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Abstract: We report a novel shell-like cobalt nanostructure prepared by

galvanostatic electrochemical deposition which exhibit prominent superhydrophobic

property. By adjusting the electroplating conditions, cobalt nanocrystals with different

morphologies like nanocones and fluffy shells can be obtained while the hydrophobic

and adhesive behavior of each after surface modification is observed. After a brief

discussion on the growth mechanism of those shapes, we explained the lotus effect

presented on such structures which would probably provide a strong evidence to the

existing models of superhydrophobic surfaces. Based on the above, we propose a

novel approach to modulate both adhesiveness and wettability of Co film by tuning of

deposition parameters along with a simple heat treatment and dipping. With cobalt's

anisotropic magnetic properties, such facile surface coating would be used in a wide

range of applications such as commercial fabrication of tunable anti-corrosive

magnetic devices.

Keywords: Superhydrophobic, Co thin films, Electrodeposition, Adhesion

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