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Abstract Novel nanocellulose(NC)/conducting polymer(CP) composite nanorod films have been

successfully prepared by in situ polymerization. The nanocomposite films showed remarkable

enhancement of film forming properties and electrochromic behaviors. The electrochromic properties

were improved significantly because of the porous spaces among the NC/CP nanorods, which facilitated

the diffusion of electrolyte ions. And the nanocomposite structure also offered larger surface areas for

redox reactions. The excellent electrochromic performances of the NC/CP composite nanorod films make

them be the promising candidates in electrochromic materials.

Keywords Electrochromism; Nanocellulose; Conducting polymers; Nanocomposites; Thin film.

Introduction

Conducting polymers (CPs) are attractive candidates for a great variety of applications, including

supercapacitor, batteries, chemical and biological sensors, electrical conductors, tissue engineering

scaffolds, antistatic coatings and electrochromic devices[1], owing to its relative ease and low cost for

synthesis, tunable electrochromic properties and excellent environmental stability[2]. Among these

applications, CPs have been extensively explored to develop electrochromic materials due to their

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