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Porous organic frameworks containing platinum nanoparticles for silicon nanowire based chemical sensing

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Abstract

Porous organic frameworks (POFs) have been discovered recently, and are promising new materials for molecular separations, chemical sensing and catalysis. In this study we show the successful development of a chemical sensor, which is based on the covalent immobilisation of melamine-terephthalaldehyde POFs on amino propyl modified silicon nanowires (SiNW). These nanowires were made by top down photo-lithography and act as a (nano-sized) field effect transistor (FET). Changes in the chemical composition of the immobilised POF (the selector layer) is directly monitored by the FET (the transducer) as a change of source-drain current or as a change of gate potential.

The POFs on top of the SiNW was post-synthesis functionalised by uniformly distributed platinum nanoparticles (PtNP) through impregnation using chloroplatinic acid, followed by in situ sodium boron hydride reduction. The obtained PtNP@POF-SiNW chemical sensor showed enhanced sensitivity for methanol vapor detection.

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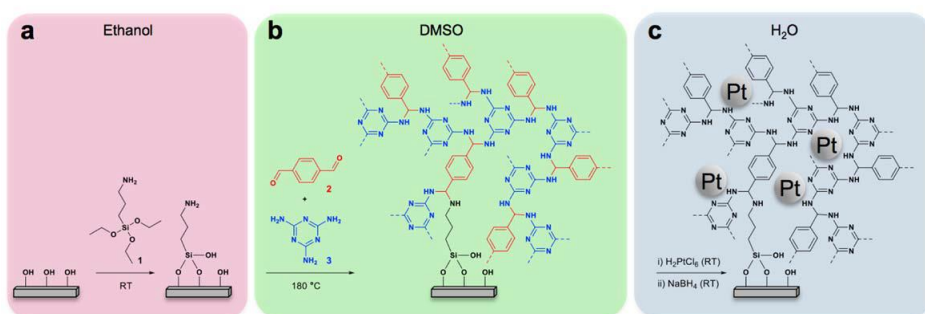


Figure 1: (a) Amino propyl modification of silicon nanowires via their surface silanol groups; (b) in situ formation of melamine-terephthalaldehyde porous organic frameworks; and (c) post-synthesis modification with platinum nanoparticles

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Ernst Sudhölter studied chemistry with specializations in Organic chemistry and Physical chemistry at the University of Groningen (1971-1977). He obtained his MSc degree with distinction.

In the period 1977-1981 he did his PhD research at the University of Groningen with Prof. Dr. Jan B.F.N. Engberts on a physical-organic subject entitled: "Aggregation of single- and double-chained methylpyridinium iodide amphiphiles. Micelles, Reversed-Micelles, Vesicles, and Liquid-Crystals". The PhD degree was obtained with distinction ('cum laude').

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