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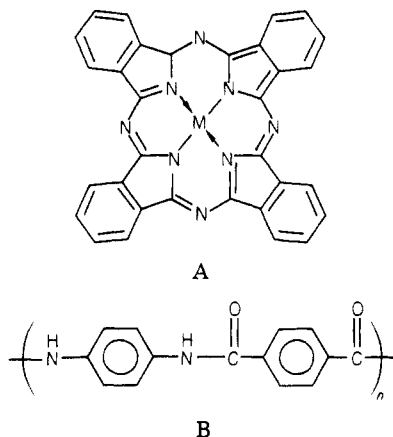
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Communications to the Editor

Processable, Oriented, Electrically Conductive Hybrid Molecular/Macromolecular Materials

Significant advances have recently been made in understanding and modifying the properties of electrically conductive molecular¹ and macromolecular solids.^{1,2} Nevertheless, many of these substances exhibit limitations with regard to chemical/structural control at the molecular level, mechanical stability, air, water, and temperature stability, solubility and processability, and ease of synthesis. In the present communication, we address some of these limitations and describe an approach to the formation of a new class of hybrid molecular/macromolecular solids that can be spun into flexible, oriented, electrically conductive fibers.³ The approach capitalizes upon similar solubility characteristics yet complementary electrical and structural properties of a well-characterized, chemically flexible, dopable "molecular metal" and a robust, processable, and in this case orientable, macromolecule. Although we illustrate with phthalocyanine molecular conductors^{4,5} and a high-modulus "aramid" polymer,⁶ the approach would appear to have considerable generality.

Metallophthalocyanines (A) and Kevlar⁶ (B) are soluble



in strong acids. Partial oxidation of the former with a variety of electron acceptors results in highly conductive solids (e.g., Ni(Pc)I: $\sigma(\text{crystal}) \approx 500 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$, $\sigma(\text{powder}) \approx 5 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$ at 300 K),^{4,5} while the latter forms liquid crystalline solutions^{6,7} which can be wet-spun⁸ into strong, crystalline, highly oriented fibers.⁶ Thus in a typical experiment, solutions of vacuum-sublimed phthalocyanine (e.g., Ni(Pc) and H₂(Pc), 5–18% by weight) and Kevlar-29 (3–7% by weight) were prepared in trifluoromethanesulfonic acid at 80 °C under an inert atmosphere. Fibers were then wet-spun from this viscous solution by extrusion under pressure^{3,9} (through a stainless steel syringe needle) into an aqueous precipitation bath. Halogen oxidants⁴ such as iodine can be introduced into the spinning solution

Table I
Electrical Conductivity Data for Hybrid
Phthalocyanine/Kevlar Fibers

composition ^a	$\sigma_{\text{RT}},^b$ $\Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$	act. energy, ^c eV
[Ni(Pc)(K) _{4.36} I _{1.66}] _n ^d	1.4	11.4×10^{-3}
[Ni(Pc)(K) _{1.56} I _{1.27}] _n ^d	1.8	6.6×10^{-3}
[Ni(Pc)(K) _{0.67} I _{1.07}] _n ^d	2.5	12.0×10^{-3}
[Ni(Pc)(K) _{0.43} I _{1.56}] _n ^e	4.7	17.2×10^{-3}
[H ₂ (Pc)(K) _{0.54} I _{1.24}] _n ^d	1.2	13.4×10^{-3}

^a Pc = phthalocyaninato; K = Kevlar monomer unit = $-\text{COC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CONHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NH}-$ (B). ^b Four-probe measurement; RT = 300 K. ^c From least-squares fit to the equation $\sigma = \sigma_0 e^{-\Delta/kT}$. ^d Doping in C₆H₆/I₂. ^e Doping in aqueous KI/I₂ followed by electrochemical oxidation (10 V, 3 h) in 0.8 M aqueous HI.

prior to extrusion (presumably promoting more homogeneous doping) or into the precipitating bath (as I₃⁻), or alternatively, the washed and dried fiber can be immersed in a benzene solution of I₂. In the latter two procedures, the extrudate is exposed to halogen for at least 24 h prior to washing and drying. Additionally, fibers can be doped electrochemically.¹⁰ The resulting, darkly colored fibers are qualitatively strong and flexible¹¹ (decreasing flexibility with increasing M(Pc) content) and, as judged by appearance, mechanical properties, and transport properties (vide infra), are stable to air and moisture for many months. The composition of the fibers was established by elemental analysis.¹²

Electrical conductivity measurements were made by standard four-probe dc techniques.^{5a-c} Blocking electrode measurements established that ion conduction is not significant, while control studies (without M(Pc)) verified that the Kevlar host, which absorbed negligible halogen, is an insulator. M(Pc)/Kevlar fibers prepared without oxidation are also insulators. Charge transport data are compiled in Table I, and representative variable-temperature plots are shown in Figure 1A. The conductivity conforms approximately to thermally activated behavior, and phenomenological "activation energies" obtained by linear regression analysis of $\ln \sigma$ vs. $1/T$ plots are given in Table I. However, more satisfactory fits (especially at lower temperatures) are obtained to eq 1^{5a,13} (Figure 1B), sug-

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 e^{-[T_1/(T+T_0)]} \quad (1)$$

gestive of transport involving inhomogeneous mixtures of metallike and nonconductive structural regimes with fluctuation-induced carrier tunneling between parabolic barriers separating the metallike regions.^{5a,13} Maximum conductivities of the present fibers are on the order of ca. $5 \Omega^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$, which compares favorably with many conventional filled polymer composites.¹⁴

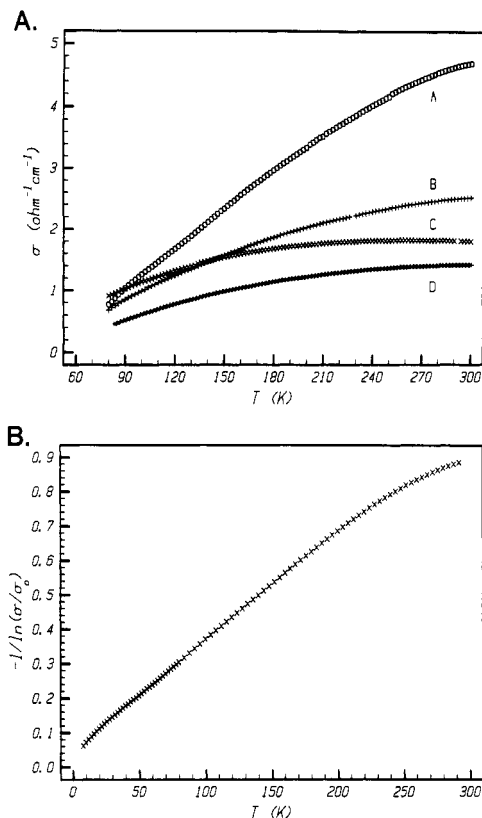


Figure 1. A. Variable-temperature four-probe electrical conductivity data for phthalocyanine/Kevlar hybrid fibers of composition (A) $[\text{Ni(Pc)(K)}_{0.43}\text{I}_{1.58}]_n$, (B) $[\text{Ni(Pc)(K)}_{0.67}\text{I}_{1.07}]_n$, (C) $[\text{Ni(Pc)(K)}_{1.58}\text{I}_{1.27}]_n$, (D) $[\text{Ni(Pc)(K)}_{4.36}\text{I}_{1.66}]_n$. K = Kevlar monomer unit. B. Variable-temperature four-probe electrical conductivity data for a $[\text{Ni(Pc)(K)}_{0.85}\text{I}_{1.71}]_n$ fiber plotted according to the fluctuation-induced tunneling model of eq 1.

Efforts are presently under way to address the microstructurally important issues of whether these fibers consist of homogeneous solid solutions ("alloys") or whether (and to what degree) there is phase separation,¹⁵ whether there is preferential orientation of M(Pc) subunits, and whether doping serves the same purpose as in molecular conductors (has oxidation of the M(Pc) units occurred?). Wide-angle X-ray diffraction studies have been conducted on single Kevlar/Ni(Pc)/I₂ fibers and on bundles using conventional photographic Laue and diffractometric techniques.¹⁶ The superimposed diffraction patterns of Ni(Pc)I^{5a} and Kevlar^{6a,c,8b} are clearly evident. Moreover, all fiber stoichiometries reveal qualitatively significant preferential orientation^{16,17} of the Kevlar chains and the Ni(Pc)I c (stacking) axis in the longitudinal fiber direction, as evidenced by "arcing" in the fiber photographs. Interestingly, the breadth of the Ni(Pc)I reflections suggests a high degree of imperfection or crystalline domains of dimensions $\lesssim 100$ Å.¹⁸ Resonance Raman spectra (spinning samples, $\nu_0 = 5145$ Å) of the halogen-doped fibers exhibit the characteristic⁴ scattering progression of I₃⁻ beginning at 108 cm^{-1} and phthalocyanine skeletal markers at 1600 and 1535 cm^{-1} diagnostic¹⁹ of the phthalocyanine π cation radical. Clearly, the phthalocyanine moiety has been partially oxidized. Furthermore, Raman polarization²⁰ studies (e.g., Figure 2) indicate that the linear I₃⁻ units are preferentially oriented with the C_∞ axes aligned along the longitudinal fiber direction (consistent with the above diffraction results). For the data shown in Figure 2, analysis by a standard statistical formalism²¹ yields $\langle \cos^2 \theta \rangle = 0.44$, where $\cos \theta$ is the direction cosine between the I₃⁻ C_∞ axis and the fiber axis. High-resolution solid-state ¹³C CP-MAS NMR spectra are assignable in terms of superimposed

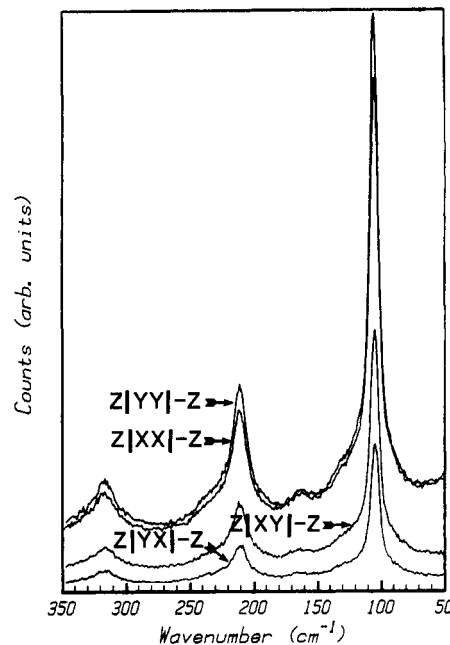


Figure 2. Polarized resonance Raman spectra ($\nu_0 = 5145$ Å) of a bundle of $[\text{Ni(Pc)(K)}_{0.67}\text{I}_{1.07}]_n$ fibers. The I₃⁻ totally symmetric stretching fundamental is observed at 108 cm^{-1} . The Porto polarization symbols²⁰ give the polarization of the incident and sampled scattered radiation (in the +Z and -Z propagation directions, respectively). The fiber axis is in the Y direction.

aramid and partially oxidized Ni(Pc) resonances.²²

In summary, these results show that a strategy of blending from solution well-characterized organic or metal-organic "molecular metals" with robust, processable, and orientable macromolecular hosts is a viable approach to the design of new, electrically conductive, processable, oriented organic solids. The present materials differ distinctly from simple filled polymer composites,¹⁴ which do not begin with molecular building blocks and homogeneous solutions, are not rendered conductive by chemical or electrochemical doping (before or after processing), and are not generally orientable. The present materials also differ in obvious ways from recently reported air-sensitive composites prepared by acetylene polymerization within a polymer host²³ and from charge-transfer salt-filled films.²⁴ The latter materials in their present stage of development appear not to be as structurally well-defined, are far less conductive, are less amenable to varying doping methodologies, are not uniaxially oriented, and are apparently not suited for fiber formation.

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The 4-Å Ruler, Using Exciplex Fluorescence To Study Small-Molecule Diffusion into Nonaqueous Dispersions of Polymer Colloids

The kinetics of small-molecule penetration into dispersions of colloidal polymer particles is commonly determined by weight uptake¹ or by particle swelling.² Other methods such as radiolabeling are possible. These methods share in common the fact that they determine the gross features of the uptake process. In this paper we pose the question of whether one could unveil details of the diffusion process with techniques capable of ca. 5-Å resolution. One might imagine complexities in the diffusion of small molecules into multicomponent particles, particularly sterically stabilized dispersions composed of two linked but mutually incompatible polymers.

Fluorescence techniques, particularly fluorescence quenching interactions, provide high-resolution methods for studying diffusion processes. If one were to prepare polymer particles containing small amounts of a fluorescent dye covalently bound to one particular polymer phase, one could use fluorescence quenching techniques to study the rate of penetration of small molecules with quenching capabilities into that phase.

The kind of information one gets depends upon the choice of chromophore and the nature of the quenching process. Consequently, fluorescence studies of different pairs of interacting groups could provide complementary descriptions of the detailed mechanism of the diffusion process.

As a prototype system, we chose poly(methyl methacrylate) (PMMA) particles sterically stabilized by polyisobutylene (PIB) dispersed in various alkane solvents. In our first experiments^{3,4} we examined 2-μm-diameter particles covalently labeled with naphthalene (N) groups in the PMMA chains. Fluorescence energy-transfer experiments were carried out in which we measured the rate of energy transfer from the N* groups in the particle core to anthracene (A) molecules dissolved in the isooctane medium.³ We learned that A penetrates quickly into the particles (less than 30 min) and that energy transfer from N* to A seems to occur with equal probability from all or most of the excited N groups.

These conclusions were based upon fluorescence decay measurements in which we found that varying the concentration of A in isooctane from 1×10^{-3} to 5×10^{-3} M increased linearly the decay rate of the naphthalene chromophores. A diffusion model permitted the diffusion constant of A in the particle to be calculated. Its value of $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ is 8-10 orders of magnitude too large