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### Tension gradient self-assembly to facilely fabricate polytetrafluoroethylene coatings for oil-water separation

#### Dong Feng, Ding Weng, Chaolang Chen, Jiadao Wang

The surface-wetting properties of surfaces are dynamic in nature and, in particular, they can lead to self-cleaning properties. In this case, oil-water separation devices can take advantage of gradient properties in enabling higher efficiencies in separation processes. https://doi.org/10.1557/mrc.2019.65

### Renewable supercapacitor based on cellulose/carbon nanotubes/[Bmim][NTf<sub>2</sub>] ionic liquid

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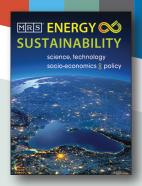
Carbon-based materials and cellulose enable the preparation of high-performance supercapacitors. In particular, nanocomposites generated with the incorporation of ionic liquids yield high charge/ discharge cycles out of these renewable materials.

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### Optical microcrack sensor paints inspired by luminescent oxygen quenching phenomenon

#### Tsuyoshi Hyakutake, Hiroyuki Nitta, Itaru Nishizaki

Visualization of failure is often an after-the-fact phenomenon in materials. By using optical microcrack-sensing mechanisms, it is possible to employ smart paints for advanced detection of failure mechanisms. https://doi.org/10.1557/mrc.2019.38



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Ellen Anderson

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#### Storage: Jurisdictional conflicts and state options

Nancy Lange, Ted Thomas

https://doi.org/10.1557/mre.2019.9

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Rao Konidena

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