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• The tuning of physical properties to improve chemosensing

• Phthalocyanine-Carbon Nanotubes hybrid materials

• Polymer-Phthalocyanine hybrid materials



The tuning of physical properties to improve chemosensing

- To make possible the solution processing of sensing materials
- To modify their hydrophily/hydrophoby
- To modify their structure and morphology
- To tune their conductivity
- To increase their selectivity

Bouvet M., Gaudillat P., Suisse J.-M. J. Porphyrins and Phthalocyanines 2013 accepted.

Phthalocyanine-CNT hybrid materials

Covalent bonding to SWCNT



View of ZnPc chemically linked to SWCNT obtained by reaction of a carboxyphenoxy-substituted ZnPc with a amine functionalized SWCNT

Usefull in conductimetric transducers, but also for electrochemical measurements

Chidawanyika W and Nyokong T Carbon 2010; 48: 2831–2838.

Phthalocyanine-CNT hybrid materials

Non covalent bonding

Curve 1: GC/SWCNT-NiTSPc; curve 2: GC/NiTSPc; curve 3: GC/SWCNT curve 4: unmodified GC. All electrodes were cast with an outermost external layer of nafion[®].

Cyclic voltammetry peaks of 0.1 mM NO in aerated phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4) at different composite electrodes.





Molecular sensing materials for ozone detection

• The example of phthalocyanine-based OFETs:



Phthalocyanine-polymer hybrid materials

• Solution processing by a simple incorporation in a polymer:



 $LuPc_2$ / PMMA (80/20 w/w) as deposited by spincoating, for the detection of ozone in the ppb range

> Bouvet M, Parra V, Locatelli C and Xiong H *J. Porphyrins Phthalocyanines* 2009; 13: 84–86.



Cellulose/HOGaPc hybrid materials

• Via a chemically modified polymer



V. Parra et al. "New Hybrid Films Based on Cellulose and Hydroxygallium Phthalocyanine. Synergetic Effects in the Structure and Properties" Langmuir, 23, 3712-3722, 2007.

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Cellulose/HOGaPc hybrid materials

• AFM pictures of the hybrid material compared to pure compounds



- The sensitivity of the cellulose/HOGaPc hybrid film to O_3 is higher.
- The synergetic behavior between the film-forming materials allows a fast and sensible change in surface potential after cyclic exposures to ozone.

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Sensitivity of p- and n-type materials to NH₃

Conductimetric transducers



Electrodeposited Ppy-sCoPc hybrid material



T. Sizun, T. Patois, M. Bouvet*, B. Lakard*, "Microstructured electrodeposited polypyrrolephthalocyanine hybrid material, from morphology to ammonia sensing", J. Mater. Chem., 22, 25246-25253, 2012 11

CONCLUSIONS

- CNTs can be covalently (or not) bonded to molecules:
 - Solution processing
 - Synergetic effect between CNTs and phthalocyanines
- Incorporation in polymers:
 - Simple mixing in solution
 - Electrodeposition
- Main achievements:
 - Selectivity improvement
 - Stability of the response in a broad range of humidity
- Applications:
 - Detection of ozone in air
 - Detection of ammonia in real atmospheres

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