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# h-index: 13 (total citations: ~715)

# No. of Ph.D. students: 04 (01 submitted)

# **Areas of Interest**

- Energy Storage (Supercapacitors) and Integrated Wearable Devices
- Organic/Inorganic Perovskite Hybrid Solar cells & LEDs
- Organic/polymer photovoltaics & LEDs
- Conducting Polymers
- Nanomaterials (Graphene, 2D transition metal dichalcogenides and Quantum dots)

# List of Patents/Books/Publications

# Patent(s)

1. Prema K.H, Raji Krishnan, Edamana Prasad, **Sreekanth J.Varma**, Aswathy Gopan, 2020, 'A process of preparing metal nanoparticles,' Patent no.360528, 08/03/2021

# Book(s)/Chapter(s)

- 1. S.Jayalekshmi, **Sreekanth J.Varma**, 'The Versatile Roles of Graphene in Organic Photovoltaic Device Technology', in Applied Spectroscopy and the Science of Nanomaterials, Progress in Optical Science and Photonics Volume 2, Springer Singapore, 2015, pp. 223-251
- 2. Jayesh C, **Sreekanth J.Varma**\*, 'Electrospun Manganese Oxide-Based Composites as Anodes for Lithium-Ion Batteries', in Electrospinning for Advanced Energy Storage Applications, Springer Nature International, 2021, Chapter 12, pp 345-372
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- 4. Sreekanth J.Varma\* and R.Jayakrishnan, 'Progress in Perovskite Photovoltaics', in Spectroscopy and Characterization of Nanomaterials and Novel Materials: Experiments, Modeling, Simulations, and Applications, Wiley, 2021 (Print ISBN:9783527349371 |Online ISBN:9783527833689) https://doi.org/10.1002/9783527833689.ch13

- Rohith R., Anandhu T.P, Ranjini R.Mohan, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, 'Supercapacitors: Fundamentals, Working Principle, Classifications, Energy Storage Mechanisms, Nanostructured Electrode and Electrolyte Materials, Promises, Challenges and Future Perspectives', Chapter 1 in Nanostructured Materials for Energy Storage: Volume II: Supercapacitors, Wiley, 2023 (Accepted)
- Anandhu T.P., Rohith R., Manju V., Ranjini R. Mohan, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, 'Biopolymer-Based Electroactive Materials', Chapter 10 in 'Sustainable Materials in Supercapacitors: New Developments in Energy Storage' Elsevier, 2023 - Under Review

# **Cover pages in International Journals**



# **Journal Publications**

- Anandhu Thejas Prasannakumar, Rohith R, Manju V, Ranjini R. Mohan, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, "Graphene nanoflake-self stabilized dispersion polymerized PANI hybrids as efficient, binder-free electrode materials for high-performance flexible symmetric supercapacitors", Journal of Electroanalytical Chemistry (2024) 952, 117952 (*Impact factor: 4.5*)
- Anandhu Thejas Prasannakumar, Rohith R, Manju V, Ranjini R. Mohan, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, "High energy density electrodes based on solution-intercalated, selfstabilised dispersion polymerised polyaniline/MWCNT hybrids for supercapacitors", Journal of Energy Storage (2024) 76,109732 (*Impact factor: 9.4*)
- Rohith R, Anandhu Thejas Prasannakumar, Manju V, Ranjini R. Mohan, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, "Flexible, Symmetric Supercapacitor using Self-stabilized Dispersion-Polymerised Polyaniline/ V2O5 Hybrid Electrodes", Chemical Engineering Journal (2023) 467, 143499 (*Impact factor: 16.744*)
- Anandhu T.P., Ranjini R. Mohan, Rohith R., Manju V., Dr. Sreekanth J.Varma\*, "Progress in Conducting Polymer-Based Electrospun fibers for Supercapacitor Applications: A Review", ChemistrySelect (2023) 8, e202203564 (*Impact factor:* 2.307)
- 5. Ranjini R.Mohan, Anandhu T.P., Joseph John, **Sreekanth J.Varma**\*, S Jayalekshmi\*, "Electromagnetic shielding performance of polyaniline-nanorod/graphene-nanoflake

hybrid films in the S- and X-bands", New Journal of Chemistry (2023) 47, 2565-2574 (*Impact factor: 3.925*)

- Anandhu T.P., Beryl C., Rohith R., U. Reeta Felscia, Reji Philip\*, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, ACS Applied Optical Materials (2023) 1, 3, 660-668 (*Front Cover*)
- Manju V, Rohith R, Anandhu T. P, Bhavija B.V, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, Dielectric and Electrochemical Performance of Rhombohedral Lanthanum Manganite Perovskite Nanostructures, New Journal of Chemistry (2022) 46, 19874-19887 (*Impact factor:* 3.925)
- Rohith. R, Anandhu Thejas Prasannakumar, Dr. Ranjini R. Mohan, Manju V, Dr. Sreekanth J.Varma\*, Advances in 2D Molybdenum Disulfide-Based Functional Materials for Supercapacitor Applications, Chemistry Select (2022) 7, e202203068 (*Impact factor: 2.307*)
- Anandhu T.P., Rohith R., Jayesh Cherusseri, Ranjini R.Mohan, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, "High Areal Capacitance and Long Cycling Stability in Asymmetric Supercapacitors Using Binder-Free, Hierarchical Nanostructured Ni3S2/MnO2 Hybrid Electrodes", Journal of Energy Storage (2022) 55, 105723 (*Impact factor: 9.4*)
- Anandhu T.P., Beryl C., Rohith R., U. Reeta Felscia, Reji Philip\*, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, "Hematene Nanoflakes: A non-van der Waals material with superior nonlinear optical properties", ChemRxiv (2022) DOI: 10.26434/chemrxiv-2022-fftqk \*Corresponding author
- 11. 29. Ranjini R.Mohan, Abhilash. A, Manoj Mani, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, S.Jayalekshmi\*, "Nano CuO-embedded polyaniline films as efficient broadband electromagnetic shields", Materials Chemistry and Physics (2022) 290, 126647 (*Impact factor: 4.778*) \*Corresponding authors
- Anandhu T.P., Ranjini R.Mohan, Jayesh Cherusseri, Rohith R., Sreekanth J.Varma, "High areal capacitance and enhanced cycling stability of binder-free, pristine polyaniline supercapacitor using hydroquinone as a redox additive", Electrochimica Acta, (2022) 425, 140740 (*Impact factor: 7.337*)
- Jayesh Cherusseri, Claire Mary Savio, Mohammad Khalid, Vishal Chaudhary, Arshid Numan, Sreekanth J.Varma, Amrutha Menon and Ajeet Kaushik, "SARS-CoV-2-on-Chip for Long COVID Management", Biosensors (2022) 12, 890 (*Impact factor:* 5.743)
- Ramakrishnan Jayakrishnan, Ramesh Chandran, Aruna R. Raj, Sreekanth J.Varma, "Copper-doped cesium lead bromide colloidal nano-platelets", Journal of Nanoparticle Research (2021) 23, 210 (*Impact factor: 2.533*)
- Aruna Raj, Sreekanth J.Varma, R.Jayakrishnan, "Self-assembled methylammonium lead bromide thin films with blue photoluminescence", Applied Nanoscience (2021) 11, 2095-2102 (*Impact factor: 3.869*)

- 16. Ligi ML., Abhilash A., **Sreekanth J.Varma** et al., "Light emitting, segmented block copolymers containing distyrylbenzene blocks connected through  $\alpha,\omega$ -nonamethylenedioxy chain spacer for applications in polymer light emitting diodes", Dyes and Pigments (2021) 184, 108729 (*Impact factor: 5.122*)
- Jayesh C., Sreekanth J.Varma\* et al., "Synthesis of air-stable two-dimensional nanoplatelets of Ruddlesden-Popper Organic-inorganic perovskites", Nanoscale, (2020) 12, 10072-10081 (\*Equal contribution) (*Impact factor: 8.307*)
- Sreekanth J.Varma, Jayesh C. et al., "Quantum dots of two-dimensional Ruddlesden-Popper organic-inorganic hybrid perovskite with high optical limiting properties", AIP Advances (2020) 10, 045130. (*Impact factor: 1.6*)
- 19. Aruna Raj, R.Jayakrishnan, **Sreekanth J.Varma**, "Polymer encapsulation as an effective method for enhanced stability in perovskite quantum dots", AIP Conference Proceedings, (2020) 2265, 030148
- 20. Yang Liu, Sreekanth J.Varma, et al., "Reflux Pretreatment Mediated Sonication: A New Universal Route to obtain 2D Quantum Dots", Materials Today (2019) 22, 17-24 (*Impact factor: 31.041*)
- Ranjini R.Mohan, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, S.Jayalekshmi\*, "Effective Electromagnetic Shield using Conductive Polyaniline Films", Materials Today Proceedings (2019) 8, 371-378 (\* Corresponding author)
- Sreekanth J.Varma et al., "Fibre-type Solar Cells, Nanogenerators, Batteries and Supercapacitors for Wearable Applications", Advanced Science (2018) 1800340. (*Impact factor: 17.521*) (*Cover page*)
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- 26. Ranjini R.Mohan\*, **Sreekanth J.Varma**\* and Jayalekshmi Sankaran, "Impressive electromagnetic shielding effects exhibited by highly ordered, micrometer thick polyaniline films", Applied Physics Letters, 108, (2016) 154101 (\*Equal contribution) (*Impact factor: 3.971*)
- 27. Anand P.B, Shijeesh M.R, Sreekanth J.Varma, S. Jayalekshmi, "Exceptionally crystalline and conducting acid doped Polyaniline (PANI) films by level surface

assisted solution casting approach", Applied Physics Letters, 108, (2016) 161901. (*Impact factor: 3.971*)

- Vidya G\*, Sreekanth J.Varma\*, M.V.Mahesh Kumar, S.Prathapan, S.Jayalekshmi and Rani Joseph, "Semiconducting Thienylene – Biphenylenevinylene Hybrid Polymers: Synthesis, Characterization and Application Prospects in Polymer LEDs", Dyes and Pigments, 126 (2016) 303-312 (\*Equal contribution) (*Impact factor: 5.122*)
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- Sreekanth J.Varma, Ranjini R.Mohan, Vidya G, S.Jayalekshmi, S.Prathapan, "Effect of Solvents on the Photoluminescence Emission of a Few Novel, Light Emitting, Segmented Block Copolymers and Hybrid Polymers", AIP Conference Proceedings, 1576 (2014) 171-175
- 32. **S.J.Varma**, Jerin George, Jeeju.P.P, S.Jayalekshmi, "Quantum confinement effects in highly conducting, ultrathin Polyaniline films pursued through spectroscopic investigations", Journal of Luminescence, 132 (2012) 801-805 (*Impact factor: 3.6*)
- S.J.Varma, Francis Xavier P.A, Soney Varghese and S.Jayalekshmi, "Synthesis and studies on exceptionally crystalline polyaniline thin films", Polymer International, 61, (2012) 743–748 (*Impact factor: 3.2*)
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- 35. Pullarkat P Jeeju, Augustine M Sajimol, Vallath G Sreevalsa, Sreekanth J Varma and S.Jayalekshmi, "Size-dependent optical properties of transparent, spin-coated polystyrene/ZnO nanocomposite films", Polymer International, 60 (2011) 1263–1268 (*Impact factor: 3.2*)
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- M.Sajimol Augustine, S.J.Varma, P.A. Francis Xavier and S. Jayalekshmi, "Enhanced photoluminescence in oleic acid modified polyaniline", Transactions of the Indian Institute of Metals, 64 (2011) 209-212
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insulating states, Optoelectronics and Advanced Materials – Rapid Communications, Vol.3, No. 2, February 2009, 149 – 154

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# **International/National Conferences: 40**

# **Invited Lectures**

- "Organic Electronics: In the Perspective of Sensors and Optoelectronic Devices", in Recent Trends in MEMS Sensors and Devices on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2013 as part of Continuing Education Programme of DRDO at Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL)
- "Spin coating technology", in a workshop on Virtual Instrumentation and Advanced Experimental techniques on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2013 at Government College, Nattakam, Kottayam
- "Graphene as a Prospective Material for Organic Photovoltaic Applications", in the National Seminar on Recent Trends in Supramolecular Assembly and Nanomaterials during the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2013 at MSM College, Kayamkulam
- "Polymer Research: The evolution from passive insulation to active light emission", in the National seminar on Current Trends in Material Science during the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 at Aquinas College, Edakochi

## Achievements/Awards

- Raman PDF (University Grants Commission, Govt. of India) (2016-17) International award given to pursue research in the forefront areas of science and technology in the United States of America. Worked as a Research Scientist in the NanoScience Technology Center, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- Dr.D.S.Kothari Postdoctoral fellowship (University Grants Commission, Govt. of India) 2013

# **Minor/Major Projects**

- 2015 Minor Project entitled "Development of highly crystalline conducting polymers and polymer nanocomposites for electromagnetic shielding applications" funded by University Grants Commission – Rs.5 lakhs
- 2015 Study of the pressure sensing properties of conducting polymers and their composites (Student: Mr.Praveen P.) Rs.13,000/-
- 2019 Synthesis of various transition metal dichalcogenides for catalytic applications (Students: Anaghasree V.S, Keerthana V.S) Rs.10,000/-
- 2021 Organic–Inorganic Nanohybrids for Energy Applications (Students: Gowri S Nair, Parvathy V) Rs.10,000/-

# **Professional Associations**

• Reviewer for the international peer-reviewed journals like Electrochimica Acta, Nature Scientific Reports, Applied Physics Letters, Journal of Materials Chemistry C, New Journal of Chemistry, Physica Scripta, The Chemical Records, Chemistry – A European Journal, Polymer Chemistry, RSC Advances, Polymer International, SN Applied

Sciences, Journal of Frontiers in Environmental Engineering (FIEE), International Journal of Chemistry and Material Science (IJCMS), Iranian Polymer Journal, Crystals, Gel, Membranes, Molecules, Applied Sciences, Materials, Coatings, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

# Education

- MSc (2004) Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, Kerala, India
- PhD (2012)- Department of Physics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, Kerala, India
- Postdoc (2016) NanoScience Technology Center, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

# In the Media

# INNOVATIVE FLEXIBLE SUPERCAPACITOR OFFERS PROMISING ENERGY STORAGE SOLUTION

• <u>https://www.gktoday.in/innovative-flexible-supercapacitor-offers-promising-energy-</u> storage-solution/

# **BREAKTHROUGH IN ENERGY STORAGE: FLEXIBLE SUPERCAPACITORS DEVELOPED WITH CONDUCTING POLYMER AND NANOSTRUCTURED OXIDES**

• <u>https://newsstation.media/latest-news/breakthrough-in-energy-storage-flexible-</u> supercapacitors-developed-with-conducting-polymer-and-nanostructured-oxides/

# FLEXIBLE SUPERCAPACITORS WITH POLYMER-OXIDE HYBRIDS FOR EFFICIENT ENERGY STORAGE

• <u>https://www.electronicsforu.com/news/flexible-supercapacitors-with-polymer-oxide-hybrids-for-efficient-energy-storage</u>

# FLEXIBLE SUPERCAPACITORS WITH EFFICIENT ENERGY STORAGE DEVELOPED USING CONDUCTING POLYMER & NANOSTRUCTURED INORGANIC OXIDE HYBRIDS

- <u>https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1969175</u>
- <u>https://dst.gov.in/flexible-supercapacitors-efficient-energy-storage-developed-using-conducting-polymer-nanostructured</u>
- https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\_fbid=pfbid0QEtkTh1eVJuvWthQvKXto Ymr7gt9A8UA7GKFf7jxxaGfAJw1MHgNeUmPppSPcdXsl&id=100064382571801 &mibextid=ZbWKwL&paipv=0&eav=AfZnnbKr17VbgTB4Mk1KbAcvzv2Eeah7kz TjbYHyw3vnLY5utAsOalr6iDpefi2\_9z8&\_rdr
- <u>https://x.com/IndiaDST/status/1715231961692938623?s=20</u>

# NEW LOW-COST, POLYMER-BASED ELECTRODE CAN INCREASE ELECTROCHEMICAL PERFORMANCE OF SUPERCAPACITORS IN WEARABLE INTEGRATED DEVICES

- <u>https://dst.gov.in/new-low-cost-polymer-based-electrode-can-increase-electrochemical-performance-supercapacitors?fbclid=IwAR0t2K108oZ79StgqOGc0RMOw0-kUPfCeEU\_gccWu9Yt7Ef7Y228uNszsZY</u>
- <u>https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1846909</u>
- <u>https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=A%20new%2C%20low-cost%20conducting%20polymer</u>
- <u>https://twitter.com/IndiaDST/status/1554029474362322945?t=iY-3GBqWdtwdUIP8P04R4Q&s=08</u>

# 2D NANOFLAKES OF MATERIAL EXTRACTED FROM IRON ORE CAN PROTECT SENSITIVE OPTICAL EQUIPMENT FROM LIGHT-INDUCED DAMAGE

• <u>https://dst.gov.in/2d-nanoflakes-material-extracted-iron-ore-can-protect-sensitive-optical-equipment-light-induced</u>

- https://www.facebook.com/IndiaDST/posts/pfbid0SRRQ8roobXwGns9XqtHSQYJqz ECTqHDJkMic5PXXyyquWuyRNtVqKh1W8EjM4CF81
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# ATMAS (AUTOMATIC TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT AND ALERT SYSTEM)

- <u>https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/students-of-sd-college-in-alappuzha-develop-automated-temperature-monitoring-system/article36080722.ece#:~:text=In%20the%20search%20for%20newer%20technologies%20that%20are,a%20camera%2C%20temperature%20module%2C%20and%20an%20Arduino%20microcontroller</u>
- https://www.madhyamam.com/kerala/local-news/alappuzha/--839748



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