



E: The Organic Acids Assisted Sol-Gel Method

## for Preparing Functional Aerogels

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报告摘要: Here I am presenting a new class of gelators based on the low cost organic acids and the corresponding functional aerogels prepared from such gelators. A series of organic acids were adopted to initiate the sol to gel transition in the solution phase. After supercritical drying, metal oxide, metal sulfide and metal phosphate aerogels can be obtained with the characteristics similar to those of the conventional metal oxide aerogels prepared by epoxide adding method. The composition of the final aerogel can be readily tuned by the side chains of organic acids. The detail gelation mechanism was analyzed by using several different organic acids containing identical main chain but different side groups. The complex interactions including covalent bond and coordination bond interactions between organic acids and metal ions are vital to give rigid gel network. Further modification included tuning the mesoporous structure, compositing them with conductive graphene and carbon nanotubes, and loading with noble metal nanoparticles (Pt, Au etc). The results demonstrated that these functional aerogels are good candidates for energy storage, electrochemical H<sub>2</sub> and  $O_2$  evolution and thermal insulation applications.

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