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演題 Anodic TiO₂ nanotubes as a platform for electrodeposited nanostructures

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概要

Anodic alumina oxide (AAO) is one of the most widely used hard template materials for synthesis of electrodeposited nanostructures [1]. Anodic TiO₂ nanotube array [2] is even more interesting template/matrix for deposition of secondary material in view of its specific geometry, not really explored so far. Herein we discuss a general approach for building the blocks of TiO₂ with conjugated polymers (CP) as a model case. [3] The use of CPs, for the most part in electrochemical energy systems, is hampered by the need for processes that can perform control of their structure at the nanometer scale. For instance, recent achievements in photovoltaic devices will need further well-defined interpenetrated phases of semiconductor—polymer (e.g. TiO₂—P3HT) or polymer—polymer (e.g. P3HT—PCBM) to improve their performances in view of relatively short exciton-diffusion-length which is typically 5-20 nm. We demonstrate formation of specific geometries between p-type organic polymer and n-type inorganic semiconductor. Tree distinctly different polymeric patterns can be established. We further explore our system to noble metals (e.g. Au/TiO₂), metalloids (e.g. Si/TiO₂) and semiconductors (e.g. CdSe/TiO₂). [4] The synthesis routes, physicochemical properties and morphological aspects will be discussed in view of possible applications of the materials.

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