

Physical studies of the Langmuir-Blodgett (LB) films of the C₆₀F₁₈

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The Langmuir-Blodgett (LB) technique allows one to make ultra-thin films, use of C₆₀ as LB material was described elsewhere [1,2]. Recently, the formation of the multilayers of C₆₀ and the molecular aggregation of C₆₀ due to its intrinsic lack of hydrophilic groups was observed [3,4]. It can be largely reduced by introduction of hydrophilic groups, such as halogen atoms. However physical properties of the thin films of halogenated fullerenes have not been fully investigated. We applied the LB technique to one of the most interesting fluorofullerenes C₆₀F₁₈ [5]. The pressure-area isotherm shows that C₆₀F₁₈ could form stable monolayers at the air-water interface. Dielectric, photoelectric properties, Stark effect and the absorption spectra of the deposited LB films were investigated, along with the STM study.

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