



Advanced materials for multifunctional applications: Luminescence and light harvesting

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■ **~120 researchers from 14 countries**: 16 researchers, 2 invited scientists, 19 post-doctoral researchers, 49 research assistants, 20 master students,1 instrument scientist, 8 laboratory technicians .

- 50% of the researchers are foreign nationals
- 60% of the PhD were granted by foreign universities:

Spain: UPM, UCM, UPC, UPV, Autonomous University of Barcelona, University of Zaragoza, ...

Europe: Cambridge (2), Max Planck for Iron Research, Delft University of Technology, University of Leoben, Dublin City University, Dublin Institute of Technology, Università di Bologna, Université Catholique de Louvain, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, etc.

America: University of California Berkeley, University of Maryland, Mississippi State University, State University of Campinas, ...

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The Research Groups



Advanced Materials for Multifunctional Applications

- Multifunctional Nanocomposites (Dr. J. J. Vilatela, Program Leader)
- Photovoltaics and lighting and bio-LED (Dr. R. Costa) from March 2017
- High Performance Polymer Nanocomposites (Dr. D.-Y. Wang)
- Electrochemical Energy Storage Nanomaterials (Dr. Vinod Etachery)
- Computational and Data-Driven Materials Discovery (Dr. M. Haranczyk)













Photovoltaics, luminescene and bio-LED



New LED with luminescent proteins

- Date: January 12, 2016
- Source: Plataforma SINC
- Summary: Scientists have discovered a way to create a BioLED by packaging luminescent proteins in the form of rubber. This innovative device gives off a white light which is created by equal parts of blue, green and red rubber layers covering one LED, thus rendering the same effect as with traditional inorganic LEDs but at a lower cost.



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CNT fibre-based multifunctional devices





Figure 1 | Schematic illustration of the preparation and structural characterization of the PLEC. a, Schematic of fabrication of a fibre-shaped PLEC b, Schematic of wrapping an aligned CNT sheet around a modified stainless steel wire. c, Schematic of the structure of a flexible fibre-shaped PLEC Inset: photograph of a fibre-shaped PLEC biased at 10 V. d, AFM image of the polymer layer coated on the ZnO nanoparticle layer. c, SEM side-view image of a fibre-shaped PLEC. f, Aligned CNT sheet wrapped around the modified stainless steel wire with an angle of 15°.



Photovoltaics, luminescene and bio-LED

The electrode is a mesoporous metal oxide based semiconductor film. n-type electrode: TiO2 or ZnO p-type electrode: NiO or CuO









 $\eta = V_{oc} \times J_{sc} \times FF = 11.20$ % Under illumination under 1.5 AM condition (100 mW/cm²)

Scalable assembly processes



Photovoltaics, luminescene and bio-LED



Established trends in multifunctional materials

Electrification of transport



Energy harvesting & storage



Tough electronics (wearable, flexible, etc)





Structural composite materials for energy harvesting and storage





Roadmap for 2017 - 2022

Current partners

Expressions of interest and possible partners

















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