

Templating Nanoparticles with Self-Assembled Matrices

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Mase Bone – Mineral Grown in (with?) a Biomolecular Template

Weiner S., *Annual Rev. Mater. Sci.* 1998, **28**:271



Level 6: Spongy vs Compact Bone



Level 4: Fibril Array Patterns



Level 2: Mineralized Collagen Fibril





Level 3: Fibril Array



Level 1: Major Components

mineralized bone from a 50-year-old human male femur



mineral - collagen nanocomposite.

Ziv V., et al., Microscopy Res. and Technique 1996, 33:203



Direct Templating of Semiconductor Nanostructures

"liquid crystal lithography"



lyotropic liquid crystal

semiconductor nanostructure

Motivation

quantum dots antidots photoactive zeolites filter membranes LEDs nanocomposites

Braun, various publications 1995-2000



Lyotropic Liquid Crystals





P. V. Braun et al.



"Best Case"



 $Cd_{0.5}Zn_{0.5}S$



Bulk Mineralization of Lyotropic Liquid Crystals

synthesis of semiconductor-organic composites





 H_2S is introduced at the top of the vial, once it reaches the cadmium ion doped liquid crystal, the precipitation of CdS (yellow) begins immediately.

M.SE Illinois Templating and Nontemplating of II-VI Semiconductors

All grown in identical lyotropic liquid crystals





50 nm





Braun, JACS 1999



TEM of hexagonally structured mesoporous platinum



Grown in hexagonal lyotropic liquid crystal



Mineralization of a Cubic Liquid Crystal

Cubic phase formed from:

60% (EO)₁₀₆(PO)₇₀(EO)₁₀₆ 40% 0.1 M Cd(CH₃CO₂)₂

SEM of hollow CdS spheres



Hollow sphere morphology is the result of mineralization around one or more micelles (micelle diameter = 23 nm)

Braun, Mater. Res. Bull 1999



Mineralization of a Cubic Liquid Crystal



Tilt series confirms hollow sphere morphology

Braun, Mater. Res. Bull 1999



BiOCI Synthesized in Lyotropic Liquid Crystals

potential precursor for nanostructured thermoelectric materials

water



250 nm disks

hexagonal phase (50% amphiphile, 50% water)



250 by 100 nm arrowheads

lamellar phase (78% amphiphile, 22% water)



5 nm nanoparticles

 $BiCl_3$ stabilized in $HCl_{(aq)}$, diffuse in NH_4OH gas \longrightarrow BiOCl

Dellinger, Braun, Scripta Materialia, 2001

MASE Biological Templating of CdS in DNA-membrane complexes

Organization of ion precursors using DNA-membrane complexes



Pictures adapted from Rädler J.O. et al, Science (1997) and Koltover I. et al, PNAS (2000).



CdS nanorods –Crystallographic Control



HRTEM CdS lattice

DNA

Crystallographic control via biomolecular architecture: Templated nanorods have (002) directions tilted by 60° with respect to the rod axis, in contradistinction to all known templated CdS nanorods



Direct Templating of Semiconductor Thin Films







polyol amphiphile

Thin film templating was attempted with **many** oligo(ethylene oxide) based amphiphiles with **no** success, motivating the synthesis of the polyol amphiphile below

Polyol Amphiphiles-properties

• insoluble in water

OH

OH

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- swell forming a hexagonal lyotropic liquid crystal
- synthesized via living cationic polymerization of t-butyl vinyl ether followed by deprotection

Braun, unpublished



Direct Templating of CdS Films



polyol based lyotropic liquid crystal directly templates the growing CdS film as H_2S diffuses through the polymer substrate



TEM of the CdS film, after removal of the organic template. Inset is a small angle electron diffraction from the film



CdS Thick Film Growth



microtomed cross-section of a templated CdS film grown with 15 min. H_2S exposure, note mesopores running entirely through the film, as required by the growth mechanism Braun, unpublished



Electrodeposition of CdTe Film

Direct Templating by Hexagonal Liquid Crystal



Bias substrate to -650 mV vs. SCE resulting in CdTe growth



TEM of periodically nanoporous CdTe film

Potential for chemical sensors and solar energy conversion

M.S.E. Combine Sol-Gel Processing + Molecular Self-Assembly (Mobil)





Evaporation Induced Self-Assembly of Mesoporous Silica



M.S.E *Evaporation Induced Self-Assembly of Mesoporous Silica*



C. J. Brinker, *et al.* Nature, 1999



Semiconductor nanorods



100 nm

Also, see similar work by M. P. Pileni

Products include extremely high aspect ratio CdSe nanorods (30:1), as well as arrow-, teardrop-, tetrapod-, and branched tetrapod-shaped nanocrystals of CdSe.

Solvent: mixture of hexylphosphonic acid and trioctylphosphine oxide

Important parameters: ratio of surfactants, injection volume, and monomer concentration.