

Superflexible Organic/inorganic Composite Nanofibrous Membrane towards Water Purification

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Abstract:

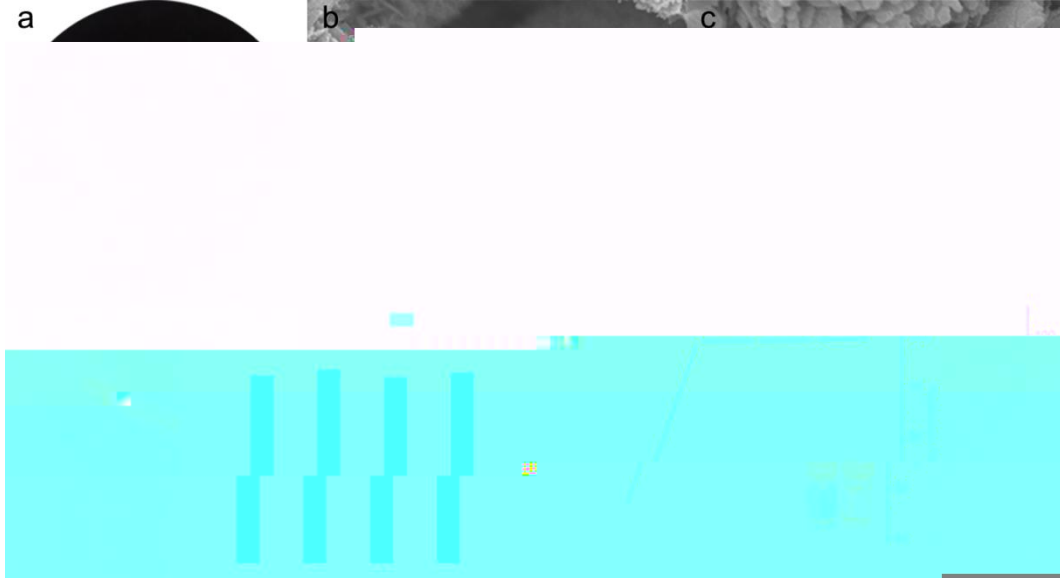


Fig. 1 Superflexible organic/inorganic composite nanofibrous membrane towards water purification, a PVDF-HFP/CuO-nanosheet membrane; b,c morphology of resulting membrane; d foldable membrane; e application in oil water separation; f application in microfiltration.

Superflexible organic/inorganic composite nanofibrous membrane was fabricated by electrospinning followed by hydrothermal method (Fig. 1). The resulting nanofibrous membrane shows superflexible, superhydrophilic and good mechanical properties. Therefore, this nanofibrous membrane exhibits potential application in water purification including water filtration, oil water separation, pollutants degradation, etc (Fig. 1).

Keyword superflexible; nanofibrous membrane; organic/inorganic; water purification

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Nanocellulose-Based Functional Materials: From Self Powered Sensor to Soft Robotic and Radiative Cooling

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Abstract: Nanocellulose is currently in the limelight of extensive research from fundamental science to technological applications owing to its renewable and carbon-neutral nature, superior biocompatibility, tailorable surface chemistry, and unprecedented optical and mechanical properties. Nanocellulose-derived functional materials integrate important cellulosic properties with the features of nanomaterials, which are now being extensively applied in diverse fields such as self-powered sensors, soft robotics, and radiative cooling. The fundamental design and synthesis strategies for nanocellulose-based functional materials are discussed. Their unique properties, underlying mechanisms, and potential applications are highlighted. Finally, we will provide a brief conclusion and elucidate both the challenges and opportunities of the intriguing nanocellulose-based technologies rooted in materials and chemistry science. It is

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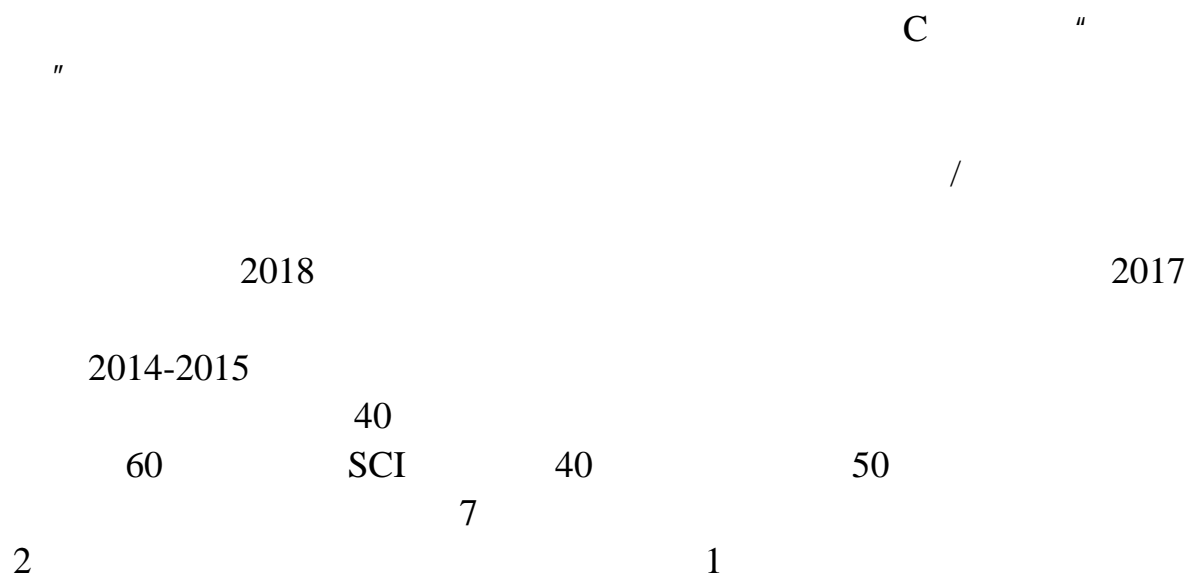
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Abstract: Durable electromagnetic interference (EMI) shielding is highly desired, as electromagnetic pollution is a great concern for electronics' stable performance and human health. Although a superhydrophobic surface can extend the service lifespan of EMI shielding materials, degradation of its protection capability and insufficient self-healing are troublesome issues due to unavoidable physical/chemical damage under long-term application conditions. Here, we report, for the first time, an instantaneous self-healing approach via microwave heating to achieve durable shielding performance. First, a hydrophobic layer was coated on a polypyrrole (PPy)-modified fabrics, enabling protection against the invasion of water, salt solution, and corrosive acidic and basic solutions. Moreover, after being damaged, the hydrophobic layer can be instantaneously self-healed via microwave heating for a very short time, i.e., 4 seconds, benefiting from the intense thermal energy generated by PPy under electromagnetic wave radiation. This self-healing ability is also repeatable even after intentionally severe plasma etching, which highlights the great potential to achieve robust and durable EMI shielding applications. Significantly, this approach can be extended to other EMI shielding materials where heat is a triggering stimulus for healing thin protection layers. We envision that this work could provide insights into fabricating EMI shielding materials with durable performance for portable and wearable devices, as well as for human healthcare.

Keyword Electromagnetic interference shielding, Superhydrophobic coating, Multifunctional textiles, Self-healing, Conductive polymer

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MXene Modified Textiles and Their Applications on Wearable Electronics

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Abstract: The purpose of this research is to study the microstructure of MXene modified textiles and their applications on wearable electronics.

A Lightweight MXene-Coated Nonwoven Fabric with Excellent Flame Retardancy, EMI Shielding, and Electrothermal/Photothermal Conversion for Wearable Heater

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Abstract: Multifunctional wearable heater has attracted great interest in personal thermal management, but its potential safety hazards triggered by overheat remain. Herein, in order to minimize the risk of high-temperature induced ignition, a flame retardant Aramid nonwoven fabric was attempted to combine with the highly conductive MXene, where an intimate interface was constructed through their inherent abundant functional groups and the assisted plasma treatment. Interestingly, a very lightweight wearable heater with electromagnetic interference shielding (EMI efficiency of 36 dB for single-layer fabric), electrothermal conversion (up to 260 °C in 76 s at a supply voltage of 5 V) and photothermal conversion (up to 105 °C after irradiation for 175 s at light intensity of 125 mW cm⁻²) properties was achieved. These integrated properties arose from the interlacing conductive network cooperated by nonwoven fabric and stacked MXene nanosheets, which facilitated the multiple reflection and absorption of electromagnetic waves or light, as well as the low thermal conductivity. More importantly, the newly formed physical barrier from carbonization of the MXene further enhanced the flame retardancy of nanocomposite fabrics, guaranteeing the security in use. This research provides a versatile yet efficient path to fabricate the new generation of safe wearable MXene-based heater, which will expand their working temperature range.

Keyword Wearable heater; Flame-retardancy; Electromagnetic interference shielding; Electrothermal conversion; Photothermal conversion

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Preparation of porous carbon nanofibers by sacrificial activation method and performances of supercapacitor electrode

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Abstract:

Carbon nanofibers from electrospun polymer nanofibers have received considerable attention. However, most of the carbon nanofibers with a surface area above 1000 m²/g were reported to have a supercapacitor electrode capacitance far below 350 F/g. Herein, we report a novel carbon nanofibrous material that has a supercapacitor electrode capacitance as high as 394 F/g (1.0 A/g). We used a polymer blend of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) and novolac (NOC) as materials, to electrospin them into precursor nanofibers and subsequently carbonize the nanofibers into carbon nanofibers. The carbon nanofibers prepared had a specific surface area as high as 1468 m²/g with a meso-micro pores (average pore size 2.2 nm) predominated porous structure. The carbon nanofiber electrodes after 10,000 cycles of charging and discharging at 1.0 A/g maintained the capacitance almost unchanged. At the optimal condition, the supercapacitor device made of the electrodes had an energy density as high as 13.6 Wh/kg

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Structural Design of Wrapped Fiber reinforced Composite and its Compressive Properties

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Abstract: Axial compression performance is one of the main factors considered in structural design of fiber reinforced composites. However, the properties of the fiber in the composites are weak because of the orientation structure in the composites. Filament fibers were wrapped with reinforced fibre bundles to improve the axial compressive properties of composites in this report. The effect of fiber covering on the axial compressive properties and failure modes of composites were studied, quantitative relationship between fiber coating conditions and compressive modulus and failure strength of composites was established. Through observation of failure interface and internal microstructures, establishing the relationship between mechanical behavior and microstructural changes, than clarifying the transformation conditions between the two failure mechanisms of fiber buckling instability and kinking band failure. The research results can further optimize the structure of fiber reinforced plastic, improve the efficiency of composite structure system.

Keyword Fiber reinforced composites; structure design; Stress transfer mechanism; Compression failure mode; Failure mechanism control

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Preparation technology of braided preform of composites

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Abstract: Braiding technology is an important method of manufacturing preforms of textile structural composites. The report will firstly review the history of braiding technology. Then the integrated design of manufacturing method of braided preforms will be introduced by 2D or 3D braiding technology. Besides, a novel hexagonal braiding technology will also be introduced. The principle of hexagonal braiding, machine control, simulation of braided architecture and potential application will be presented in detail. At last, a software package developed by author for braid design will be exhibited.

Keyword: 2D braiding; 3D braiding; Preform; Composites; Hexagonal braiding

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Experimental and Numerical Study of Inter-yarn Friction Affecting Mechanism on Ballistic Performance of Twaron® Fabric

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Most previous numerical investigations show that inter-yarn friction is one of the critical parameters to ballistic performance of woven fabrics under ballistic impact. However, the effects of inter-yarn friction on the ballistic performance of those fabric are not approved by empirical work. There are two premises to empirically prove the numerical analyses, where the fabric structure and yarn mechanical properties and the weight are almost kept. Our previous investigation show that TiO₂/ZnO composites on the yarn surface by sol-gel treatment can keep yarn mechanical properties and weight unaffected but significantly increase the inter-yarn friction. In this way, TiO₂/ZnO composites generated by sol-gel treatment were coated to the ballistic fabrics through dip-pad-dry process to vary the inter-yarn friction. Ballistic perforation tests were conducted to those fabrics under impact velocity of 460-500 m/s with one-gram weight cylindrical projectile and the numerical simulation work were also carried out. Through comparisons between ballistic impact tests and numerical results, it shows that higher inter-yarn friction is better for energy absorption, especially at more fabric layers. Both numerical analysis and experimental work have approved that higher inter-yarn friction would lead to more large areas engaged in energy absorption and shear broken become more pronounced.

Keyword Inter-yarn friction; TiO₂/ZnO; Energy absorption; Sol-gel.

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Study on in-plane compression properties and numerical modeling of three dimensional five-directional braided composites

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Abstract: Delamination phenomenon often occurs on traditional laminated composites while 3D five-directional braided composites (3D5dBC) could avoid this defect in practical application. In this work, the mechanical properties and failure mechanisms of 3D5dBC with different braiding angles are investigated at room temperature under transversal and longitudinal compression via experiments and finite element analysis (FEA) simultaneously. Meanwhile, the compression properties at elevated temperature are also researched. It is found that mechanical properties of composites under longitudinal compression are superior to those under transversal compression. Composite with small braiding angle possesses higher strength and modulus comparing to those of large braiding composite. Moreover, at room temperature, 3D5dBC exhibits 45° shear crack failure mode under transversal compression originated from matrix cracking, fiber failure along Z-direction obtained from FEA, and interfacial debonding; Under longitudinal compression, the structure shows shear expansion failure feature due to thorough fracture of axial yarns along L-direction, braiding yarns fracture along L-, T- and Z-direction, and matrix cracks obtained from FEA. With temperature increasing, interfacial debonding of fiber/matrix gets obvious. The microscopic failure modes and process at room temperature are well explained by FEA method.

Keyword 3D braided composite; Mechanical properties; Damage mechanics; Finite element analysis

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Preparation and Strength Properties bamboo leaves liked polylactic acid /polyethylene glycol micro-nano fabrics via double-stage drafting melt blowing process

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Abstract The good biocompatibility and biodegradability of polylactic acid (PLA) melt blowing nonwovens have gradually replaced traditional polyolefin (polypropylene, polyethylene and polyester) melt blowing nonwovens and have been widely used in the application home appliance, packaging and medical care. However, PAL melt blowing nonwovens still have the bottlenecks of highly brittleness and insufficient mechanical properties. Thus, the samples of bamboo leaves liked PLA/polyethylene glycol (PEG) melt blowing nonwovens were one-step prepared by a double-stage drafting process. Thermodynamic properties, structure morphology, mechanical properties and crystallinity of prepared samples were also experimental analyzed. The SEM images implied that the proportion of fibers with the angles less than 20 ° paralleled the machine direction was increases from 28 % to 100 % with the drafting ratio was increased from 1.0 (un-drafting) to 3.0. Besides, the crystallinity of the samples increased from 1.22 % to 37.43 %. Benefiting from the above results, the modulus of the sample increased to 4.20 N/mm² (2.2 times) and decreased to 0.35 N/mm² (4.9 times) in machine direction and cross direction, respectively. From the above, this bamboo leaves licked PLA / PEG melt blowing nonwovens provides the possibility for the industrial application of high-strength medical protective materials.

Keyword Nonwovens; Polylactic Acid; Micro-nanofiber; Melt Blowing; Bamboo Leaves structure; Double-stage Drafting;

High-binding-fastness Dye from Functional Extracts of Keemun Black Tea Waste for Dyeing Flax Fabric

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Abstract: Black tea natural dye is usually recognized to contain functional coloring matters, which has long been used for the coloration of textile materials. However, due to poor binding and color fastness, a large number of mordants are used in the dyeing process, leading to serious environmental problems. To address these issues, we have developed a no-mordant pad-dry dyeing strategy for dyeing flax fabric with functional components of Keemun black tea (KBT) waste. The dyed flax fabric showed outstanding color fastness to perspiration, rubbing, and washing. Moreover, increasing the KBT extract concentration, dyeing time, and temperature, and decreasing the pH level could significantly enhance the K/S values. FTIR and XPS results revealed that theaflavin compounds dyed thoroughly the fibers successfully through hydrogen bonding force, and the theaflavin compounds could be bound to fibers stably through van der Waals and hydrogen bonding forces based on Independent Gradient Model (IGM) calculations. In addition, the dyed flax fabric possessed good UV protection and antibacterial performance. This work proposes novel approaches for the reuse of KBT waste and the simultaneous coloration and functionalization of flax fabric.

Keyword Keemun black tea; Flax fabric; Natural dye; Binding fastness; Functional extract

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Ultrathin, ultralight, and anisotropic ordered reduced graphene oxide fiber electromagnetic interference shielding membrane

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Abstract: The purpose of this research is to study the electromagnetic interference shielding effectiveness (EMI SE) of ordered reduced graphene oxide fiber (oRGOF) membranes with different fiber orientations. The electrical resistivity of the oRGOF membrane at 0°, 45°, and 90° was measured by rotating the membrane to change the fiber orientation between the axial direction of the fiber and the four probes. A vector network analyzer was used to perform EMI SE tests on samples with different fiber orientation in accordance with the standard waveguide method. The results show that the oRGOF membranes had obvious anisotropic electrical resistivity and directional EMI SE. The measured electrical conductivity along the fiber axial direction (0°) was much higher than that along the fiber radial direction (90°). Furthermore, the EMI shielding performance difference under different fiber orientations was more than 25 dB (31.0 dB at 0°, 4.9 dB at 90°). The thickness of the resultant oRGOF membrane was 0.03 mm and area density of 0.9 mg cm⁻², and the specific EMI SE (SSE/t) was 33333 dB cm² g⁻¹ along the fiber axis. The oRGOF membranes showed flexible and durable performance under repeated bending and straightening cycles tests over 160 times, without significant reduction of the shielding performance.

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Keyword Graphene fiber; anisotropic electrical resistivity; directional EMI shielding effectiveness.

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