

Preparation and characterization of the carbon-silicon hybrid nanostructures

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Silicon nanostructures and their applications:

- Silicon nanowires as an antireflection coating for crystalline silicon solar cells,

- Nanocomposite up-converter coatings for silicon solar cells,

- Semiconductor-insulator-semiconductor solar cells,
- Silicon nanowires for hydrogen generation,
- Silicon nanowires for thermoelectrically energy conversion,
- Silicon nanostructures for biomedical applications.

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Figure 2: (a) Lifespan and (b) offspring of Vestigial Drosophila flies for different concentration of cSi- and PSi-NPs in feeding media. Inset in panel (a) shows a digital image of the fly.

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Synthesis of Si@C nanohybrids



- 1. 15% HCl solution for 8 h
- 2. Washed several times
- 3. Filtered
- 4. Dried at 120 °C.

Silumin alloy (80%Al-20% Si)

oxidized surface of silicon NPs subjected to further carbonization

100 mg Si NPs was treated with polyvinyl pyrrolidone solution (1 g) in absolute ethanol (100 ml)

calcined at 400 °C and 500 °C in an argon atmosphere for 4 hours



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before carbonization at 400 and 500 °C. Inserts are AFM images of silicon NPs and C-Si nanohybrids, scale in micrometers.

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TEM (a) micrograph of nanohybrids and STEM High angle annular dark-field (HAADF) imaging

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Response towards NH3, response comparison, and the response of nanohybrids sensors in alcohol/ammonia binary mixed gases.

Suppression of the cancer cell proliferation by photo-excited nc-Si



V.Yu. Timoshenko et all., JETP Lett. **83** (9), 423 (2006).

The decrease of cancer cells (mouse fibroblasts) number was observed in suspensions of silicon nanocrystals under illumination. This decrease is explained by the effect of singlet oxygen photosensitized by nc-Si.

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