

# Synthesis and Characterization of Polymer–Nanoclay Conductive Nanocomposites

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**ABSTRACT:** Polymer–clay nanocomposites based on poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)/polystyrene sulfonate (PEDOT) : PSS and nanoclay montmorillonite were synthesized and characterized. The doping of PEDOT with polystyrene sulfonate made it water dispersible (PEDOT–PSS). Sodium dodecyl benzene sulfonate (SDBS) and ionic liquid were used to increase the interlayer spacing and the conductivity of the nanocomposites, respectively. The nanocomposite was characterized by various techniques, such as X-ray diffraction (XRD), TEM, surface resistivity, and thermogravimetric measurement analysis. Interlayer spac-

ing increased as a result of the addition of SDBS, and this was confirmed by the 2θ shift observed via XRD analysis. The surface morphology of the conductive coated clay was examined by TEM analysis. Good electrical surface conductivity, interlayer spacing, and polymer coating were observed for the material prepared using the surfactant and conductive ionic liquid. © 2009 Wiley Periodicals, Inc. *J Appl Polym Sci* 116: 314–319, 2010

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## INTRODUCTION

In recent years, there has been increased focus on polymer/clay nanocomposites to develop structural materials with enhanced mechanical, thermal, and gas barrier properties as well as new hybrid materials providing functional properties such as electrical conductivity.<sup>1–5</sup>

Electrically conductive polymer–clay nanocomposites are of great interest as they may be applied as electro-active components in different electrochemical devices, such as solid state batteries, fuel cells, or electrochemical sensors.<sup>6–11</sup> As the properties of the materials are directly related to the morphology of these systems, the dispersion of the clay inorganic phase plays an important role.<sup>12,13</sup>

Clay minerals find almost innumerable applications, and the diversity of uses is still increasing. The reason for this is the large variety of clays and clay minerals and the facilities with which these materials are modified. Swelling behavior, adsorption properties, colloidal and rheological phenomena can be optimized and adjusted for the intended application. Clay minerals normally occur as crystals

of colloid size, in which parallel silicate layers about 7–14 Å thick are stacked. These layers are negatively charged because of ionic substitutions at various sites within their structures, and as a result exchangeable cations are adsorbed on their surfaces. Clay minerals and clays are more and more involved in materials studies and are parent materials of organic–inorganic composites.

Two materials, montmorillonite (MMT) and poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene) (PEDOT) are the primary components of the nanocomposites used in this study. MMT is hydrated alumina–silicate clay composed of units made up of two silica tetrahedral sheets with a central alumina octahedral sheet. PEDOT was first synthesized by Heywang and Jonas.<sup>14</sup> It is now considered an excellent conjugated conducting polymer when positively doped because of its relatively high conductivity, thermal stability and the fact that it is more environmental friendly than other conjugated polymers.<sup>14–17</sup> The main problem with PEDOT is its poor solubility, which makes the processing of this material very difficult, and represents the major barrier to its commercial applications.<sup>18</sup> A good aqueous dispersion of PEDOT can be obtained by using dopant poly(styrene sulfonate) sold under the trade name of Baytron P<sup>®</sup>. As the dispersion of the clay is important in determining the subsequent hybrid materials preparation, it is essential to improve the interaction between the clay and the polymer matrix to produce a useful polymer

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## **Polymer Nanocomposites Synthesis Characterization And Modeling:**

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**Spectroscopy of Polymer Nanocomposites** Sabu Thomas, Didier Rouxel, Deepalekshmi Ponnammam, 2016-02-16. *Spectroscopy of Polymer Nanocomposites* covers all aspects of the spectroscopic characterization of polymer nanocomposites. More than 25 spectroscopy characterization techniques almost all used in materials science are treated in the book with discussion of their potentialities and limitations. By comparing the techniques with each other and presenting the techniques together with their specific application areas, the book provides scientists and engineers the information needed for solving specific problems and choosing the right technique for analyzing the material structure. From this, the dispersion structure of fillers, property relations and filler-polymer interactions can be determined and ultimately the right materials can be chosen for the right applications. Besides the techniques and structure-property relations, aspects covered include phase segregation of filler particles, filler agglomeration and deagglomeration, filler dispersion, filler-polymer interactions, surfaces and interfaces. The book also examines recent developments as well as unresolved issues and new challenges in the characterization of surfaces and interfaces in polymer nanocomposites. This

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