developed using a phytic acid-derived bioactive glass. These composites exhibited improved mechanical performance and excellent biological properties, which make them promising for potential application in bone regeneration.

Long-range ordering of composites for organic electronics: TIPS-pentacene single crystals with incorporated nano-fibers

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Fluorescent nanofibers are incorporated into high-mobility single-crystals without substantially disrupting crystalline lattice, demonstrating a strategy to multifunctionalize semiconducting single-crystals.

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#### An amino acid-based gelator for injectable and multi-responsive hydrogel

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A novel multi-responsive amino acid-based gelator is developed.



#### Amplified spontaneous emission, optical waveguide and polarized emission based on 2,5-diaminoterephthalates

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A series of brightly emissive 2,5-diaminoterephthalates have been found to exhibit good amplified spontaneous emission, optical waveguide and polarized emission properties.

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#### **D-A structured high efficiency solid luminogens with tunable emissions: Molecular design and photophysical properties**

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<sup>b</sup>State Key Laboratory of Supramolecular Structure and Materials, Jilin University, Changchun 130012, China The combination of an electron-accepting unit with aggregation-induced emission features and varying electron-donating arylamines yields high efficiency solid luminogens with tunable emissions from green to red.

### Photo-responsive liquid crystalline vitrimer containing oligoanilines

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The ACAT-LC-vitrimer not only can perform three light-controlled functions (welding, healing and shape memory), but also can be prepared into aligned monodomain LC actuators with strains of about 40%–45% by simply stretching the cured material at temperature above the topology- freezing transition temperature.



Shujing Guo<sup>a,b</sup>, Zhongwu Wang<sup>b</sup>, Zeyang Xu<sup>b</sup>, Shuguang Wang<sup>b</sup>, Kunjie Wu<sup>b</sup>, Shufeng Chen<sup>a,\*</sup>, Zongbo Zhang<sup>c,\*</sup>, Caihong Xu<sup>c</sup>, Wenfeng Qiu<sup>b,\*</sup>, Liqiang Li<sup>b,\*</sup>

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In this paper, we introduce a simple solution spin-coating method to fabricate silica thin film from precursor route in the condition of low temperature and atmospheric environment, which possesses a low leakage current, high capacitance, and low surface roughness. With silica film (~ 50 nm), high performance and low voltage (< 4 V) p-/n-type organic transistors are fabricated. This method shows great potential for industrialization owing to its characteristic of low consumption and energy saving, time-saving and easy to operate.

### Facile and robust strategy to antireflective photo-curing coating through self-wrinkling

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A facile and bio-inspired strategy for obtaining antireflective coating is presented through polymerization-induced self-wrinkling with a high transmittance over 90% and low reflection below 5%~8%, and successful application for an efficiency encapsulation of the thin film solar cells results in appreciable photovoltaic performance improvement of more than 4%~8%.

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ACAT-LC-Vitrimer

∧ Stretching



### Self-twisting for macrochirality from an achiral asterisk molecule with fluorescence-phosphorescence dual emission

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A self-progressing chiral self-assembly form an achiral and  $C_6$ -symmetric molecule, resulting in a chiral amplification with prolonging the time. The system shows three distinct luminescent colors with the change of time in the same solution system.





## Chloromethyl pivalate based electrolyte for non-aqueous lithium oxygen batteries

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A novel stable liquid electrolyte with chloromethyl pivalate used as solvent for  $\text{Li-O}_2$  batteries was first reported, and the batteries showed high specific capacity and good cycling stability.





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# A facile template approach for the synthesis of mesoporous Fe<sub>3</sub>C/Fe-N-doped carbon catalysts for efficient and durable oxygen reduction reaction

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Layer-structured FeOCI was used as a novel inorganic template and the Fe doping source for the facile synthesis of three-dimensional polypyrrole structures which can be converted into mesoporous Fe<sub>3</sub>C/Fe-N-doped carbon catalysts for efficient and robust oxygen reduction reaction.



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#### Semiconducting polymer dots with photosensitizer loading and peptide modification for enhanced cell penetration and photodynamic effect

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We utilized semiconducting polymer do-PFDTBT, photosensitizer ZnPc and functional polymer PSMA to prepare carboxyl Pdots. The carboxyl Pdots were modified with cell penetrating peptides (R8) to prepare peptide coated-Pdots, which could enhance the cell penetration and photodynamic effect.



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