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Layer-by-Layer Assembly of Ruthenium Complex Ultrathin Films for Electrochemical Pseudocapacitor Applications

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The bottom-up assembly of functional nanoscale architectures from molecular components at the electrode surface has attracted much interest in the advancement of nano-technology and surface science. Particularly, the chemistry of surface modification by self-assembled monolayers (SAM) or by layer-by-layer (LbL) growth are highly promising approaches to construct two-dimensional (2D) and three-dimensional (3D) molecular systems on surfaces for various molecular electronics applications.¹

Ultrathin films of Ruthenium complex were prepared on ITO surfaces by employing the LbL assembly. We demonstrate that these Ru complex thin films have a very well controlled thickness (few hundred nanometers, characterized by using AFM and Raman spectroscopy) and have relatively stable electrochemical redox characteristics (CV, galvanostatic charge-discharge, in-situ Raman spectroscopy), which are ideal characteristic features for thin film electrochemical pseudocapacitor applications.²

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