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Technology Transfer

Nanostructured magnetic materials are important for many advanced materials; hence new methods for their fabrication are critical. However, coupling self-assembly to the generation of magnetic materials in a simple, straight-forward manner has remained elusive. Although several approaches have been considered, most have multiple processing steps, thus diminishing their use of self-assembly to influence magnetic properties. We show novel block copolymers that are pre-programmed with the necessary chemical information to microphase separate and deliver room temperature ferromagnetic properties following a simple heat treatment. The importance of the nanostructured elements is demonstrated by comparison with the parent homopolymer which yields only paramagnetic materials, even though it is chemically identical and has a higher loading of the magnetic precursor.

We recently showed that the block copolymers (BCPs) produced room temperature ferromagnetic materials (RTFMs) due to its nanoscopic ordering and the cylindrical phase yielded the highest coercivity. This was expanded to a series of metal-containing block-random copolymers composed of an alkyl-functionalized homo block (C_{16}) and a random block of cobalt complex- (Co) and ferrocene-functionalized (Fe) units was synthesized via ring-opening metathesis polymerization (ROMP). DC magnetic measurements, including magnetization versus field, zero-field-cooled and field cooled, as well as AC susceptibility measurements, showed that the magnetic properties of the nanostructured BCPs could be easily tuned by diluting the cobalt density with Fe units in the cylindrical domains. Decreasing the cobalt density weakened the dipolar interactions of the cobalt nanoparticles, leading to the transition from a room temperature ferromagnetic to a superparamagnetic material. These results confirmed that dipolar interactions of the cobalt nanoparticles within the phase-separated domains were responsible for the RTF properties of the nanostructured BCPs.

Monomer Synthesis. The same strained tricyclic monomer structure was used to provide similar polymerization rates and excellent initiation between blocks (Figure S1). The alkyl-functionalized monomer **2**¹⁴ and the Co monomer **4**³² were synthesized according to established procedures. Treatment of ferrocenemethanol with compound **1** afforded the Fe monomer **5** via Mitsunobu coupling (see Supporting Information for experimental details). The alkyl chain length of monomer **2** influences the microphase separation of the resulting BCPs, and a length of 16 (C_{16}) was chosen based on previous studies in which it exhibited the most well-defined microdomains.¹⁴ Block-random copolymers, **Poly1** - **Poly7**, with a C_{16} homo block and a Co-*r*-Fe block were synthesized by the stepwise polymerization of each block, as shown in Figure 1. First, the C_{16} homopolymer was prepared from monomer **2** by ROMP using the third generation Grubbs' catalyst (G3). When monomer **2** was completely consumed after 6 min, a mixture of monomers **4** and **5** was added to generate the block-random copolymers. The whole polymerization process required less than 15 min, and the monomer conversions for all of the polymers were ~99%, highlighting the efficiency of ROMP.

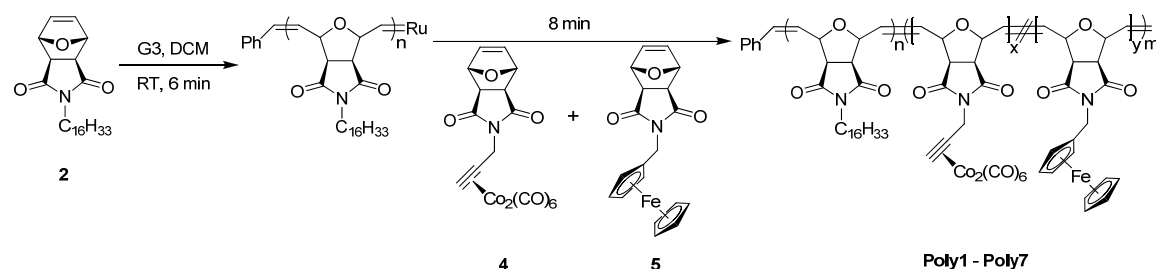


Figure 1. Synthesis of block-random copolymers **Poly1 - Poly7**.

To study the effect of the cobalt density in the cylindrical domains on the magnetic properties of the nanostructured BCP materials, a series of seven different block-random copolymers were synthesized. The composition details are listed in Table 1. All of the copolymers had similar molecular weights (MW) and narrow polydispersity indices (PDI). The molar ratio of the Co units (**4**) to the Fe units (**5**) in the Co-*r*-Fe block was varied from 80 : 20 to 20 : 80. Meanwhile, the volume fraction of the Co-*r*-Fe block was kept constant (0.23 ± 0.01) to ensure the same phase-separated morphology.

Table 1. Molecular characteristics of block-random copolymers **Poly1 - Poly7**

polymer	M_n^a (kDa)	M_w^a (kDa)	PDI ^a	4 : 5 (feed ratio)	$x : y^b$
Poly1	82	89	1.09	80 : 20	76 : 24
Poly2	89	96	1.08	70 : 30	66 : 34
Poly3	85	92	1.08	60 : 40	54 : 46
Poly4	83	89	1.07	50 : 50	39 : 61
Poly5	90	95	1.06	40 : 60	32 : 68
Poly6	94	99	1.05	30 : 70	23 : 77
Poly7	100	107	1.07	20 : 80	13 : 87

^a Determined by gel permeation chromatography (GPC) in THF using refractive index (RI) detector, relative to polystyrene standards. ^b Molar ratio of the Co units (x) to the Fe units (y) in the random block calculated from ¹H NMR integration. The deviation from the feed ratio is likely due to error in the NMR integration, as the characteristic peak used for monomer **5** is close to peaks at 4.62-4.32 ppm, which are attributed to the protons from the oxanorbornene backbone and the methylene group in the Fe units (Figure S2).

The diblock architecture of the resulting copolymers was confirmed by gel permeation chromatography (GPC). Figure 2 shows representative GPC curves for the first C₁₆ block and the final C₁₆-*b*-(Co-*r*-Fe) diblock copolymer (**Poly5**). A monomodal and narrow molecular weight distribution was preserved throughout. Only the cylindrical morphology was studied here, with a molar ratio of the C₁₆ homo block to the Co-*r*-Fe block of 70 : 30, so the final diblock (red curve) is never completely shifted to higher molecular weight compared to the first block (blue curve). There is no evidence of remaining C₁₆ homopolymer in the narrow monomodal curve for the final diblock, indicating efficient chain extension in the living polymerization.

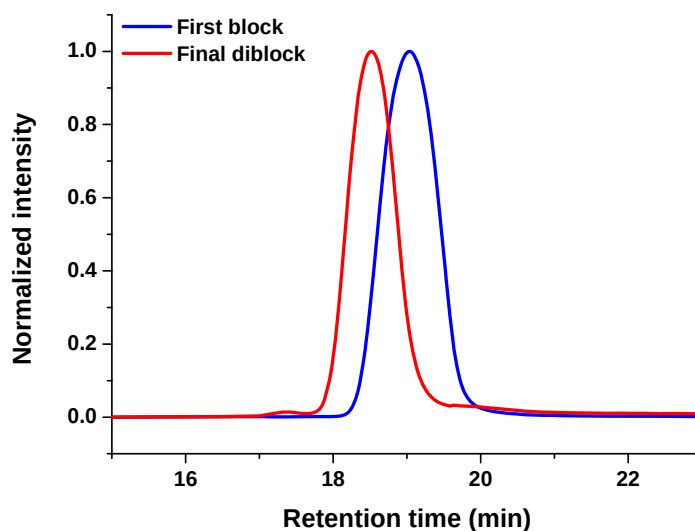


Figure 2. Representative gel permeation chromatography (GPC) curves for the first block composed of the C_{16} homopolymer (blue) and the final C_{16} -*b*-(Co-*r*-Fe) diblock copolymer (**Poly5**) (red).

The random copolymerization kinetics of the second Co-*r*-Fe block were investigated by ^1H NMR spectroscopy. Figure 3A shows the conversion as a function of time for the copolymerization of the Co monomer **4** (blue) and the Fe monomer **5** (red) for **Poly4** (feed ratio of **4** to **5** = 50/50). The conversions of the two monomers were almost identical at each time point, and both reached nearly 100% after 7 minutes. A living polymerization conducted isothermally is expected to be a first-order reaction,³³ and this should hold true for a random (gradient-free) copolymerization, as the relative monomer composition does not change with time.^{31,34} Figure 3B shows the first-order time-conversion plots of monomer **4** (blue), monomer **5** (red), and the sum of **4** and **5** (black). The $[\text{M}]_0/[\text{M}]$ values ($[\text{M}]$ denotes the monomer concentration) were obtained from the ordinate of Figure 3A. All three plots are linear, consistent with a polymerization that follows first-order kinetics with respect to the monomer. The monomer reactivity ratios, r_1 and r_2 , for the living random copolymerization of monomers **4** and **5** were determined by the Fineman-Ross method³⁵: $r_1 = 0.89$, $r_2 = 1.67$ (M_1 = monomer **4**, M_2 = monomer **5**). Although the r_1 and r_2 values calculated by this method should be treated with caution due to the steady-state assumption,³⁶ they indicate that the distribution of monomers **4** and **5** in the Co-*r*-Fe block is close to truly random.

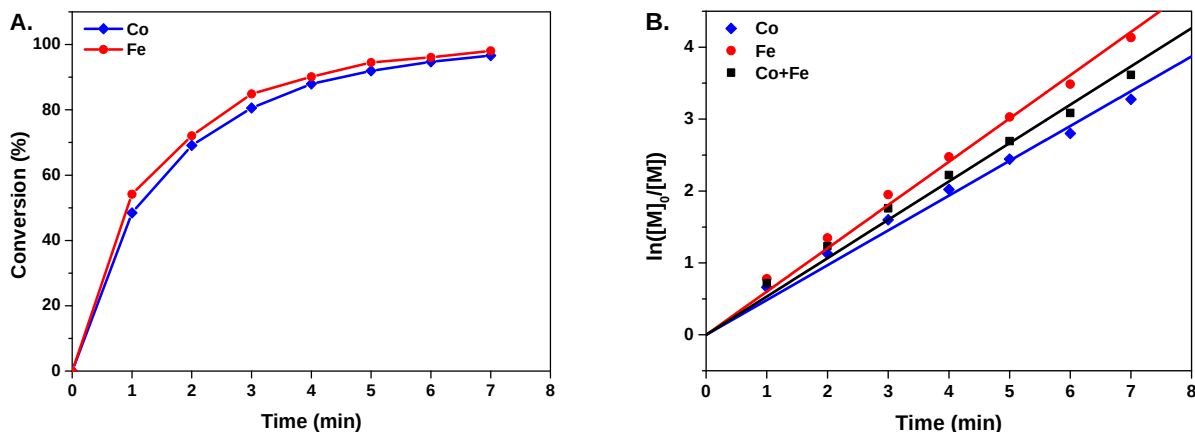


Figure 3. (A) Conversion of the cobalt complex-functionalized (Co) monomer **4** (blue) and the ferrocene-functionalized (Fe) monomer **5** (red) as a function of time for the random copolymerization of monomers **4** and **5**. (B) Linear fits of the first-order time-conversion relation of the Co monomer **4** (blue), Fe monomer **5** (red), and the sum of **4** and **5** (black). All the R^2 values for the linear fits are around 0.98. $[M]$ denotes the monomer concentration.

***M-H* measurement.** If the RTF behavior of the previously reported nanostructured BCP materials¹⁴ was due to the enhanced dipolar interactions between the cobalt nanoparticles under nanoconfinement, decreasing the Co unit percentage should dilute the density of the cobalt nanoparticles in the domains and weaken the dipolar interactions between them, leading to lower coercivity values.^{22,40} To investigate the effect of the cobalt density on the magnetic properties of the nanostructured BCPs, the magnetization as a function of the applied field (*M-H*) was measured at room temperature by a superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID) for all of the thermally treated block-random copolymers. The saturation magnetization values decreased with decreasing Co unit percentage in the Co-*r*-Fe block (i.e. decreasing cobalt density in the cylindrical domains). The coercivity values at room temperature (in Oe) were obtained from the x-intercepts of the hysteresis loops and are plotted as a function of the Co unit percentage in the Co-*r*-Fe block in Figure 4. The C₁₆-*b*-Co (100% Co units) and C₁₆-*b*-Fe (0% Co units) diblock copolymers (with cylindrical morphologies) were also synthesized and characterized (see Supporting Information for experimental details), and the results are included in Figure 4. As the cobalt density in the cylindrical domains decreased, the coercivity of the nanostructured BCP materials decreased from greater than 250 Oe to almost zero, consistent with our hypothesis.

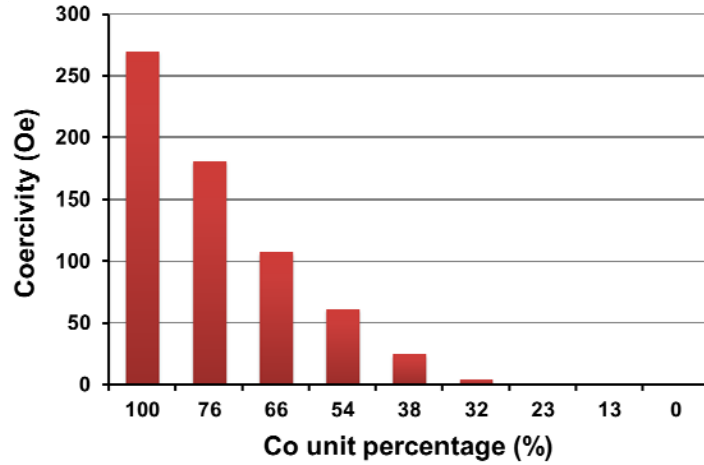


Figure 4. Impact of decreasing the Co unit percentage in the cylindrical domains on the coercivity of the nanostructured block copolymer (BCP) materials.

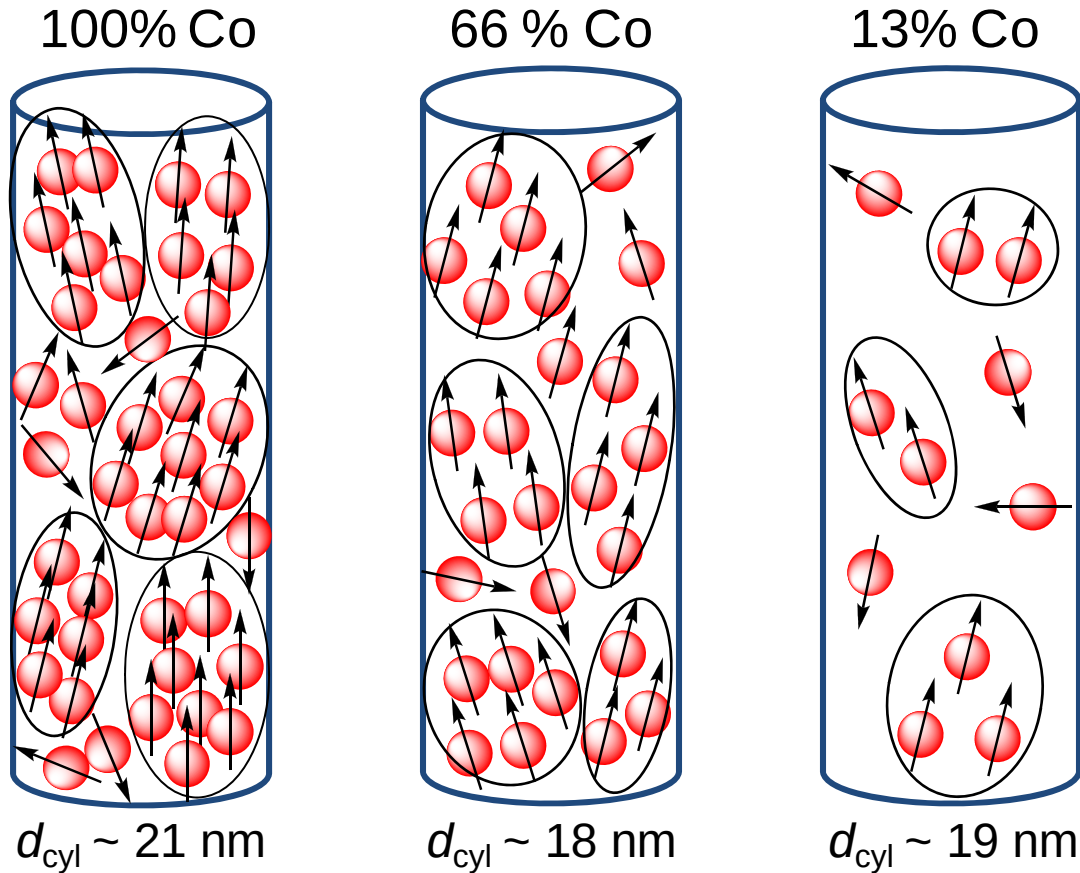


Figure 5. Schematic illustrating the decreased dipolar interactions between cobalt nanoparticles with decreasing cobalt density in the cylindrical domains. By controlling the number of cobalt units in the block copolymer, the density of cobalt atoms in the nano-cylinders is controlled. As the density decreases, the number of cobalt nanoparticles is decreased. This results in a larger average spacing between particles since the cylinder diameter is held constant. By increasing the

average spacing between particles, the dipolar interactions between cobalt nanoparticles (represented by the ovals) become weaker,²² leading to lower magnetic reversal temperatures.