

Novel Electro-Crystallization of Ferricenyl Materials from Coordination-Driven Self-Assembled Ferrocenyls

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New neutral tetra-ferrocenyl-ethynylpyridinyl copper complexes have been formed by the coordination-driven self-assembly of the ferrocenylethynyl-pyridine Ligand (L) and the copper (I) halides (I-, Br- and Cl-) forming cubic $L_4(CuI)_4$, and rhomboid $L_4(CuBr)_2$, $L_4(CuCl)_2$. However, in the presence of triphenylphosphine (PPh₃) under similar conditions, the reactions gave new neutral di-ferrocenyl-ethynylpyridinyl copper complexes, $L_2(CuI)_2(PPh_3)_2$, $L_2(CuBr)_2(PPh_3)_2$, and $L_2(CuCl)_2(PPh_3)_2$. Ferrocenylethynyl functionalized pyridine ligand provided the coordination site to connect ferrocenyl units through the copper clusters.

The ferrocenylethynyl-copper cluster materials oxidize under mild condition giving electro-crystallization of oxidized products. EDX analysis indicated formation of partially- and fully-oxidized products. These results were complimented by Raman analysis. SEM showed oxidation products having distinct morphologies. Some of these morphologies of the electrodeposited Cu-based microstructure are of high recent interest for fundamental studies and for potential applications in catalysis and other fields.

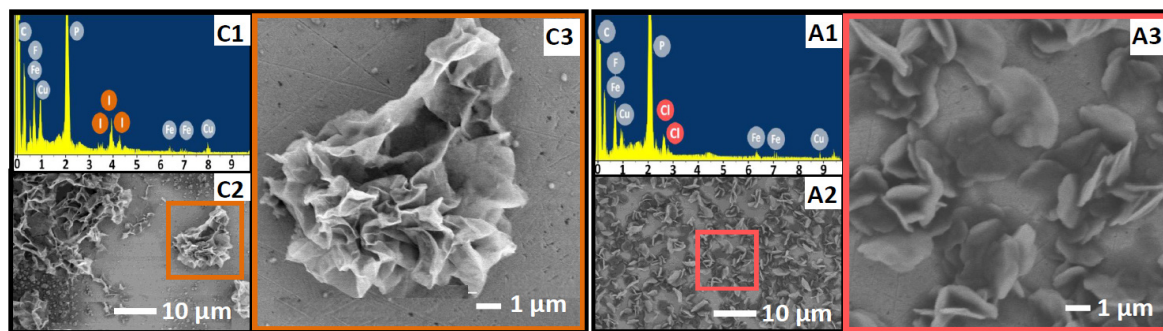


Figure 1 EDX spectra shown in panels : (A1) & (C1) while; (A2) & (C2) show low magnification and (A3) & (C3) show high-magnification SEM images

Herein, we will present the convenient synthesis, electrochemistry, SEM, EDX, etc. and future prospect of the electro-crystallized multi-ferricenyl materials.

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