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Dispersion of a discontinuous phase within a continuous phase in a controlled manner to achieve superior properties than the individual components.

If at least one of the phases has one dimension of the order of nanometers, then the composite is termed as 'nanocomposite

The nanocomposite, in which a polymer makes the continuous phase, while conducting fillers is dispersed as the discontinuous or reinforcing phase.

CHALLENGES

Non conductive of electricity Less resistance to air penetration Weak mechanical strength Less thermal stability

Advantages of Conducting fillers based Polymer nanocomposites

Electrical conductive High resistance to air penetration Strong mechanical strength Greater thermal stability Increase in gas barrier properties

Graphite as Filler

It is an ideal filler for the preparation of conductive nanocomposite

Objectives

* Synthesis of polymers and copolymers based conducting nanocomposites by non conventional low cost green technique.

***** Study of intermolecular interactions of polymers and copolymers matrices with conducting nano fillers (Graphite).

* Measurement of electrical conductivity of synthesized nanocomposites in comparison with non conducting polymers and copolymers.

***** Study of mechanical, thermal, chemical resistance and oxygen barrier properties of nanocomposites.

✤ Preparation of thermal resistant with substantial reduction in oxygen barrier properties may enable the synthesized materials suitable for future packaging applications.

APPLICATIONS

Polyacrylonitrile (PAN)/Graphite Nanocomposites

Characterization

The raw graphite exhibits a sharp diffraction peak at 2θ value of 26.36° .

The corresponding d-spacing was calculated to be 0.32nm.

♦ From the XRD of EG, the broad peak at 2θ value of 15.7° in addition the peak at 2θ value of 26.36° of raw graphite may be attributed to the change in interlayer spacing of EG which had been expanded to different degrees.

X-ray diffraction patterns of raw graphite (RG), expanded graphite (EG), PAN and PAN/EG nanocomposite.

FTIR spectrum of PAN revealed the absorption frequency at 3629 cm⁻¹ is due to –OH stretching of persulphate end group in the polymer, 2940 cm⁻¹ is due to –CH stretching, 2244 cm⁻¹ corresponds to –CN stretching and 1455 cm⁻¹ for –CH₂ bending.

♦ The absorption peak at 3392 cm⁻¹ for expanded graphite may be due to the remaining hydroxyl group after functionalization. The absorption peak at 1168 cm⁻¹ and 854 cm⁻¹ corresponds to C-C stretching and –CH bending frequency respectively.

♦ The disappearance of absorption peak of EG at 3392 cm⁻¹ in the FTIR spectrum of PAN/EG nanocomposite due to chemical interaction of hydroxyl group on the surface of EG with the – OH of persulphate end group of PAN macromolecular chain.

FTIR spectra of (a) PAN/EG nanocomposite(b) PAN and (c) Expanded graphite.

Morphological analysis

SEM images of (a) Expanded graphite (b) Virgin PAN (c) PAN/EG nanocomposite at 4% EG concentration.

TEM image of PAN/EG nanocomposite at 4% EG concentration

The oxygen flow rate through all the nanocomposites was observed to be less in comparison to the virgin PAN up to 2.5 psi.

Oxygen permeabilities of the PAN/EG nanocomposites as function of EG content at constant pressure of 1.5 psi.

Oxygen permeabilities of the PAN/EG nanocomposites as a function of EG content at different pressures.

The permeability of PAN/EG nanocomposites substantially reduced to approximately 13 times with increase in EG content.

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Polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA)/Graphite Nanocomposites

SEM images of EG at different magnifications (a) 10 μ m (b) 100 nm.

UV-Vis spectra of EG, PMMA and PMMA/EG (5 wt %) nanocomposite.

X-ray diffraction patterns of raw graphite (RG), expanded graphite (EG), PMMA and PMMA/EG nanocomposite.

TEM image of PMMA/EG nanocomposite at 5% EG concentration.

Swain et. al J. of Expt. Nanosci, 9 (3), 240-248 (2014)

FTIR spectra of PMMA and PMMA/EG (5 wt %) nanocomposite

FTIR spectra of expanded graphite.

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Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves of EG, PMMA and PMMA/EG nanocomposite.

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UV-Vis spectra of expanded graphite, PAN-co-PMMA and PAN-co-PMMA/EG nanocomposite.

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Morphological analysis

SEM images of (a) Expanded graphite (b) HRSEM image of PAN-co-PMMA/EG nanocomposite at 4% graphite.

TEM image of PAN-co-PMMA/EG nanocomposite at 4% graphite XRD Study

X-ray diffraction patterns of raw graphite, PAN-co-PMMA and PAN-co-PMMA/EG nanocomposite.

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Oxygen permeability of PAN-co-PMMA/Expanded graphite nanocomposite as function graphite content at constant pressure.

Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curves of Expanded Graphite, PAN-co-PMMA and PAN-co-PMMA/EG nanocomposite.

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Epoxy/graphite

FESEM images of (a) Expanded graphite and epoxy /EG composite at graphite concentration of (b) 3 wt% (c) 6 wt% (d) 9 wt%.

HRTEM images of (a) Expanded graphite (b) epoxy/EG composite at 9 wt% of graphite concentration.

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Epoxy/graphite

TGA of (a) Epoxy (b) Epoxy /EG, 3 wt% (c) Epoxy/EG, 6 wt% (d) Epoxy/EG, 9 wt% (e) Expanded graphite

Mechanical properties of epoxy/EG composite as a function of EG concentration for study of (a) extension at break (b) load at break (c) tensile stress at break (d) tensile strain at break.

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XRD pattern of starch, EG (in set) and starch/EG bionanocomposites as function of EG concentration

FTIR spectra of starch, EG and starch/EG bionanocomposite.

Swain et. al, Carbohydrates Polym (2014)

TGA curves of starch, EG and starch/EG bionanocomposites of 2 and 8 wt % of EG.

Oxygen permeability of starch and starch/EG bionanocomposites at constant pressure (a) and different pressure (b). (SD-Standard deviation)

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CONCLUSION

> Polymer based bionanocomposites are prepared by green technique with reinforcement of graphite

>Uniform dispersion of graphite platelets is achieved due to strong interfacial adhesion of graphite with surface of the polymers

Synthesized nanocomposites are characterized by FTIR, XRD, FESEM, HRTEM

➤Gas barrier properties of biopolymers is enhanced by increasing percentage of graphite

>Graphite reinforced composites have enhanced thermal properties

> Chemical resistant and biodegradable properties of nanocomposites are studied

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