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- (1) Functional Hybrid Materials
- (2) Mesoporous Materials
- (3) Self-Assembly Processes

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BUILDING-BLOCK ASSEMBLY TOWARD FUNCTIONAL SILOXANE-BASED NANOMATERIALS

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ABSTRACT

Inorganic-organic hybrid materials have extensively studied because of their structural and compositional varieties leading to many applications. Organosiloxane-based materials, having various organic groups attached to siloxane (Si-O-Si) networks by Si-C bonds, are important class of hybrid materials with high stability and high transparency along with diverse functionalities endowed by organic moieties. Bottom-up assembly of molecular building blocks is a promising approach to well-defined hybrid architectures. In this paper, recent progress in the design of nanohybrid materials based on the controlled assembly of organosilane and organosiloxane molecules will be presented. Over the past decade, we have established the formation of various hybrid mesostructures, including lamellar, 2D hexagonal, and cubic structures, by self-assembly of amphiphilic alkylsilane and alkyl-oligosiloxane molecules. Recently, a unique photo-responsive material has been successfully obtained by incorporation of azobenzene groups instead of simple alkyl chains. Lamellar azobenzene-siloxane hybrids assembled from the mixture of two types of organoalkoxysilanes containing bridging- and pendant-azobenzene groups were found to show reversible bending and unbending behaviors upon UV/Vis irradiations. On the other hand, core-shell organosiloxane nanoparticles as small as ~3 nm in diameter have been obtained by dispersion of reverse-type mesostructures assembled form linear oligosiloxane molecules bearing a bulky trialkylsilyl group. In situ encapsulation of fluorescent dyes into the nanoparticles demonstrated their ability to function as nanocarriers. Another topic will be the construction of novel nanoporous materials by interconnection of cage-type oligosiloxanes. Our recent efforts on the regular assembly of cubic siloxane cages will be presented.

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