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Jaspreet Kaur Randhawa, Indian Institute of Technology Mandi, India

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Valerio F Gili, Paris Diderot University, France

Title: Ferroelectricity in BaTiO₃ nanocrystals: towards future applications
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Title: First-principles study of optoelectronic, transport and ionic sieving properties of Ti₃C₂X₂ (X=O, OH and F) Mxene
Golibjon R. Berdiyorov, Hamad bin Khalifa University, Qatar

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Chae Lin Kim, Inha University Republic of Korea

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Eunbeen Na, Inha university, Republic of Korea

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Hongli Sun, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

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Jihyeong Ryu, Inha University, Republic of Korea

MSE10 Title: Fibrous NSAID Buccal films
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MSE11 Title: Ceramic/camphene based three-dimensional co-extrusion for biomimetic structure
Jong Woo Kim, Korea University, Korea

MSE12 Title: Effect of carbon-based nanomaterials on flexible polyurethane foaming process and foam fire behavior
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MSE13 Title: Observations on the effect of forging temperature on the microstructure of super-duplex stainless steel UNS S32760
Mariana Lucía Angelescu, University Politehnica of Bucharest, Romania

MSE14 Title: Development of more sustainable viscoelastic polyurethane foam
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MSE15 Title: Effect of surface treatment on wettability of tetragonal zirconia polycrystals (TZP)
Masao Yoshinari, Tokyo Dental College, Japan

MSE16 Title: Synthesis via hydrothermal route, morphology control, and luminescent properties of rare-earth doped GdPO₄ particles
Matas Janulevicius, Vilnius University, Lithuania

MSE17 Title: Gradually porous bio ceramic scaffolds using ceramic/camphene-based three-dimensional co-extrusion
Min-Kyung Ahn, Korea University, Korea

MSE18 Title: Stretchable and flexible thermoelectric polymer composites for self-powered volatile organic compound vapors detection
Petr Slobodian, Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic

MSE19 Title: Self-sensing of strain in a fiber glass/epoxy composite by built-in stripe of carbon nanotubes with Ag nanoparticles
Petr Slobodian, Tomas Bata University in Zlin, Czech Republic

MSE20 Title: Development of electrospun timolol maleate-loaded fibrous nanocoatings for ocular lenses
Prina Mehta, De Montfort University, UK

MSE21 Title: Electrospun coatings for micron scaled medical devices
Radeyah Ali, De Montfort University, UK

MSE22 Title: Sonicated decellularised xenograft – a perfect scaffold for cell adhesion
Swathy R, Frontier Lifeline & KM Cherian Heart Foundation Hospital, India

MSE23 Title: Facile biosensor for detecting norovirus using specific binding probes
Tae Jung Park, Chung-Ang University, Republic of Korea

MSE24 Title: Manufacturing of gasket sheet using paper manufacturing process without organic solvent
Yoonjong Yoo, Korea Institute of Energy Research, Republic of Korea
Title: Pickering emulsion droplets for thermally expandable microcapsule with core-shell structure using β-cyclodextrin
Ji-Young Jung, Inha University, Republic of Korea

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| Nanomedicine & Biotherapeutic Discovery          | J Nanomedine Biotherapeutic Discov | 2.69 |
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| Entomology, Ornithology & Herpetology | Entomol Ornith Herpetol | 1.26 |
Supporting Journals

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14th International Conference and Exhibition on Cosmetic Dermatology and Hair Care
August 13-14, 2018   Madrid, Spain
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17th Global Diabetes Conference & Nursing Care
March 08-09, 2018    Paris, France
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27th European Diabetes Congress
June 20-21, 2018   Rome, Italy
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3rd International Conference on Metabolic Syndrome & Clinical Management
June 18-19, 2018   Dublin, Ireland
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29th International Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and Complications
September 27-28, 2018   Berlin, Germany
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13th European Diabetes and Endocrinology Congress
November 26-27, 2018 Dublin, Ireland
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Engineering

2nd International Conference on 3D Printing Technology and Innovations
March 19-20, 2018   London, UK
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4th International Conference and Business Expo on Wireless, Telecommunication & IoT
May 28-29 2018   London, UK
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2nd World Congress on Wind and Renewable Energy
June 14-15, 2018    London, UK
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3rd International Conference on Power and Energy Engineering
June 18-19, 2018   Rome, Italy
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4th International Conference and Exhibition on Satellite & Space Missions
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5th International Conference on Big Data Analysis and Data Mining
June 20-21, 2018   Rome, Italy
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4th Global Summit and Expo on Multimedia & Artificial Intelligence
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6th World Congress on Hepatitis & Liver Diseases  
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13th Euro-Global Gastroenterology Conference  
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3rd International conference on Digestive Diseases  
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7th International Conference and Exhibition on Cell and Gene Therapy  
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20th Global Congress on Biotechnology  
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**Geology and Earth Sciences**

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Healthcare

3rd World Congress on
Public Health & Nutrition
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3rd World Congress on
Health Economics & Patient Safety
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5th International Conference on
Tropical Medicine & Infectious Diseases
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13th World Congress on
Healthcare & Technologies
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2nd International Conference on
Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies
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6th International Conference on
Medical Informatics & Telemedicine
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4th International Conference on
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General Practice & Primary Care
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4th World Congress on Health Economics, Health Policy and Healthcare Management
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3rd International Conference on
Environmental Health & Preventive Medicine
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3rd International Conference on
Advances in Skin, Wound Care and Tissue Science
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3rd International Conference on
Healthcare & Hospital Management
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7th International Conference on
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**4th International Conference and Expo on Ceramics and Composite Materials**
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4th International Conference on Spine and Spinal Disorders
November 12-13, 2018 Frankfurt, Germany
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4th International Conference on
Central Nervous System Disorders & Therapeutics
November 12-14, 2018 Edinburgh, Scotland
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Nursing

North America

47th Global Nursing & Healthcare Conference
March 01-03, 2018 London, UK
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W: global.nursingconference.com/europe

7th World Congress on Breast Cancer
May 10-11, 2018 Frankfurt, Germany
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3rd International Conference on
Reproductive Health and Medicine
May 21-22, 2018 Vienna, Austria
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48th World Congress on
Advanced Nursing Research
June 14-15, 2018 Dublin, Ireland
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2nd World Congress on
Patient Safety & Quality Healthcare
June 21-22, 2018 Dublin, Ireland
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49th International Congress on
Nursing Care Plan and Health
16 -18 July 2018 Rome, Italy
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50th World Congress On Men in Nursing
July 16-17, 2018 Rome, Italy
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Europe

5th Annual Congress on
Emergency Nursing & Critical Care
July 16-17, 2018 London, UK
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W: emergency.nursingmeetings.com

26th Cancer Nursing & Nurse Practitioners Conference
July 16-17, 2018 London, UK
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31st World Congress on
Advanced Nursing Practice
August 16-18, 2018 Madrid, Spain
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29th International Conference on
Pediatric Nursing & Healthcare
August 16-17, 2018 Madrid, Spain
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17th World Congress on
Clinical Nursing and Practice
August 29-30, 2018 Zurich, Switzerland
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W: clinical.nursingmeetings.com

5th World Congress on
Midwifery & Women’s Health
September 13-14, 2018 Frankfurt, Germany
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W: midwifery.conferenceseries.com/europe

24th World Nursing and Healthcare Conference
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29th Euro-Global Summit on Cancer Therapy & Radiation Oncology
July 23-25, 2018 Rome, Italy
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28th Euro Congress on Cancer Science & Therapy
August 09-10, 2018 Madrid, Spain
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4th World Congress on Medical Imaging and Clinical Research
September 03-04, 2018 London, UK
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W: clinical-medicalimaging.conferenceseries.com

4th International Congress on Epigenetics and Chromatin
September 03-04, 2018 London, UK
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W: epigenetics.conferenceseries.com

3rd Cancer Diagnostics Conference & Expo
September 20-21, 2018 Berlin, Germany
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W: cancerdiagnostics.conferenceseries.com

36th World Cancer Conference
October 11-13, 2018 Zurich, Switzerland
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W: cancer.global-summit.com

13th World Biomarkers Congress
November 29-30, 2018 Dublin, Ireland
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17th International Conference on Clinical & Experimental Ophthalmology
October 1-3, 2018 Moscow, Russia
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28th European Ophthalmology Congress
November 26-28, 2018 Dublin, Ireland
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13th International Conference on Laboratory Medicine and Pathology
June 25-26, 2018 Berlin, Germany
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W: laboratorymedicine.conferenceseries.com

14th International Conference on Surgical Pathology & Cancer Diagnosis
May 17-18, 2018 Rome, Italy
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Pathology

Ophthalmology

19th Ophthalmology Summit
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| 5th International Conference and Expo on Novel Physiotherapies March 19-20, 2018 Berlin, Germany E: novelphysiotherapies@annualconferences.org W: novelphysiotherapies.conferenceseries.com | |
| 12th World Congress on Pharmaceutical Sciences and Innovations in Pharma Industry February 26- 27, 2018 London, UK E: pharmaindustry@pharmaceuticalconferences.org W: industry.pharmaceuticalconferences.com | |

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4th International Conference on Condensed Matter and Materials Physics
August 16-17, 2018 London, UK
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3rd International Conference on Quantum Optics and Quantum Computing
September 10-11, 2018 London, UK
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W: quantumoptics.physicsmeeting.com

4th International Conference on Physics
September 17-18, 2018 Berlin, Germany
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4th International Conference on Quantum Physics and Quantum Technology
October 18-19, 2018 Rome, Italy
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3rd International Conference on Astronomy and Space Science
October 18-19, 2018 Rome, Italy
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3rd International Conference on Magnetism and Magnetic Materials
October 22-23, 2018 Rome, Italy
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4th International Conference on High Energy & Particle Physics
December 03-04, 2018 Valencia, Spain
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4th International Conference on Mental Health & Human Resilience
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4th International Conference on Depression, Anxiety and Stress Management
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27th World Congress on Psychiatry & Psychological Syndromes
June 21-23, 2018 London, UK
E: psychiatrycongress.com

28th Euro Congress on Psychiatrists and Psychologists
July 05-06, 2018 Vienna, Austria
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W: psychiatry.global-summit.com/europe

29th International Conference on Psychiatry & Psychology Health
July 09-10, 2018 Paris, France
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33rd International Conference on Adolescent Medicine & Child Psychology
Sep 04-05, 2018 Zurich, Switzerland
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3rd International Congress on Forensic Science and Psychology
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35th International Conference on Psychiatry & Psychosomatic Medicine
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2nd International Conference on Craniofacial Surgery
October 08-09, 2018 London, UK
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9th European Congress of Rheumatology, Autoimmunity and Orthopedics
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Surgery

3rd International Conference on Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
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15th Euro-Global Summit on Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology
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3rd International Conference on Arthroplasty and Orthopedics
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16th Annual Meeting on Environmental Toxicology and Life Sciences
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World Congress on Neurology and Neuromuscular Disorders
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Vaccines

3rd European Otolaryngology-ENT Surgery Conference
October 08-10, 2018 London, UK
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29th International Conference on Vaccines and Immunization
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Keynote Forum
Day 1
Encoded SERS plasmonic NPs in nanomedicine

Single-molecule sensitivity of SERS has brought to prominence the special role played by so-called SERS hotspots. Given that nanometer-scale junctions between nanoparticles produce significant electric field enhancement, the use of SERS-active dimers provides a suitable platform for developing effective sensing, imaging and therapy methodologies. Moreover, the relevant implementation of SERS active species design has opened new pathways and strategies for the SERS application in the clinical and medical field. Herein, I will present how encoded SERS metal NPs result promising multifunctional nanomaterials for biomedical applications. Particularly, SERS tag-synthesis, assembly and optical features will be stated and several examples of their use in detection, imaging, drug loading and therapy will be provided in order to show the remarkable and potential applicability in nanomedicine on the basis of their unique physicochemical features, sensitivity, selectivity and multiplexing capabilities.

Biography

Nekane Guarrotxena was a PhD in chemistry from the University of Complutense, Madrid-Spain (1994). She held post-doctoral research positions at ENSAM, Paris-France (1994-1995) and University of Montpellier-France (1995-1997). She was the Vice-Director of ICTP-CSIC (2001-2005) and visiting-professor at UCSB and at UCI, California-USA (2008-2011). She is currently Research Scientist at the ICTP-CSIC-Spain. She has published more than 60 peer-reviewed publications, 4 books (also co-editor), more than 24 book chapters and 1 patent; and serves as an Editorial Board member of several journals, organizing committee member of scientific-technological events and External Expertise Consultant on I+D+i for National and International Agencies. Her studies focus on the synthesis and assembly of hybrid-nanomaterials, nanoplasmonics, smart nanomaterials and their nanobiotechnology applications (bioimaging, drug delivery, therapy and biosensing).

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Biodegradable magnesium implant materials – state of the art

Corrosion behavior of Magnesium and its alloys are normally crucial for numerous applications and hinder often its use. But this disadvantage turns into a tremendous benefit in the area of degradable implants. Here, Magnesium alloys gained interest as biocompatible, degradable implant materials. Magnesium is an essential element for the human body and therefore the body owns a regulating system that balances intake and excretion of Magnesium. Therefore a toxic accumulation can be avoided. Additionally Magnesium alloys are showing better mechanical properties compared to polymers, titanium, stainless steels or cobalt-chromium alloys as their strength and stiffness is much closer to human bone. Besides applications in the musculo-skeletal system they are also suitable as stent materials in the cardiovascular system. And again they offer advantages compared to other stent materials like polymers, stainless steels and titanium. One advantage of Magnesium based implant materials is that it can be resorbed by the human body after a given time. This is of benefit e.g. for stents as well as for implants that are used in children traumatology. In the first case there is still a risk of restenosis which requires now a coronary bypass surgery. In the case of bone implants for children a removal of permanent implants would be necessary in any case due to still growing bone of children. However, the requirements for stents or bone implants are different. To adjust processability as well as properties alloying and process optimization are necessary. We will report the state of the art in the area of rare earth containing Magnesium alloys and the developments at the Magnesium Innovation Centre.

Recent Publications


Biography
Karl Ulrich Kainer is the director of the Magnesium Innovation Centre (MagIC) at the Helmholtz Centre Geesthacht. The main focus of the research in MagIC, headed by Prof. Karl Ulrich Kainer, is the development of magnesium-based materials for diverse applications, for example in the transport and medical sectors. Special emphasis is placed on alloy development and on the optimization of existing and new processing technologies. Scientific fundamental research and application-oriented investigations are necessary in order to produce magnesium materials with the optimum spectrum of properties for specific service applications. MagIC has established capabilities and the appropriate equipment for this purpose.

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Scientific Tracks & Abstracts
Day 1
### Session Introduction

**Title:** Material Science and Optics: Applications from Spectroscopy to Metrology, from Fundamental Physics to Space  
*Simone Borri*, Istituto Nazionale di Ottica, Italy

**Title:** First-principles design of low-dimensional quantum materials with nontrivial band topology  
*Mina Yoon*, University of Tennessee, USA

**Title:** Role of Lamb and Horizontal Acoustic Waves in Microscopic Mechanism of Structural Phase Transitions in Crystal Plates  
*Michael Kaplan*, Simmons College, USA

**Title:** High sensitivity metamaterial heterodyne detectors at $\lambda = 9\mu m$ operating room temperature  
*Carlo Sirtori*, Universite Paris Diderot, France

**Title:** Sandwich method to grow high quality AlN by MOCVD  
*Ilkay Demir*, Cumhuriyet University, Turkey

**Title:** Magnetic skyrmions: Spin torque induced motion and electrical detection at room temperature in metallic multilayers  
*Nicolas Reyren*, Unité Mixte de Physique, France

**Title:** Spinorbitronics at Interfaces for THz Emission  
*Henri Jaffrès*, Unité Mixte de Physique, France

**Title:** Zinc nitride material for the development of novel electronic sensors and flexible electronics  
*Jose Luis Pau*, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

**Title:** Segmental dynamics in a polymer material studied by single molecule imaging  
*Hiroyuki Aoki*, Japan Atomic Energy Agency, Japan

**Title:** Atomic force microscopy of butadiene-nitrile rubber composites deformation  
*Nikolay Shadrinov*, Institute of Oil and Gas Problems SB RAS, Russia

**Title:** Conductivity Studies of Methyl Cellulose/Chitosan/1-butyl-3-methyl imidazolium bis(trifluoro sulfonyl) imide Doped With Ammonium Triflate Based Polymer Electrolyte  
*Azwani Sofia Ahmad Khair*, Universiti Sains Islam, Malaysia

**YRF:** Transport properties of a two-dimensional PbSe square superstructure in an electrolyte-gated transistor  
*Maryam Alimoradi Jazi*, University of Utrecht, Netherlands
Material science and optics: applications from spectroscopy to metrology, from fundamental physics to space

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Material Science and Optics are intrinsically related from the earlier study on radiation-matter interaction. Over the last years, photonics has rapidly evolved towards more compact and sophisticated devices from the visible-near infrared (VIS-NIR) towards Mid and Far Infrared (MIR and THz). The challenge is the realization of integrated structures as a powerful technology for “packing” sources, detectors, electronics and optics into single and low costs platforms. In particular MIR and THz spectral region are very attractive for scientific and applicative reasons: this spectral zone is the “so-called” fingerprint region in which many substances exhibit very strong characteristic absorptions: simple molecules (CO2, H2O, H2S, etc.), complex molecules (dioxins, explosives, organic fluids, etc.). Key light sources for mid infrared sensing and spectroscopy are coming from Material Science Research: Interband and Quantum Cascade Lasers. For spectroscopic and metrology it is very important to have stable sources with narrow linewidth. In this view, a new class of materials (nonlinear crystals) and devices enable frequency conversion, in order to realize optical references using VIS-NIR sources or Laser Frequency Combs. A new Physics and new classes of devices are coming from research in crystalline Whispering Gallery Mode Resonators (WGMRs). These devices enable nonlinear generation of optical frequency combs, recently exploited in the Telecom region (making use of micro-resonators where light is coupled in and out by optical fibers). Such WGMRs are also providing outstanding performance in laser stabilization, even in the mid infrared-MIR spectral range. They can also be used for direct sensing in gaseous or liquid compounds, with innovative applications in the field of medicine, human health and study of capillarity phenomena and viscous-elastic properties of fluids. Here, we report our recent research activity on crystalline and liquid WGMRs, used as powerful tool for nonlinear optics, bio-chemical sensing and mid-IR laser frequency stabilization, passive and active optical cavity-assisted surface-plasmon-resonance sensors as well as nonlinear crystals for generation of metrological mid-IR coherent light. These results open the way to new classes of compact MIR sources with a number of applications in Space missions, Metrology, Chemistry and Fundamental Physics.

Figure 1: High-Q crystalline Whispering Gallery Mode Resonators have undergone an impressive development in the last years, demonstrating ultimate performance in laser stabilization from UV to MIR spectral range.

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Biography
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First-principles design of low-dimensional quantum materials with nontrivial band topology

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We discover new class of electrides [1,2], the first electride with nontrivial band topology, based on 1D building blocks by coupling materials database searches and first-principles-calculations-based analysis. This new class of electrides, composed of 1D nanorod building blocks, has crystal structures that mimic β-TiCl₃ with the position of anions and cations exchanged. Unlike the weakly coupled nanorods of β-TiCl₃, Cs₃O and Ba₃N retain 1D anionic electrons along the hollow inter-rod sites; additionally, strong inter-rod interaction in Cs₃O and Ba₃N induces band inversion in a 2D superatomic triangular lattice, resulting in nontrivial band topology of Dirac nodal lines [2]. This new material could be served as an ideal template to explore various quantum phases. Using a tight-binding Hamiltonian based on two-dimensional (2D) honeycomb lattices, we construct a phase diagram in terms of exchange coupling and spin-orbit coupling (SOC), which spans four different phases, such as topological insulator, large/small gap quantum anomalous Hall (QAH) insulator, and ferromagnetic semiconductor [3]. We reveal that 2D honeycomb lattices consisting of some post-transition metals, such as Sn, Pb, and Bi, undertake ferromagnetic transition as the lattice constant increases and significant changes in SOC strength, which makes them an ideal material to explore the versatile phases solely by changing lattice constants. First-principles density functional calculations demonstrate that 2D honeycomb SnF can show QAH effect with SOC gap of ~0.25eV and Curie temperature (Tᵥ) of ~780K [3]. Our calculations propose a new avenue to the room-temperature QAH effect in realistic 2D materials systems.

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Biography

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Role of Lamb and horizontal acoustic waves in microscopic mechanism of structural phase transitions in crystal plates

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Microscopic theory of structural phase transitions based on the cooperative Jahn-Teller effect is considered for finite size crystal samples in the shape of a plate. In these samples one size – thickness $2h$ – is significantly smaller than two others. In such crystal plate the electron and phonon spectra are different from ones of the regular 3-dimensional crystal. The vibrational spectrum difference is in the focus of attention in this presentation. This difference is especially big for the long wave acoustic vibrations with the wavelength $\lambda \geq 2h$. Structural phase transitions are caused by the intersite electron interactions mediated by the crystal acoustic and optical vibrations – virtual phonon exchange. If the major contribution to these interactions is related to the acoustic vibrations, the theory modifications caused by sample surfaces are especially significant. The theory peculiarities for crystal plates are connected with the existence of the Lamb (symmetric LS and antisymmetric LA) and horizontal (symmetric SH and antisymmetric AH) vibrational modes. The mutual orientation of the crystal symmetry axes and the crystal plate surface (crystal cut type) is of primary importance in defining the acoustic wave family most significant in the mechanism of structural phase transition. Thermodynamic and dynamic aspects of the cooperative Jahn-Teller effect in tetragonal symmetry crystal plates with the major role of the Lamb waves or horizontal waves in the mechanism of the ferroelastic phase transition are under discussion.

Biography

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Notes:
High sensitivity metamaterial heterodyne detectors at $\lambda = 9\mu m$ operating room temperature

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Room temperature operation is mandatory for any optoelectronics technology which aims at low-cost and compact systems for widespread applications. In this work we present a 9µm photodetector and heterodyne receiver with enhanced performances up to room temperature, where we have estimate signal to noise ratio in the pW range. This has been realised by implementing a quantum well detector (QWIP) into a metamaterial made of subwavelength metallic resonators. Each resonator acts as an antenna and improves the photonic collection area, which is greatly increased with respect to the electrical area. Moreover the very short life-time of the excited carriers is a very important intrinsic property of QWIPs that have not been exploited for performances yet. Its typical value is in the order of a ps, which leads to two important consequences: the detector frequency response can be up to 100 GHz and its saturation intensity is extremely high in the in the order of $10^7 \text{ W/cm}^2$. These two figures are ideal for a heterodyne detection scheme, in which a powerful local oscillator (LO) can drive a strong photocurrent, higher than the detector dark current, that can coherently mix with a signal shifted in frequency with respect to the LO. Notably, these unique properties are unmatched in infrared interband detectors based on mercury-cadmium-telluride alloys, which have a much longer carrier lifetime and therefore intrinsic low-speed response. On the contrary the reduced physical area and the increased responsivity of our metamaterial devices allowed us to take full advantage of the intrinsic high frequency response of the quantum detector up to room temperature. By beating on it two quantum cascade lasers we have measured heterodyne signal at high frequencies up to 4.5GHz, with NEP in the pW range at 300K.

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Biography
Carlo Sirtori received his PhD in physics from the University of Milan in 1990. The same year he joined Bell Labs where he started his research career on semiconductor quantum devices. In 1994 he was one of the co-inventor of the “Quantum Cascade Laser”. In 1997, Carlo Sirtori joined the THALES Research & Technology (TRT) in France. Since 2002, he is Professor at the University Paris Diderot, and in 2010, he became Director of the MPQ laboratories of the University Paris Diderot. Carlo Sirtori is the author of more than 240 articles in peer reviewed journals and has given some 100 invited talks at international conferences. He has received several prestigious awards such as the Fresnel Prize (European Physical Society) and various prizes in the USA, such as the “quantum devices award”. In 2010 he was awarded an ERC-advanced-grant for his pioneering research on quantum devices.

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Sandwich method to grow high quality AlN by MOCVD

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The UV capabilities of III-nitride materials are of special interest for civilian applications such as air and water sterilization, efficient white lighting, high density optical data storage and military applications such as biological agent detection and non-line-of-sight communication etc. In recent years AlN has received a great deal of attention for use as a template layer for deep UV emitter and detector applications because of its promising features such as UV transparency, good thermal stability and high thermal conductivity. Generally, the surface morphology and defect density of AlGaN and the upper quantum-well active layer of DUV devices depend significantly on the crystalline quality of the underlying AlN template; therefore, obtaining AlN with a smooth surface and low threading dislocation (TD) density is critical to improve DUV device performance. In this study we report pulsed atomic layer epitaxy growth of high crystalline quality, thick (~2µm) and crack-free AlN material on c-sapphire substrates via a sandwich method using metal organic chemical vapor deposition. This method involves the introduction of a relatively low temperature (1050 °C) 1500 nm thick AlN layer between two 250 nm thick AlN layers which are grown at higher temperature (1170 °C). The surface morphology and crystalline quality remarkably improve using this sandwich method. A 2 µm thick AlN layer was realized with 33 arcsec and 136 arcsec FWHM values for symmetric (0002) and asymmetric (10-15) reflections of ω-scan, respectively, and it has an root-mean square surface roughness of ~0.71 nm for a 5 x 5 µm² surface area.

Biography
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Magnetic skyrmions: spin torque induced motion and electrical detection at room temperature in metallic multilayers

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Magnetic skyrmions are small whirling magnetic textures with non-trivial topology, which are usually stabilized by the Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction (DMI). As they are potentially the smallest magnetic textures in magnetic thin films stable at room temperature, they attracted a lot of attention due to their potential applications for memory devices [1]. In 2016, we have shown that sub-100nm skyrmions can be stabilized at room temperature using Ir|Co|Pt-based in 10 repetition multilayers in order to increase the magnetic volume compared to single layer systems, while keeping large DMI (about 2 mJ/m²) [2]. Moreover, we also demonstrated the possibility to nucleate them using current pulses [3-5], and to detect them using anomalous Hall effect [4,5]. In the studied geometry, the topological Hall effect is negligible compared to the anomalous Hall effect, which is sufficient to detect single skyrmions in 500-nm-wide tracks, as we could verify by simultaneous magnetic force microscopy (MFM) measurements (see Fig.1). Up to now, the spin torque induced skyrmion velocity remains low, partly due to the imperfect materials (with textured crystalline grains) [3]. We indeed also realized that the magnetic textures of the skyrmions along the thickness of the multilayers were more complex than initially thought, contrasting with most of the previous models considering 2D magnetic textures. The internal structure of the skyrmions can be refined using simulations and x-ray resonant magnetic scattering (XRMS) [4,6] at the L3 Co edge. This new insights should allow us to better engineer the multilayer stacking sequence in order to achieve skyrmion motion at lower current densities and get closer to potential applications.

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Biography

Nicolas Reyren got his PhD in 2009 at the University of Geneva (Switzerland). He joined the CNRS at the Unité Mixte de Physique CNRS/Thales (France) as a junior researcher in 2013. He is interested by spin-orbit related phenomena in the context of spintronics, such as Edelstein effect, Dzyaloshinskii-Moriya interaction and skyrmions.

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Spinorbitronics at Interfaces for THz Emission

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Spin-Hall Effects at short lengthscale in bulk heavy metals like Pt or W [1] and spin-orbit related phenomena like Inverse-Edelstein Effect [2-3] at interfaces are presently at the basis of new spintronics functionalities. Combined with RF-spin-pumping Ferromagnetic Resonance (FMR) pumping, spin-orbit give rise to AC and DC spin-to-charge current conversion. Those combined techniques enable to probe the interface quality and physical properties. In the same way, in an extented description out of FMR resonance, it was recently reported that THz emission of relatively high power may be realized in the same kind of heterostructures composed of ferromagnetic (FM) and non-FM metal films via dynamical spin-to-charge conversion and time-dependent spectroscopy (TDS) [4-6]. In that mind, we will present our last results of THz emission provided by optimized growth bilayers composed of a high-spin orbit material in contact with a ferromagnetic layer Co/Pt, NiFe/Au:W. Those bilayers state-to-the art model systems in experiments combining RF-spin pumping and spin-to-charge conversion by ISHE [7-8]. Here, experiments consist in exciting magnetization and spin-currents within the FM layer via femtosecond laser excitation and measuring, in the picosecond timescale, the relaxation of the correlated spin and charge currents responsible for THz dipolar emission. The THz emission provided by these spintronics bilayers reaches the power of ZnTe semiconductor technology. We will display the first THz emission results obtained on α-Sn/InSb topological insulators. Moreover, in order to study the SHE spin-current profiles and address their properties in those [Co,Ni]N/Pt and [Co,Ni] N/Au:W multilayers, we have analyzed their Anomalous Hall effect (AHE) signals showing up a characteristic AHE spin-inversion from Pt to Au:W samples. We analyze our results in the series of samples: the exact conductivity profile across the multilayers via the ‘extended’ Camley-Barnas approach [9] and the spin current profile generated by spin-Hall effect. We will discuss the role of the generalized spin-mixing conducance on the spin-transport properties and spin-orbit torques.

Figure 1 | Time-Domain-Spectroscopy (TDS) THz signals of Pt(4nm)/Co(2nm)/Quartz bilayer systems obtained by femtosecond (100 fs) laser excitation (400 mW). The fs laser excitation causes magnetization precession associated to a spin-current (spin displacement). This is transformed afterward to a lateral charge current responsible for dipole oscillations and THz emission. The signal is compared to a reference ZnTe characteristic THz emission (amplitude x 0.5).
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Biography

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Zinc nitride material for the development of novel electronic sensors and flexible electronics

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Zinc nitride (Zn$_3$N$_2$) is a material with an antibixbyte structure in its crystal form and a band gap energy of 1.23 eV. It is deposited by radio frequency magnetron sputtering and molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) at low temperatures (T < 500 K) using reactive N$_2$ plasma and tends to form polycrystalline films. Despite its low temperature growth, it presents high mobilities (100 cm$^2$/V·s, in sputtering samples, and 350 cm$^2$/V·s, in MBE samples) and low resistivities (10$^{-2}$-10$^{-3}$ Ω·cm). Those are attractive features for applications in flexible electronics for which common substrates do not often tolerate high temperature growth. An intrinsic property of the material is its metastability in ambient conditions. The as-grown material has a black appearance but, through the reaction with the water molecules in air, it oxidizes completely to produce a translucent whitish film of ZnO. As a result of the transformation, the material becomes electrically insulating. Through our extensive work on the material characteristics, a good correlation between the transformation span and the storage conditions was found. Thus, at a constant temperature, the lifetime of the nitride layer reduces as the relative humidity increases. The irreversible characteristic of the nitride degradation makes our devices suitable for potential applications in industry. In particular, the thickness of the Zn$_3$N$_2$ layer can be tuned to adapt the device lifetime to the degradation time of a perishable product in transit during long-distance transportation or long-time storage. These products suffer sudden changes on the ambient conditions that could spoil them or diminish their quality. The device is fabricated on polyethylene substrates and can be read out either optically or electronically. In order to further develop the technology, we investigated material passivation using a ZnO layer on top of the nitride. The results indicate that the cap layer improves the stability of the electrical characteristics, enabling the fabrication of thin film transistors, which deliver good output characteristics and field effect mobilities close to those achieved in amorphous Si technology.

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**Biography**

Jose Luis Pau is an Associate Professor of the Applied Physics Department at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain. Currently, he is involved in the development of electronic devices based on novel materials, semiconductor nanostructures and bidimensional materials. The device technology developed at his group also exploits the properties of surface plasmons and polaritons in metal nanostructures and thin films to enhance device performance. Optoelectronic devices and (bio)sensors are the main targets as part of advanced technologies for future communications, food quality sensors and biomedical systems.

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Segmental dynamics in a polymer material studied by single molecule imaging

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Polymer materials have been used widely in our daily life, and they are used often as an ultra thin film with a thickness less than 100 nm. Such the thickness is comparable to the size of a single polymer chain; therefore, the conformation and molecular motion in an ultra-thin film should be constrained. Because the unique properties of polymer materials originate from the large degree of freedom of a polymer chain, various properties of an ultra-thin film would be different from those in a bulk state. However, the details on the polymer dynamics in a confined space is still unclear because the limitation of experimental methods. In this work, the dynamics in polymer thin films was studied through single molecule observation. A fluorescent perylenediimide (PDI) molecule was incorporated at the center of a poly(alkyl methacrylate) chain for the selective observation of the segmental motion at the chain center. The emission from the PDI moiety was observed by fluorescence microscopy in a defocus condition, which probe the translational and orientational motion of a single fluorescent molecule in real time. The detailed analysis of the molecular motion revealed that the diffusion rate of the in-plane rotation was similar for the thin film and the bulk; on the other hand, the out-of-plane motion was restricted in a thin film. This result indicates that the spatial restriction in an ultra-thin film thinner than the unperturbed chain dimension alters the dynamics of individual molecules in a polymer system.

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Biography
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Atomic force microscopy of butadiene-nitrile rubber composites deformation

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Statement of the Problem: Rubber has an excellent sealing ability and can be successfully used as sealing elements of different systems. There are no fields of industry where the rubber is not used. But sometimes the use of rubber has limitations due to insufficient strength, resistance to wear and oil, etc. The application of the fillers into rubber mix is one of the usual ways to improve up of physical and mechanical properties of rubbers specifically hardness, tensile straight, modulus. The properties of filled rubbers strongly depend on the interaction between the filler particles and the polymer matrix. There is a close correlation between the structure of filler and the modulus of a rubber product compounded with that filler. But still the reinforcing mechanism of rubber with active fillers is not completely studied. The purpose of this study is to describe the mechanism of rubber reinforcement with the use of atomic force microscopy (AFM).

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: AFM is perfect technique that allows us to see and measure surface structure with unprecedented resolution and accuracy. So, we employed AFM to study the surface properties of the supramolecular structure deformation of rubber composites under uniaxial stretching.

Findings: The influence of single-wall carbon nanotubes (SWCNT) on the properties of nitrile butadiene rubber (NBR). It was estimated that a small amount of SWCNT (less than 1 mass. part) into NBR does not lead to a change in the physical and mechanical and basic technical properties. A significant increase in strength characteristics is observed only at 2.5 and 5.0 mass. part of SWCNT. AFM allowed us to visualize of the deformation of the spatial grid structures formed by SWCNT, microcracks formation and to estimate the dependences of the Poisson's ratio and the surface roughness on the degree of uniaxial tension.

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Biography
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Conductivity studies of methyl cellulose/chitosan/1-butyl-3-methyl imidazolium bis(trifluoro sulfonyl) imide doped with ammonium triflate based polymer electrolyte

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Statement of the Problem: Polymer electrolyte is an ionic conductor containing inorganic salt dissolved in polymer host. Among other, liquid-based electrolyte are commonly used in electrochemical devices due to its high conductivity. Nevertheless, some drawbacks of liquid electrolyte could cause safety and environmental issues. Hence, solid biopolymer electrolyte (SBE) are proposed to overcome the problems. However, one drawback is the low conductivity of SBE has hindered their applications. Thus, this work was carried out to enhance the conductivity of SBE based on methylcellulose/chitosan blend doped with 1-butyl-3-methyl imidazolium bis (trifluoro sulfonyl) imide (BMIMTFSI) ionic liquid and ammonium triflate (NH4TF) salt.

Material and Method: A mixture of MC/CS/45 wt% BMIMTFSI containing different weight percentage of NH4TF was prepared by using solution casting technique. Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) was used to measure ionic conductivity over a wide range of frequency between 50Hz-1MHz and at temperatures between 298 K and 378 K. Findings: Maximum conductivity achieved is 7.67 x 10^{-4} Scm^{-1} with 25 wt% of NH4TF at ambient temperature. Dielectric data shows that the increase in conductivity could be due to the increase in number of charge carriers while modulus study confirms the non-Debye behavior. Conductivity study at elevated temperatures suggest that samples are Arrhenius in nature.

Conclusion & Significance: MC/CS/45 wt% BMIMTFSI /25 wt% NH4TF polymer electrolyte was successfully prepared. The sample achieve a maximum conductivity of 7.67 x 10^{-4} Scm^{-1} at ambient. The increase in conductivity could be attributed to increase in mobile ions while the decrease could be attributed to ion association. Temperature helps to assist ion movement and provide alternative pathway for the cation hoping, hence boost the conductivity.

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Biography
A.S.A Khiar has her expertise in Solid State Ionics particularly in the development of solid biopolymer electrolytes. Her research focuses on the enhancement of conductivity of various SBE based on chitosan, methylcellulose and starch based electrolytes. A.S.A Khiar is currently a lecturer at the Faculty of Science and Technology, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia.

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Transport properties of a two-dimensional PbSe square superstructure in an electrolyte-gated transistor

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Colloidal semiconductor nanocrystals have gained interest because their optical and electronic properties can be tuned by varying shape, size and composition. Recently, 2D square and honeycomb superstructure of lead- and cadmium-chalcogenide quantum dots (QDs) have been prepared. These superstructures are formed by assembling PbSe nanocrystals in a monolayer at the toluene suspension air/interface after which the nanocrystals attach via their four vertical \{100\} facets \cite{1,2}. Theoretical studies show that these 2-D systems have profoundly distinct band structures compared to other continuous nanosheets with the appearance of Dirac cones in the case of the honeycomb \cite{3,4}. Strong electronic coupling via the atomic connections of the QDs in the superstructure may result in a higher mobility compared to the self-assembled lead chalcogenide QDs that are less strongly coupled due to the (in)organic ligands \cite{5}. In our research, we use electrolyte-gated transistors (Figure 1a) to study the optoelectronic properties and transport characteristics of 2-D PbSe superstructures \cite{6}. The potential of the gate electrode determines the Fermi level with respect to the conduction band (CB) or valance band (VB) of the superstructure. First, to monitor the stability of the superlattice under electron injection we measure the differential capacitance as a function of gate voltage. From the total injected charge and an estimation of the number of nanocrystal sites in the gated part of the PbSe superlattice we calculate charge density of the superstructure. Second, the conductivity of the network is measured as a function of the Fermi level position. Finally, the mobility of the system is calculated from conductivity and charge density. As an alternative method to quantify electron injection into the PbSe superlattice, the optical absorption measurement is done while sweeping the potential. Furthermore, actual position of the Fermi level can also be obtained by measuring the inter-band light absorption quenching which monitors the precise occupation of the bands (Figure 1b). In our recent work, we report the first study of electron transport in a 2-D system with a square geometry in which band occupation is assured by the high electron density of 8 electron per nanocrystal site. The electron mobility between 5 and 18 cm\textsuperscript{2}/Vs is observed for these supersructures \cite{7}.

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Biography

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YRF: Designing and fabrication of anisotropic stent for the treatment of coronary heart disease
Hafsa Inam, National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan

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Modulation of cellular differentiation and behavior via engineering cell microenvironment

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Material surface is an important and versatile avenue for manipulation of cell-material interaction which eventually leads to modulation of cellular behavior. In our laboratory, we work on surface patterning to modulate cellular morphology with the hypothesis that cellular morphology has an intimate relationship with the cellular behavior. We also study the physical cues including physical stiffness, coupled with surface patterning in modulating stem cell differentiation. In particular, we found that micropatterning micro islets on polymeric substrate could directly modulate stem cell fate. Here we will show the stem cell differentiation into skeletal muscle lineage through micropatterning. We have designed patterns of 1 by 7 micron that are attached with ITG-β1 antibodies. hMSCs were then cultured on this biofunctionalized patterned substrate. After 2 weeks of culture, myotubes were observed and the relevant markers were positively exhibited. This micropatterning technique could also be adopted as a generic method to steer cellular behavior such as cell migration or polarization in wound healing applications.

(a) Schematic illustrating top- and cross-section view of micropatterned substrate. (b) Phase contrast image of fabricated gold micropatterned substrate (Scale bar: 10 µm). (c) Confocal image of PEG passivated gold micropatterned substrate displaying precise immobilization of ITG-β1 antibodies to the gold micropattern lanes (Scale bar: 20 µm). (d) Immunofluorescent staining of F-actin (red) and β-MHC (green) from both cell groups validated the myotubes formation on patterned substrate (Scale bar:100 µm).

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Biography

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Instrumentation and numerical modeling of the spark plasma sintering process – application to scale-up

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The Spark Plasma Sintering (SPS) process can lead to significant temperature and stress gradients within the graphite tools and the powder bed during the densification treatment. The establishment of the temperature and stress fields depends on the geometry of the used tools, the applied uniaxial stress, the considered temperature range and the thermos-physical properties of the sample. The identification of these gradients and the determination of their amplitude are necessary to precisely know the experimental conditions applied to the powder and to evaluate the possible thermomechanical gradients that may appear within the sample, especially in the case of large parts. The thermomechanical conditions seen by the powder bed directly impact the densification mechanisms and, finally, the microstructure and working properties of the sintered bodies. In this context, the optimization and prediction of the thermo-physical properties of the SPS process depend on reliable numerical models that can simulate the consolidation process. An electro-thermo-mechanical numerical model of the SPS process has thus been developed [1]. Concerning the electrothermal part, the input electrical data of the model were measured experimentally thanks to the development of a specific instrumentation. The main operating characteristics of the pulse generator have been highlighted as well as the effect of pulsed current on Joule heating kinetics at the start of sintering [2]. From a thermomechanical point of view, based on a robust experimental approach to identify powder densification mechanisms [3-4], the constitutive law has been integrated into the numerical model [1]. This approach coupling experimentation and simulation has been applied to the study of scaling-up problems in SPS, considering for example alumina pellets with a diameter greater than 50 mm (Fig. 1). The results of the numerical model have been correlated with microstructural features of the sintered compounds, especially in terms of spatial distribution of relative density.

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Biography

G Antou, assistant professor since 2005 at IRCER institute (Univ. of Limoges), mainly deal with the experimental characterization, the modeling and the numerical simulation of the thermomechanical behavior (in particular viscoplastic) of ceramic materials during their elaboration by pressure-assisted sintering or in service (creep). His scientific production (h index: 10) is now composed of 29 publications in international journals, 4 invited conferences, 55 oral communications, 3 grants, etc. He was co-responsible of 5 national or international projects (ANR, French MOD, CEA, CNRS contract).

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Elaboration of Ti based biocompatible alloys using Nb, Fe and Zr as alloying elements

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Increasing biocompatibility of implant materials is an important factor in developing better and long-lasting implants that function in a very close manner to actual tissue and bone. Various alloys have been used due to their biocompatibility, such as: stainless steels, titanium based alloys and nickel or cobalt alloys. Depending on the alloying elements used it is possible to modify the material properties to fit into various niches of use such as pacemaker devices, stents, biosensors, dental or bone implants and others. Some alloying elements show higher biocompatibility than others and the commonly used alloys include elements that can be detrimental to human health such as Nickel, Vanadium and Cobalt. Using materials such as Nb, Fe and Zr in order to replace the commonly used metals reduces the risks of accumulation of various substances that can damage tissue and lead to health complications. The proposed alloys are elaborated in a Five Celles levitation melting furnace under argon atmosphere in order to create a more homogeneous material with reduced defects and inclusions. The cast alloys are then analyzed through modern methods such as SEM, XRD, EDS and their mechanical properties such as hardness and strength and these properties are compared to that of bone in order to determine mechanical reliability.

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Biography
Cristian Pantilimon is an environmental and materials science engineer with an aim at research that can be introduced into the industrial sector. He has followed training and education during his undergraduate and graduate studies in foreign countries such as Italy and South Korea. The focus of his research is to develop better materials that can be used by the populace and that can have a very low impact on the wellbeing of both humanity and the environment.

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Synthetization and characterization of natural biocompatible composite having sustained drug release mechanism for topical and subcutaneous applications

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Statement of the Problem: The integrity of injured tissue and prevention from microbes at the site of wound is important factor for healing the target site. Currently, the main aims of wound dressings are to come up with natural material based environment which will not only prevent environmental intervention but also help in reducing microbial attack along with accelerating wound healing. The aim of this study was the synthetization and characterization of natural composite films that possess natural antimicrobial agent and can release it in a sustained manner. In this study CMC (CarboxyMethyl Cellulose), PVA (Polyvinyl Alcohol) and Basil seed gum were used for the preparation of a nature composite and Hermal seed extract was added as an anti-microbial agent.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: For the fabrication of films, solvent casting method is used. The different ratios of PVA, CMC and basil gum is used to synthesis the films with constant amount of drug. Afterwards, films were subjected to drug release testing along with antimicrobial and SEM analysis.

Findings: The SEM analysis of successfully fabricated films showed accumulation of drug over the surface of the films which resulted in initial burst release of Hermal and later slow release. The films showed good results against various bacterial strains.

Conclusion & Significance: The intrinsic antibacterial property of Hermal extract is combined with swelling property of PVA, basil seed gum and CMC. The composite films were screen for drug release and antibacterial activity against P. aeruginosa, E. coli, S. aureus and B. subtilis. According to the results obtained from antibacterial and drug release studies, the composition with the ratio of CMC/Gum 3:1 with Hermal extract is considered to be better among all other ratios used. Thus, this composition can be considered as a potent candidate for coatings and wound healing applications.

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Biography
Bakhtawar Ghafoor has her expertise in biomaterials and medical implants coatings. She has done her MS in Biomedical Sciences and currently she is doing PhD in Biomedical Sciences from National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan. She has worked on coatings for medical implants, electrospun mats for wound healing and on the synthesis of films for different biomedical applications.

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Designing and fabrication of anisotropic stent for the treatment of coronary heart disease

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Statement of the Problem: Coronary Heart Diseases lead towards the stenosis where the plaques are accumulated under coronary artery endothelium layer. This deposition blocks the coronary artery and does not allow smooth flow of blood to the walls of the heart. The design of stent has great influence on late lumen loss along with neointimal proliferation which affects the rate of restenosis. It is revealed that design of stent also affect the platelet activation and thrombogenesis. The purpose of this study is to design and fabricate a new coronary stent design with Auxetic geometry which will complement the body’s vascular system anisotropic properties. Based on previous studies, we can hypothesize that the new Auxetic design of stent will allow good anchorage with arterial walls. When expanded through an inflated balloon, the special feature of this design allows maintaining vascular patency by expanding in two directions simultaneously.

Findings: During longitudinal expansion there is no foreshortening in the Auxetic stent. This is an advantage over existing coronary stents where foreshortening cause the problem of stent migration. The 3.3 % elastic recoil shows that the luminal patency will effectively be maintained by the coronary artery. Having no foreshortening and minimal recoiling in the present stent will might avert the stent from migration problem while being expanded in the coronary artery which will reduce the chances of thrombogenesis and restenosis.

Conclusion & Significance: Auxetic design the stent has anisotropic properties that make it a great match for coronary vessel anisotropic structural properties. When expanded radially through balloon catheter the auxetic stent size increases in both radial and longitudinal directions exhibiting no foreshortening. It is believed that auxetic stent will prevent stent migration and will effectively maintain the luminal patency of the coronary artery due to the auxetic property of the stent design.

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Biography

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Design and fabrication of a hydrogel based pH sensor array for physiological applications

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Statement of the Problem: Changes in pH in the physiological environment are an important parameter in assessment of the normal functioning of the body. pH sensors such as pH glass electrodes, fiber optic pH sensors and sensors made from metal oxide have many limitations such as conformance to body contours and single point measurements. To address these limitations, there is a need for a planar, biocompatible and point of care pH sensor array that can conform with body contours and possibly provide a map of pH levels. This study focuses on the design and fabrication of a hydrogel based pH sensor array for physiological applications.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: The development of this conductometric pH sensor array has been carried out on the basis of measurement of the conductance of a pH-responsive composite (Chitosan/Gelatin) hydrogel. Since the sensitivity of a hydrogel based conductometric measurements can be dependent upon size and separation of the sensors, both these parameters have been investigated in detail. The design of the pH sensor array is dependent on the electrode density, which is a function of both the optimized size and separation of electrodes. The final electrode density was thus calculated and used for an optimized design of the pH sensor array. For fabrication, copper conductive layer tracts with pH sensitive gel casting, on a polyimide substrate have been used.

Conclusion & Significance: Conductometric tests carried out on the pH sensor array and results show good sensitivity and resolution in the physiological pH range (pH 4 - 10). The pH sensor array may be used for physiological mapping for both in vitro and in vivo measurements.

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Biography
Mariam Mir has completed her MS in Biomedical Sciences from National University of Sciences and Technology and University of Engineering and Technology (NUST) and currently she is doing her PhD in Biomedical Sciences from NUST. She has a vast experience in research and her research interest includes biomedical implants, biomaterials and development of drug delivery mechanisms.

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New concept of bioresorbable polymer-based ceramic hybrids for cardiovascular stent applications

This presentation will introduce new theories and industry practice for design and development of polymer-based ceramic hybrids. The evolution from pure polymer-based medical devices to polymer-based ceramic hybrids is to meet unmet market needs for better clinical performance over existing systems. There are many factors that can affect medical implant performance and, historically, most of them have been well studied, such as bioactivities and biocompatibility. In this presentation, new concept will be mainly addressing issue surround biomechanics, biofracture mechanisms and biofunctionality for design and development of new hybrid biomaterials for implant applications. It will report the principles on formulations for two type of the new systems. One family is of biodegradable and bioresorbable hybrids and 2nd is of non-biodegradable hybrids. It will be followed by design and development of medical devices in view of industry practice with clinical performance considerations of medical devices. The main topics covered in the presentation include: (a) New concepts and synthetic pathway of polymer-based ceramic hybrids; (b) Nano/Micro mechanics and nano/micro fracture mechanics; (c) Industry practice – two case studies will be used to demonstrate on how to design and develop polymer-based ceramic hybrid biomaterials and relevant processing technology for the applications of medical implants. Cardiovascular stent, as an example is traditionally made of metal such as Bare Metal Stents (BMS) or with drug coatings, i.e. Drug Eluting Stents (DES). There are, however, clinical complications associated with these technologies, such as, early stage restenosis, very late thrombosis and risk associated with revision surgery. In light of these challenges research focus has turned to the development of bioresorbable vascular scaffold (BVS) technologies. We have developed new bioresorbable polymer-based ceramic stent that has been reinforced resorbable therapeutic cardiovascular stent to address the known limitations of cardiovascular technologies. We have developed a bioresorbable stent with intrinsic toughness for handling and deployment via balloon angioplasty, radial strength, controlled drug-release technology to suppress restenosis and surface functionalisation to promote endothelialisation to reduce risk of thrombosis. We present the novel synthetic polymer-ceramic composites developed as candidate stent-core materials, both their preparation and the characterisation of their mechanical behaviour, in vitro degradation will be presented.

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Biography

Xiang Zhang, Royal Society Industry Fellow of University of Cambridge, has over 34 years combined academia (17 years) and industrial (17 years) experience in advanced materials science and technology, an expert in polymer and polymeric hybrid materials science and technology. Prof. Zhang is also Head of the Lucideon Cambridge School of Advanced Materials and Head of Medical Materials and Devices. He is the author of three books “Inorganic Biomaterials”, “Inorganic Controlled Release Technology” and “Science and Principles of Biodegradable and Bioreorbable Medical Polymers - Materials and Properties”. As a materials scientist, he is passionate on “Science for Industry” and believes fundamental but applied sciences are the keys to industry R&D and problem solving. Prof. Zhang undertook his PhD and postdoctoral research at Cranfield University where he studied materials physics and nano/micro-mechanics and nano/micro-fracture mechanics of polymeric hybrid (organic and inorganic) materials. After spending a further four years on research for industrial applications, he was awarded an industrial fellowship at the University of Cambridge in 1995, where he carried out research on fundamental nanomechanisms of polymeric ductile to brittle transitions, which is first time in the world ever employing synchrotron SAXS, WAXS (wide angle and small angle X-ray scattering) to study in situ deformation and fracture down to nanometre scales, the results of which lead to completion of ductile to brittle transition theories in view of nano-mechanics and nano-fracture mechanics. Prof. Zhang’s industry experience was gained in leading international healthcare companies, where, as Principal Scientist/Technologist, his work covered almost all aspects of medical materials and devices from R&D and manufacturing support to failure analysis and QC. Prior to joining Lucideon, Prof. Zhang worked as Director of a technology company, in the field of nano-conductive materials and diagnostic medical devices.

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Multifunctional materials stemming out of coordination compounds

The definition is: “materials science is an interdisciplinary field concerned with the understanding and application of the properties of matter.” This area is dedicated to study of connections between the underlying structure of a material, its properties, its processing methods, and its performance in intended applications. Classic understanding of materials traditionally limits them to metals and their alloys [uses in: construction, catalysis, electric/conductance, magnetism], a variety of oxides [refractory materials, catalysts, ceramics/cements, quartz, conductance/semiconductance], thermally stable salts [silicates (including glass), phosphates, binary halides and halocenides [optical materials, semiconductors], etc. Typically those classic materials are produced in large quantities from thousands- to multi-tens quantities. However, during the last two decades a new type of chemical compounds vigorously claimed a well-deserved place in the vast world of materials. These are coordination compounds. There are two large sub-classes of the Werner-type complexes and organometallic compounds (Scheme 1) with principally very different chemical bonding in them. The first one adopts predominantly ionic/donor-acceptor type, while the latter represent covalently bonded species containing direct metal-carbon bond. Numerous coordination compounds of both types were employed as precursors for materials. Most common transformation of complexes includes their thermal decomposition leading to a product/material with desired properties for a specific application. However, only Werner-type complexes can be used as materials because of their stability at ambient conditions. Most of the organometallic species still are intrinsically unstable towards moisture and oxygen. Applications of numerous complexes as materials (and specifically those as multifunctional materials) are reviewed in current presentation. These applications include usage of numerous Werner- type complexes in a variety of MOFs (gas sorption, purification of compounds, delivery), non-linear optical materials (second harmonic generation and optical limiters), catalysts, sensors and indicators, functional supramolecular materials, light harvesting/converting materials, molecular electronics.

Recent Publications

Dr. Gerasimchuk authored and co-authored 112 publications and 7 patents on useful properties of a variety of the obtained compounds. Some representative works are shown below:


Biography

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Multiscale 3D printing with polymers

3D printing is part of the family of Direct Digital Manufacturing processes in which a part is prepared with a particular external form defined in a digital manner without the use of complex tooling or moulds. Such an approach is revolutionising manufacturing. It creates a new paradigm for design and in aerospace, the concept is already in use to prepare parts such as turbine blades with shapes which hitherto were impossible. The fact that each part can have an individual design identifies that this technology has much to offer to medical devices. Now of course a part is not just defined by its external form but also by the microscale structure which develops in the part during the manufacturing process. In this presentation we review the materials and molecular mechanisms available to deliver controlled and defined morphology during 3D printing technology and how this influences properties. We present a novel methodology for delivering orthogonal control of the semi-crystalline morphology of poly(ε-caprolactone) in biomedical devices. We take examples from recent research at CDRSP and consider its impact on scaffolds for tissue engineering.

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Biography
Geoffrey Mitchell is Professor and Vice-Director of the Centre for Rapid and Sustainable Product Development at the Institute Polytechnic of Leiria. Geoffrey Mitchell is passionate about direct digital manufacturing (DDM) which enables products to be manufactured directly from a digital design without the need for specialist tooling or moulds and the development of novel materials to support the emerging technologies. He is fascinated by the opportunities that arise from merging electrospinning into the family of DDM technologies. He brings a wealth of experience working with polymer based materials both natural and synthetic. He is particularly interested in the scales of structure present in all materials and especially biopolymers. He has developed and made extensive use of x-ray and neutron scattering methods coupled to computational molecular modelling and electron microscopy techniques.

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Thermodynamic effects on metals tribology at the nanometer scale

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Understanding and controlling the surface mechanical behavior of materials is crucial for the development of new devices. We have investigated the effects of chemistry on the friction and wear behavior of face centered cubic metal and alloy surfaces in contact with a single asperity by friction force microscopy. In the low load regime below 10 nN, we show that sliding friction behaviors of different metallic couples is governed by their thermodynamic affinity. Comparing the friction behavior of miscible and immiscible couples we find that in the first case friction is governed by adhesion while the friction force is almost independent on the normal load. In the latter case of immiscible couples, adhesion is found to be low and the friction force increases with the normal load. At larger loads, friction and wear of pure fcc metals is found to scale with the ratio of the surface energy to the hardness, which describes both contributions involved into the ploughing process: the resistance of the material to flow ahead of a penetrating asperity and the formation of a fresh surface behind the asperity. Finally, we show how the tribological response of a Ag-Cu nano-eutectic alloy surface is affected to its solidification velocity. It is found that both the microstructural length-scale and the solubility of both elements into one another determine the wear response of this alloy.

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Biography

Arnaud Caron is a materials scientist with expertise in the multi-scale mechanical behavior of materials, surfaces and micro-components. Since 2015 Arnaud Caron is Assistant Professor in the School of Energy, Materials and Chemical Engineering at KoreaTech, Republic of Korea. Arnaud Caron obtained his engineering degree in Materials Science from the University of Saarland, Germany. From 2008 to 2015 Arnaud Caron worked as a research associate at the Institute of Micro- and Nanomaterials of the University of Ulm, Germany, the WPI-Advanced Institute of Materials Research, Japan and the Leibniz – Institute for New Materials, Germany. arnaud.caron@koreatech.ac.kr
Relationship between grain distribution and strain localization in Cu-Al alloys

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It has been highly demanded to miniaturize lead frames, sockets and any kind of connecting element made of copper or its alloys. Miniaturization increases the ratio of grain size to parts size. In such a case, individual grain size and orientation effect on the deformation behavior becomes significant, which causes ununiform deformation and decrease in formability. To understand the mechanism of the ununiform deformation in detail, strain localization during tensile test of oligo-crystalline Cu-Al plate has been investigated. Cu-Al alloys were melted by induction furnace and cast into stainless steel mold. Dog-bone specimens were cut from the cast alloys. The cooling rate after casting was controlled to obtain various grain sizes, which enables us to see the effect of grain distribution on strain localization in visible scale by optical microscopy. Crystal orientation of the grains was analyzed by EBSD. A random pattern was painted on the surface of the specimen and the painted surface was recorded during tensile test to analyze strain distribution by digital image correlation (DIC) method.

Figure 1 shows the equivalent strain distributions of the reduction section during tensile test. Nominal tensile strain calculated from DIC analysis was 0.1. Strain was localized in specific grains before reaching its highest strength. Schmid’s factor of the grains was analyzed. We found that the strain does not always localize at high Schmid’s factor grains. When high Schmid’s factor grain is surrounded by low Schmid’s factor grains, the high Schmid’s factor grain cannot deform largely. In contrast, strain was localized relatively low Schimid’s factor grains chained over the width of the specimen. In such a case, interlocking among grains seems to be relatively weak since the edge of the specimen can move freely, which may be the reason for the strain localization.

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Figure 1: Strain Distribution of oligo-crystalline Cu plate at 0.1 of tensile strain. The black lines show the grain boundaries measured by EBSD. The numbers are grain index. We can see strain localization at grain 4 and 6.
Biography

Nobufumi Ueshima received his PhD from Osaka University in 2014. He subsequently joined the faculty of Department of Metallurgy, Tohoku University, as an assistant professor. He has his expertise in computational material science, and focuses on the application of Phase-Field Modeling and KWN modeling for simulating precipitation kinetics of second phase in metallic materials. He has expanded his expertise to plastic deformation of metals after years of experience in research in Tohoku University. He also focuses on relationship between microstructure and plastic deformation in metallic materials. He has developed a methodology to observe the relationship between grain distribution and strain distribution to investigate microstructure-deformation relationship.

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Numerical modeling of transport phenomena during the solidification of materials

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Statement of the Problem: A method for the Vertical Bridgman (VB) solidification of InSb in a silica ampoule is modeled with COMSOL Multiphysics software, using time-dependent thermal conditions. Axial-symmetric numerical simulations of temperature, velocity field in the melt, under normal gravity, and capillarity at the melt-gas-crucible interface resemble those used in an induced pressure difference dewetting VB configuration. The VB technique has some drawbacks that are linked to the use of a crucible in intimate contact with the growing crystal.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: In order to avoid the sticking of the crystal on the crucible, which can result in crystal or crucible breakage, a pressure difference is built up inside a sealed growth ampoule by a temperature variation. Detached growth is a small gap between the growing crystal and the crucible wall. The contact-free growth reduces mechanical stress in the crystal, resulting in a reduction of the defect density.

Findings: In the present paper we extend our previous steady-state model by including the calculation of the energy, momentum and mass transport, plus the interfacial phenomena at the melt-gas-crucible interface, under normal gravity, while applying a time dependent step-type temperature distribution on the outer part of the crucible.

Conclusion & Significance: Several systematically studies on this subject have been reported during time, both experimental and numerical. In order to model the flow of two different, immiscible fluids, where the exact position of the interface is of interest, we have applied the phase-field method. The purpose of this study is to include in a single model the transport phenomena (energy, momentum, mass) and the interfacial phenomena at the melt-crystal-crucible and respectively melt-gas-crucible interfaces. All these new models were developed numerically. The validation of modeling was made by comparing Lamine Sylla’s results, reported in his PhD thesis.

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Figure 1: Vertical Bridgman model and transient boundary conditions.
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Biography

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The objective of the present study is to analyze the microstructure and mechanical properties of a TWIP steel at different temperatures. For this purpose, tensile tests were performed in a Fe-22Mn-0.65C TWIP (Twinning-induced plasticity) steel in a temperature range between 25 °C and 400 °C. The microstructure after deformation was characterized via optical microscopy. It was observed that the microstructure consists of mainly deformation twins at low temperatures, whereas dislocation bands are the predominating feature at high temperatures. The yield stress, ultimate tensile strength, total elongation, strain hardening index and the area reduction were measured at different temperatures. The analysis of mechanical data suggests a transition of deformation mechanism from twinning at low temperature to dislocation slip at high temperatures. The work hardening rate and area reduction variations with temperature are discussed and correlated to the decrease of twinning contribution to the deformation mechanism. The role of other process, such as dynamic strain aging and precipitation hardening, are discussed. A thermodynamic-based description for the dependence of Yield stress with temperature was developed, suggesting two acting work hardening mechanisms. This is consistent with the computed activation energy for each mechanism. The stacking fault energy (SFE) was computed by means of Olson and Cohen model, at different temperatures finding that at temperatures higher than 325°C, dislocation glide was the predominant deformation mechanism, which is in accordance with experimental results. Twinning-volume fraction (TVF) in samples tested at different temperatures were computed, finding a decrease in TVF as testing temperatures increases, which in agreement with previous experimental features.

Recent Publications:

Biography
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Atomic defect-engineering at complex oxide surfaces and interfaces for electrolysis, sensing, and electronics applications

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Perovskite oxides exhibit a plethora of fascinating electronic material properties covering an exceptionally wide range of phenomena in solid state and surface physics. This has led to tremendous efforts to functionalize these materials in applications for energy technology, gas sensing, and electronics. Layered in an atomically defined epitaxial heterostructures and superlattices, diverse properties of perovskites can be combined on the nanoscale level. In such structures, even new functionality can arise at interfaces of layered materials, exhibiting properties that are absent in the bare bulk materials. In our approach, we utilize atomically-defined layer growth to obtain desired material properties. However, on top of that, we employ thermodynamic engineering of crystal defects as a unique approach to functionalize material properties at surfaces and interfaces: Even at material synthesis conditions close to perfection, device properties are often determined by imperfection, hence, by lattice disorder and crystal defects. As we discuss, we can intentionally control defect structure in nanoscale devices, by developing and utilizing thermodynamic routes to trigger surface and interface reactions in confined systems. While historically defects were seen as something to be avoided, a change of paradigm is required in the field of complex oxides today: In these materials, we can promote functionality, such as metallicity in nominally insulating compounds, by atomic defect-management. Therefore, rather than avoiding defect formation, it is an essential necessity to control and to utilize defect formation in oxides on the nanoscale. Here, we discuss fundamental aspects of lattice disorder effects in bulk oxides, and elaborate the special character of defect formation in thin films, surfaces and interfaces. Focusing on SrTiO3 as a perovskite model system, we will crosslink fundamental perspectives on lattice disorder to actual applications, addressing different examples, such as resistive switching memories, high-mobility electron gases and induced magnetism, oxygen sensors, and electro-catalysts.

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Biography

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Deformation microstructure of surface layers of Ag, Cu, Ni and Al under friction in lubricant conditions

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Friction and wear are the crucial problems affecting the life time of moving mechanical parts. The main goal of this work is to study: the evolution of the microstructure after friction with lubricant of four fcc metals (Ag, Cu, Ni and Al) and the effect of stacking fault energy (γSFE) on grain size and wear loss. Friction surfaces were carefully examined with a field emission scanning electron microscope. The cross sectional TEM lamellae were prepared from the pins using a focused ion beam (FIB). Cross-sectioning of the specimens was done in the longitudinal and transverse directions (parallel and perpendicular to direction of friction). Deformation twinning followed by a limited recovery within a surface of Ag led to formation of relatively thick top layer of ultra-fine equiaxial grains. Surface regions of Cu and Ni samples consisted of inhomogeneous microstructure with wide range of grain sizes. With a depth lamellar structure was formed parallel to direction of friction for Ag, Cu and Ni. Subdivision of grains into subgrains with high dislocation density is clearly observed within a lamellar structure. Steady state values of grain size, ds and hardness, Hs after friction in lubricant conditions are explained by a balance between hardening and dynamic recovery in surface layers strongly depending on the γSFE and temperature.

Figure 1: Typical HAADF STEM images of Ag presenting general view of deformation microstructure with a gradient of grain size. The white arrow shows direction of friction. Black arrows show the pores in top layers

Biography

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Flaxseed mucilage as an eco-friendly inhibitor for ASTM A335 P11 steel in HCl
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Statement of the Problem: The high efficiency of corrosion inhibition of synthetic organic inhibitors in the industries of chemical cleaning, acid etching, acidification of oil wells and acid desalination is well recognized. However, most of these inhibitors are toxic to the environment and human health. This has forced to look for more secure corrosion inhibitors called "green corrosion inhibitors" due to its non-toxicity, biodegradability and low cost. In recent years, the use of natural polysaccharides as an environmentally safe corrosion inhibitor has received special attention. For this reason, the present study, evaluates the mucilage of Linum usitatissimum, which contains a high content of polysaccharides, as a corrosion inhibitor of ASTM A335 grade P11 steel in HCl-1.0 M.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: All the corrosion tests were carried out at least in triplicate to evaluate the reproducibility of the same, by means of the techniques of: weight loss tests, Tafel extrapolation, resistance to linear polarization, electrochemical impedance spectroscopy and electrochemical frequency modulation. For the electrochemical tests the Gamry Reference 3000 potentiostat was used. Figure 1 shows part of the tests carried out at 65°C.

Findings: Considering the five techniques, it was observed that the average inhibition efficiencies for a dosage of 0.5g/L of mucilage were 77.3%, 81.2% and 88.6% at temperatures of 25°C, 45°C and 65°C, respectively. Higher dosages only generated a slight increase in inhibition efficiency. Additionally, it was also found that an increase in temperature produced an increase in the adsorption constant and a decrease in the standard free energy of adsorption. The standard enthalpy of adsorption was positive and the apparent activation energy decreased with increasing mucilage concentration.

Conclusion & Significance: From the results, we conclude that the Linum mucilage acts as a good corrosion inhibitor of P11 steel in HCl-1.0 M. Its efficiency increased with the increase in temperature. Likewise, it was determined that the adsorption of mucilage on steel P11 occurs through a chemical adsorption, acting as a mixed type inhibitor.

Recent Publications:


Biography
Luis M. Angelats Silva has experience in electrochemical corrosion of metallic materials. Within its diverse research in materials science and technology, it is currently looking for alternatives to improve corrosion resistance by using natural polysaccharides as non-toxic inhibitors for human health and the environment. His experience in electrochemical studies has allowed him to develop diverse methods and/or techniques that allow him to evaluate, through accelerated corrosion tests, the efficiency of inhibition of these polysaccharides in alloy steels widely used in high temperature pipes.

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InGaAs/InAlAs superlattices (SLs) are very attractive and suitable for QCL applications due to the availability of lattice matching on InP substrate and large conduction band offset. When In$_x$Ga$_{1-x}$As and In$_y$Al$_{1-y}$As compounds are lattice matched to InP substrate, this allows fabricating QCL devices with an emission wavelength at $\lambda>4\mu$m. Similarly, to go larger wavelengths, the same materials can be used by utilizing a technique known as strain-balancing to overcome the difficulties arise from lattice mismatch. Precise thickness control, alloy composition control and repeatability of the SLs are the most critical issues to be dealt with in growth studies to obtain the desired device structures. The thinnest layer thickness is a few monolayers and the device performance is quite sensitive to interface roughness. Molecular beam epitaxy (MBE) is the generally preferred growth technique due to the requirement of having very thin layers with sharp interfaces. However, QCL also includes thick layers such as claddings for which MOCVD suits the best. For these reasons, it is worth efforts to find a way to grow the whole structure via MOCVD. Using special growth conditions and smaller mass flow controllers (MFCs) it is possible to precisely control the gas flow quantity dilution and injection of metalorganic sources. Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM), Scanning Tunneling Electron Microscope (STEM) and similar techniques are widely used to determine the exact thickness of epitaxially grown SLs. However, these techniques are destructive, relatively expensive, time consuming and require an elevated level of expertise for the sample preparations as well as the sample measurement. The high-resolution x-ray diffraction is a non-destructive, economic, quick and robust technique than electron microscopes and depending on the scan type it is quite sensitive to thickness change, alloy composition and interface quality and, as we demonstrate, it can be used to find the thicknesses for very thin layers.

Recent Publications:

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Biography

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Magnesium based Nanocomposites – Challenges and Potential

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Magnesium-based metal matrix nanocomposites (MMNCs) are promising materials for small-series applications, for example in automotive engineering or the aviation industry. For some years now, ceramic nanoparticles have been so inexpensive that they only represent a negligible increase in the cost of a nanocomposite material. The magnesium sand casting alloy Elektron21 and the die-casting alloy AM60 were reinforced with AlN nanoparticles with a diameter of 80 nm. To break up particle clusters in the melt, an ultrasound assisted casting process was used. Cavitation and acoustic streaming are generated by ultrasound, and an indirect chill casting process in a permanent mould results in a microstructure free of pores. The grain size, tensile mechanical properties and compression creep resistance were investigated. We found that the nano-AlN addition refines the microstructure of AM60 significantly. Mechanical testing shows an outstanding increase in tensile yield strength, ultimate tensile strength and ductility of AM60+1AlN compared to the unreinforced AM60. By contrast we observed no grain refinement and no tensile strengthening of Elektron21, although the creep resistance was improved by one order of magnitude. This demonstrates how differently two magnesium alloys can respond to reinforcement with 1% AlN in their structures and properties. In case of AM60-MMNCs remelting trials were performed and showed that the nanoparticles remain in the melt with only a marginal loss of grain refinement and loss of strength occurring for each remelting.

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Biography
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Vibrational excitations in nanomaterials are very sensitive to confinement and boundary conditions since both the typical wavelengths and mean-free-paths may easily exceed the size of a nanodevice. Then multiple reflections from the surfaces drastically modify the vibration properties as compared to bulk materials. These have major implications for the broad range of devices [1-3]. Thus, in ultrahigh sensitivity radiation detectors, electronic microrefrigerators or microcalorimeters [4,5] an essential part of the design is the coupling and energy exchange between vibrational modes (or their quantum version, phonons) and electron excitations in ultrathin quasi-two-dimensional structures: It has been shown both experimentally and theoretically that in such devices the transfer of energy per unit time (or energy flux) between electrons and phonons (in a stationary case, for instance, electrons may thermalize at a higher effective temperature than phonons, or inverse) can be engineered to vary in orders of magnitudes depending on the specific requirements [6-8]. The problem becomes more complicated for a layered structure composed of materials with significantly different acoustic characteristics when the interface effects cannot be neglected (e.g., Copper film deposited on Silicon Nitride membrane). Unlike the composite materials with layer stacking along the direction of propagation of excitations, the “lateral” symmetry with respect to this direction in our case is absent. This difficulty, however, can be viewed as an opportunity for a new kind of behavior. For a better understanding of this situation a new theoretical approach is proposed that allows to substantially simplifying the description of the governing equations and in, some cases, to obtain analytical expressions for both the spectra and amplitudes of the normal modes. These are shown to become gapped when the system is sufficiently thin for the physically relevant wavelengths to reach the nanometer range. The only truly acoustic waves which account for the low energy – low temperature properties in a composite system are the Lamb compressional (dilatational) and flexural (bending) modes. These modes are described in an analytical form. An additional possibility to engineer the behavior of phonon modes and their coupling to electrons is revealed by the possibility to localize the vibration amplitudes in one or another layer, near to the surfaces or the interface, depending on the thickness of the layers and material parameters.

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Biography

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Solid lipid nanoparticles for brain delivery of paliperidone: Drug release kinetics, therapeutic efficacy and cyto-toxicity studies

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Schizophrenia is a neurological disorder and Paliperidone the antipsychotic drug with poor water solubility is potent drug used for its treatment. Solid lipid nanoparticles (SLN) based drug delivery system offer the potential for encapsulating lipophilic drugs. Three different lipids and surfactants formulations were prepared by ultrasonic homogenization method. The selection of the lipids and surfactant was based on their proven compatibility to enhance their BBB permeability and their neuro protective behaviour. The release kinetics was based on dynamic dialysis method. Detailed release mechanism analysis and its relation to the properties of system is very important. Analysis of the release kinetic data with mathematical analysis could provide a great impact on the development of solid lipid nanoparticles drug delivery system. Paliperidone a newly developed antipsychotic, which was unexplored due to low bioavailability was formulated as nanoparticles in lipid matrix analyzed for drug release kinetics. To observe the best release kinetic model, the First order, Baker-Lonsdale, Hixson-Crowell, Korsmeyer-Peppas model, and Higuchi model were implemented. Korsmeyer-Peppas model given the best fit for the release kinetics of Paliperidone from the various solid lipid nanoparticles system prepared. The results express the Gelucire based SLNs principle suitability for a prolonged release formulation. The neuro protective effects of paliperidone, on the cell survival of human neuroblastoma SH-SY5Y and RAW 264.7 macrophages was also observed for various drug concentration. GSLNs based system show 85 % cell viability from lower to higher dose.

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Biography

Jaspreet Kaur Randhawa research area includes drug delivery systems for CNS and cancers treatment: The main theme of our research includes drug delivery based on solid lipid nanoparticles (SLNs) for controlled drug release. The ability to incorporate drugs into nanocarriers offers a new prototype in drug delivery that could be used for secondary and tertiary levels of drug targeting. SLNs hold great promise for reaching the goal of controlled and site specific drug delivery. Similarly we are also working on stimuli responsive drug carrier for cancer and in the development of various nanostructures of metal oxides, and screen their glucose sensing activity to for low cost glucometer.

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High-contrast monolithic photonic nanostructures in the AlGaAs-on-insulator platform

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Aluminium gallium arsenide (AlGaAs) is a promising material for monolithic photonics. Besides having a high optical Kerr coefficient, this III-V semiconductor alloy has a high $\chi^2$; it is a mature laser material; and its direct band-gap can be varied with the Al molar fraction, making it not only linearly transparent from 0.7 µm to 16 µm, but also two-photon-absorption free at 1.55 µm. Several types of AlGaAs high-contrast nonlinear integrated photonic structures have been demonstrated in the last years, spanning from nanowires [1,2] to high-Q resonators [3,4] and multi-pole nanoantennas [5]. To confine photons at sub-wavelength scales, such devices rely on a high-refractive-index core clad by a far lower index in two or three dimensions, and therefore they typically consist of semiconductor nanostructures that either lie on an oxide substrate or are suspended in air. Here we focus on the former case, which seems more promising because of its superior heat-sink behaviour and mechanical stability. Our devices, from the nano- to the micro-scale, share the same fabrication protocol: they are grown by molecular-beam-epitaxy on {100} non-intentionally doped GaAs wafer, with a few hundred nanometres layer of Al$_{0.18}$Ga$_{0.82}$As on top of an aluminium-rich substrate, to be oxidized at a later stage (see Figure 1). In order to improve the eventual adhesion between AlOx and the adjacent crystalline layers, such substrate consists of AlAs layer of about 1µm of thickness sandwiched between proper matching layers. A number of nonlinear optics results have been allowed by this class of devices, ranging from second harmonic generation to down-conversion in optical nanoantennas, and from radiation pattern engineering with subwavelengths photonic molecules to frequency conversion in waveguides and resonators. We will provide an overview of this new and exciting research field, along with a few perspectives.

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Ferroelectricity in BaTiO$_3$ nanocrystals: towards future applications

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Ferroelectric materials, which possess a spontaneous and switchable electric polarization below the Curie temperature $T_c$, are widely used in modern electronics, such as capacitors, nonvolatile memory devices, energy storage applications and nanoelectromechanical systems. As the continuous demand for device miniaturization as well as the rapid development of flexible devices, ferroelectric nanoparticles that served as source materials or fillers to realize energy storage, piezoelectric conversion or memory applications have attracted broad interests in recent years. Ferroelectricity in nanoscale materials is the basis for the design and fabrication of integrated ferroelectric devices. Although a critical ferroelectric size $\sim$2.4 nm of BaTiO$_3$ (BTO) material has been calculated by the first-principles method, no experimental proof of electric polarization has been reported for such small BTO yet. The BTO nanocrystals with particles size from 2.8 nm to 8 nm were prepared by a low-cost, green and scalable sol method. We show that, BTO nanocrystals as small as 2.8 nm are still ferroelectric. Especially, ferroelectric polarization switching image and hysteresis loop show direct evidence for the ferroelectricity of the BTO nanoparticle assembly. With the particle size decreasing from 8.0 to 2.8 nm, the increasing of ferroelectric phases coincides well with the “surface phase” increase from the X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) data, showing that surface relaxation is the origin of most non-centrosymmetrical phases in these nanocrystals. Here, we also show high prospect of these soluble ferroelectric nanoparticles in the applications of nanocomposite devices. For instance, as these nanoparticles can achieve a high polarization, we made graded BTO/PVDF nanocomposite films using the nanocrystal sol (with grain size of 8 nm) and achieved a discharged energy density as high as 19.37 J/cm$^{-3}$.

Recent Publications:

Biography

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First-principles study of optoelectronic, transport and ionic sieving properties of Ti3C2X2 (X=O, OH and F) MXene

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MXenes, a new family of low-dimensional materials, have received a lot of interest due to their unique physical, chemical, and mechanical properties [1]. MXenes have already shown a great potential in storage applications due to their impressive capacitive performance [2]. Here, we study the electronic and transport properties of Ti3C2 MXene using density-functional theory (DFT) in combination with the nonequilibrium Green's function formalism [3, 4]. Fluorinated, oxidized and hydroxylated surfaces are considered. We found that the surface termination has a considerable impact on the electronic transport [3]. For example, the fluorinated sample shows the largest transmission, whereas surface oxidation results in considerable reduction of the electronic transmission. Such enhanced transmission originates from the extended electronic states and smaller variations of the electrostatic potential profile. We also study the effect of lithium and sodium ion adsorption on the electronic transport properties of the MXene [4]. Optical properties of MXene are also affected by surface functionalization [5]. For example, in the visible range of the spectrum, the oxidized sample shows larger absorption, whereas surface fluorination results in weaker absorption as compared to pristine MXene. Recently, MXene nanosheets have also emerged as ultrathin and high-flux sieving membranes [6]. In addition to ultrafast water flux, both hydration radius and charge dependent transport of ions have been observed. MXenes are also shown to be highly resistive to biofouling [7]. Here we present the results of our DFT calculations to explore the possible mechanisms for the charge-selective ionic transport through Ti3C2X2 (X=O, OH or F) MXene [8, 9]. We show that the charge selectivity originates from the charged nature of the MXene layers: the system shows dynamic response to the intercalating ions, even in their hydrated states, by changing the interlayer spacing. We also address the stability of MXene membranes and discuss the possibilities of enhancing their stability by molecular and nanoparticle intercalations. We present the results of our atomistic scale calculations for structural, electronic water sieving properties of hydrophobic graphene and hydrophilic MXene monolayers (see Fig. 1).

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Biography

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Memristive nanostructures based on 2D crystals

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Statement of the Problem: Memristive systems based on two-dimensional (2D) crystals such as graphene, graphene oxide, molybdenum disulphide, etc., 1-5, are considered as a new type of electronic elements with extremely low energy consumption and with ultra-high scalability for processing and storage of information. The unique electronic and optical properties of 2D crystals demonstrate the enormous potential for creating ultra-high density nano-and bioelectronics for innovative imaging systems. The purpose of this study is to develop memristors with a floating photogate so-called photomemristors2,3 based on graphene and nanocrystals.

Findings: A new concept of the formation of self-assembled nanoscale photomemristive heterojunctions of graphene, graphene oxide and zinc oxide in the form of two-terminal memristors with a floating photogate for bioelectronics and optoelectronics is demonstrated.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: Photocatalytic oxidation of graphene with nanocrystals of zinc oxide is proposed as an effective method of creating two-dimensional memristive systems with photoresistive switching for synaptic nonvolatile memory of ultrahigh density.

Conclusion & Significance: Two-dimensional photomemristive systems with a floating photogate exhibit multiple states controlled in a wide range of electromagnetic radiation, and can be used as neurohybrid systems for neuromorphological calculations, image processing, and pattern recognition needed to create artificial intelligence.

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Figure 1: a - Schematic electronic diagram of the G/ZnO NP interface under UV irradiation. Electron-hole pairs generated in ZnO (3.3 eV) under UV irradiation (reaction 1) are separated by a built-in electric field at the G/ZnO NP interface, providing a flow of holes into the graphene; b - resistive states of the G/GO photomemristor, which are switched by the Set/Reset voltage of -3.8/3.3 V in the dark and -3.5/4 V with light pulses and read at 2.5 V.

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Biography

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A framework of materials for 4d printing

4D printing is a term used in additive or direct digital manufacturing to describe a process in which a part is prepared with a particular form and then when stimulated by changes in temperature, humidity, light and pH transforms in to another shape. Such an approach is a revolutionary idea in manufacturing. The opportunities are endless. Figure 1 shows an example from the literature. For example object can be prepared to make manufacturing facile, transport costs minimal and then converted in to the finished object at the point of use. Clearly this technology has much to offer to medical devices and we can envisage an object which is printed in a form to make it easy to insert in to the body by, for example a hypodermic needle, which then at body temperature opens up in to a 3d structure to close an internal injury, implant a tissue for regenerative purposes or to deliver some therapeutic agent. In this presentation we present a framework for 4d printing which enables us to classify different types of shape or form changes. We review the stimuli driven materials available and hence the molecular mechanisms available to deliver 4D printing technology with temperature and light activation. We take examples from the literature and identify the most promising molecular mechanisms and identify the potential for applications.

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Figure 1: An example of a 4d printed structure which changes shape on heating. The flower is prepared from a shape memory polymer. Photo reproduced under a Creative Commons Attribution Non Commercial License 4.0 (CC BY-NC) from Zhen Ding, Chao Yuan, Xirui Peng, Tiejun Wang, H. Jerry Qi and Martin L. Dunn Science Advances 12 Apr 2017: Vol. 3, no. 4, e1602890 DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.1602890

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Biography

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Development of biopolymers and biomaterials from lipids

In recent years, the use of renewable natural resources have become the focus of research in supplementing and replacing traditional petrochemical products due to growing energy demands and environmental concerns. The utilization of lipids has been considered to play a primitive role towards sustainable development due to their large scale availability, built-in-functionality, biodegradability and no net CO2 production. In addition, a broad range of monomers can be obtained from lipids as a single feedstock. These attributes make lipids a good fit for the development of renewable biomaterials. This Presentation will focus on the conversion of lipids, from various sources including waste streams such as waste cooking oil and lipids extracted from spent foul, into monomers, biopolymers and bionanocomposites using our patented technology. The ability for complete conversion of oils in just few minutes under solvent free conditions into monomers, biopolymers and bio-nanocomposites is undoubtedly an attractive concept from both an academic and an industrial point of view.

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Biography

Aman Ullah received his PhD (with distinction) in Chemical Sciences and Technologies in 2010 at the University of Genova, Italy by working together at Southern Methodist University, USA. He worked as a postdoctoral fellow before accepting an Assistant Professor position at the University of Alberta. He has recently developed and is teaching a new graduate course entitled “Renewable Biomaterials”. This course deals with fundamentals in bio-based materials development, characterization, and various industrial applications. Current research, recent literature, and real-life applications of biomaterials/bionanomaterials in various industries are discussed throughout the course. Aman has published more than 45 papers in reputed journals and 3 patents/patent applications. He was named a Canadian Rising Star in Global Health by Grand Challenges Canada in 2012.

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Two- and three-dimensional multilayer bio-coatings as novel drug delivery systems. From nano to micro

Polymer multilayers first introduced about two decades ago are nowadays widely used towards bio-applications in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine. Our research is focused on active 2D and 3D multilayer structures (e.g. planar films, capsules, beads) with tailor-made properties. Such structures have a fine-tuned architecture, controlled thickness from nano to macro, adjusted softness from Pa to GPa, almost unlimited variety of functional components, and externally activatable drug release. In this talk I present our recent findings in mild and effective immobilization of biomolecules (proteins, nucleic acids, small drugs, etc) and approaches for release/delivery the biomolecules in a controlled manner. The externally triggered release on demand by IR-laser light and cell biology studies including extra- and intra-cellular delivery will be considered. The developed structures offering localized, remote, and non-invasive release of biomolecules are indispensable for applications in tissue engineering, and especially for single cell studies where high precision of delivery in space and time is highly desirable.

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Biography
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Optimising the acceleration of cell proliferation in a bioreactor for scaffold-based tissue engineering

One of the most exciting areas in recent years has been regenerative medicine in which failed or damaged body parts are grown from the patients own cells loaded in to a porous scaffold. The scaffold is placed in to a bioreactor to accelerate the proliferation of the cells and when the tissue is partly formed the complete assembly is implanted in to the patient. It is fair to say that apart from isolated cases the promise has not transformed in to reality as a consequence of the limited proliferation rates. In this work we explore the use of computer modelling to optimize the stimulation processes used in the bioreactor to deliver enhanced rates of proliferation. Currently, mechanical stimuli are used in most of the studies allowing to accelerate the growth of cells placed on the scaffold inside the bioreactor. Some in-vitro studies have shown promising results when mechanical, electrical and magnetic stimulation are used either isolated or combined. Therefore, it is important to understand the gain of using these three type of stimulation. In this talk we will present the work that has been done at the Center for Rapid and Sustainable Product Development, regarding new biomaterials and the development of 3D biofabrication equipment to produce and host these scaffolds. The main focus is on computer modelling. We introduce a finite element analysis approach used to optimise the design of a new bioreactor allowing mechanical stimulation. We present the numerical results of the application of electrical stimulation in a biocompatible scaffold. We have performed the optimisation of the application of electrical stimulation when different electrode montages are used.

The results have allowed us to gain a valuable insight on the influence of the different stimulation parameters involved. This work is supported by the Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) through the Project references: UID/Multi/04044/2013; PAMI - ROTEIRO/0328/2013 (Nº 022158) and MATIS (CENTRO-01-0145-FEDER-000014 - 3362).

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Figure 1 Examples of highly porous scaffolds produced by direct digital manufacturing for use in tissue engineering [5].


Biography

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Stacking fault energies for fcc co-based binary alloys: a first principles study

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The stacking fault energy is closely related to structural phase transformations and can help to understand plastic deformation mechanisms in materials. Here we perform first principles calculations of the stacking fault energy in the face centered cubic (fcc) Cobalt-based binary alloys Co1-xMx, where M = Cr, Fe, Ni, Mo, Ru, Rh, Pd and W. We investigate the concentration range between 0 and 30 at. % of the alloying element. The results are discussed in connection to the phase transition between the low-temperature hexagonal close packed (hcp) and the fcc structures observed in Co and its alloys. By analyzing the stacking fault energies, we show that alloying Co with Cr, Ru, and Rh promotes the hcp phase formation while Fe, Ni and Pd favor the fcc phase instead. The effect of Mo and W on the phase transition differs from the other elements, that is, for concentrations below 10 % the intrinsic stacking fault energy is lower than that for pure fcc Co and the energy barrier is higher, whereas above 10% the situation reverses. We carry out also thermodynamic calculations using the Calphad method. The trends of the ab initio stacking fault energy are found to agree well with those of the molar Gibbs energy differences and the phase transition temperature in the binary phase diagrams and give a solid support for the phase stability of these alloys.

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Biography

R. Lizárraga is a researcher at the department of Materials Science and Engineering at the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. She has large expertise in ab initio calculations. She has great knowledge on magnetism of transition metals and rare earth systems. She has also studied materials with lack of periodic order, such as glassy systems. She has used an ab-initio method, the stochastic quenching method to study the amorphous structure of glassy materials. Recently she has studied the problem of Co substitution in cemented carbides. By studying stacking fault energies she has been able to identified possible alternative substitutions for Co, which is an important industry problem.
Nanoscale transport phenomena of reaction materials in polymer electrolyte fuel cell

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Polymer Electrolyte Fuel Cells (PEFC) are expected to be as one of next-generation power supply systems due to its low environmental damage, high efficiency, and availability for dispersed power systems and emergency use. Transport resistance of reactant and product materials such as proton, oxygen and water is the determining factor of its efficiency and therefore it is necessary to analyze the transport phenomena of proton, oxygen and water in PEFC as fast as possible to increase its performance and efficiency. Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) based on macroscopic transport equations is often used as a conventional numerical analysis. A Membrane Electrode Assembly (MEA) of PEFC, however, consists of Gas Diffusion Layers (GDL), Micro Porous Layers (MPL), Catalyst Layers (CL), and a Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM), where many nanoscale structures are constructed. In such flow fields, the characteristics of transport phenomena in MEA cannot be analyzed at the macroscopic point of view. Molecular simulation is a powerful tool to analyze these phenomena. In this study these nanoscale transport phenomena are analyzed by large scale Molecular Dynamics (MD) simulations and the relation between the nanoscale structures and the transport phenomena is analyzed in detail (Figure 1). Especially, the transport phenomena of proton in PEM which has highly anisotropic water structures, oxygen permeability, oxygen scattering and proton diffusivity of ionomer in CL, and the transport phenomena of nanoscale water droplet in MPL were simulated. In the analysis of proton transfer in PEM and ionomer, we considered not only Vehicle mechanism but also Grothuss mechanism and the diffusivity of proton at various water contents was estimated. This information leads to a new design concept of materials for next generation polymer electrolyte fuel cells.

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Biography
Takashi Tokumasu is a professor of Institute of Fluid Science, Tohoku University. He has his expertise in analyzing nanoscale flow phenomena. Especially, he is focusing on the effect of quantum characteristics of molecules on macroscopic flow and thermodynamic phenomena. Moreover, he applies this technique and knowledge to the development of materials for next generation fuel cells. He performs large scale molecular dynamics simulations to analyze such nanoscale flow phenomena. He developed a molecular model which can treat proton hopping by classical molecular dynamics method (Mabuchi, Fukushima and Tokumasu, 2015). By using this model the relation between nanoscale structures of material and nanoscale flow phenomena of reactant and product materials can be analyzed. He also analyzes the transport mechanism of ions in solid materials.

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Development of nanoreinforced resins with self-heating capabilities for 3D printing technologies

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The use of 3D printing technologies has attracted the interest of the industrial and scientific community during last decades. The possibility of quick and non-costly redesign can be used also for repairing and easy replacement structures after in service wear. Present work used Direct Write technology to print nanoreinforced resin circuits on continuous fiber reinforced polymers (CFRPs). The use of a carbon nanostructure resin would allow electrical conductivity through the resin circuit which could be used for structural health monitoring (SHM) and/or self-heating by Joule effect. This last effect could be used to create the first layer of a multilayer coating with anti-icing purposes taking advantage of the self-heating capability of this coatings by Joule effect. Previous research has allow the selection of graphene nanoparticles (GNP) and carbon nanotubes (CNT) as nanoreinforcements to modify the epoxy resin and allow Joule effect heating. Nevertheless, the characteristics of Direct Write 3D printing technology as well as morphology of the printed lines, do not allow the direct extrapolation of results obtained in bulk nanocomposites to the printed circuits. Thus, it requires an optimization of the carbon nanostructures contents to allow resin flow through the injector as well as the formation of conductive nanoparticle networks. The morphology of the printed circuit, the voltage applied and the type and content of carbon nanoparticles need to be tuned in order to improve the anti-icing purpose. The study has determined that the greatest influence is the carbon nanotube content followed by the voltage and circuit morphology. The selected conditions allowed to melt the frozen distilled water built-up on a fiber reinforced polymer composite similar to those that could be find in wind turbine blades.

Fig. 1. Image of the 3D printed circuits based on nanoreinforced epoxy resin with carbon nanostructures

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Biography

A. Jiménez-Suárez has his expertise in the optimization of manufacturing processes of nanoreinforced matrices and multiscale reinforced composites with multifunctional capabilities. His research started with optimization of mechanical routes of dispersion for carbon nanofibers and carbon nanotubes with improved electrical and mechanical conductivities as well as better barrier properties. Afterwards this research is translated into graphene nanoparticles based nanocomposites and the use of these nanoreinforced matrices to manufacture multiscale reinforced composites. These multifunctional composites showed improved interlaminar shear strength and self-sensing capabilities for structural health monitoring (SHM). Finally, recent publications are related to parametric modeling of properties as a function of morphological aspects of nanoreinforcements and manufacturing processing parameters and the introduction of carbon nanostructures in polymer matrices to be used in 3D printing technologies to obtain multifunctional materials with SHM, anti-icing, de-icing capabilities among others.

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Manganese acetylacetonate as the precursor of high capacitance manganese oxides nanoparticles – the only active component in the supercapacitor electrode

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Supercapacitors are of attractive for energy storage applications, such as back-up power supplies for batteries and boosting power for vehicle acceleration. Researchers are seeking for materials which outperform the high-capacitance ruthenium oxide in terms of its cost and abundance cost effective application in the reality. One of the suitable materials is manganese dioxide, which theoretical capacitance is as high as 1370 F/g. However, the experimental capacitances of the synthesized manganese oxides were usually below 500 F/g even if the material was fabricated with other materials (e.g. gold, graphene oxide, etc.) for property enhancement. In this research, manganese oxides nanoparticles (~10nm) are synthesized by hydrothermal treatment of manganese (II) acetylacetonate in ethanol. The electrode for measurement is prepared in a similar way by putting a piece of nickel foam in the reaction mixture. Although the particles are of low crystallinity, its capacitance is over 700 F/g at 18 A/g as confirmed by the measurement in galvanostatic charge/discharge method. Other analyses and characterizations of the pseudocapacitor are done by including CV, ICP, TEM and XRD etc.

Biography
Alice W M Chan received her Bachelor Degree in Chemistry from the Chinese University in Hong Kong in 2016. She is now a postgraduate student with the supervision of Prof. Jimmy C Yu in the same institution. Her main research interest is in Environmental Chemistry, focusing on photocatalysis and supercapacitor.

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Highly charge polarized elemental phosphorus microbelt photocatalyst growing on liquid bismuth substrate

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Charge polarization is an interesting phenomenon. We have observed this effect in crystalline red phosphorus (P). A relatively large-scale (up to 100×10×0.3 μm³) single crystal red P microbelts were prepared on liquid bismuth (Bi) substrate via a thermal vaporization method. Under visible light illumination, the P microbelts become highly charge polarized. Electrons accumulate on the two ends which become negatively charged, while the middle of the microbelts becomes positive. Water can be reduced to hydrogen on the two ends with higher electrons density. Such polarization can suppress the charge recombination and thus enhances charge transfer efficiency. Compared with amorphous P where charge carriers are randomly distributed, the photocatalytic efficiency of P microbelts exhibits a 10 times enhancement. The polarization property of P microbelts is confirmed by facet-selective photo-reduction of platinum (Pt) and theoretical calculations.

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Biography
Yang Liu received her B.Sc. Degree from Xiamen University in 2019. She is currently pursuing her PhD degree in the Department of Chemistry, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her research interests primarily focus on photocatalytic hydrogen evolution, removal of organic pollutants and nitrogen fixation over phosphorus-based photocatalysts.

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Microstructure evolution of A356 aluminum alloy reinforced with Si₃N₄ particles during mechanical milling

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Nano-composite A356-Si₃N₄ alloys were obtained by co-milling aluminium alloy A356 with different mass fractions (10, 20 and 30%) of Si₃N₄ in a planetary mill. The structural and microstructural modifications at different stages of the mechanical milling were investigated using Scherrer formula and Whole Powder Pattern Modeling (WPPM) of the X-ray powder diffraction (XRPD) pattern. Due to the inhomogeneity of the microstructure of the starting powder and of the milling process, the WPPM of XRPD data required the hypothesis of a multimodal distribution and the coexistence of multiple Al alloy fractions with different Si content. By increasing the milling time and the amount of reinforcing particles, the inhomogeneity decreases and a single lognormal distribution is enough to model the data. The dependence of lattice parameters on the coherent domain (crystallite) size during milling has been investigated. The lattice parameters were calculated in view of the non-equilibrium grain boundary structure that evolved during milling using excess free volume and the interfacial stresses at the grain boundaries.

Figure 1: Experimental pattern of A356-10%Si₃N₄ composite at 3h of milling (black line), WPPM result (red line) and residual (blue line) of 200 reflection.

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Biography

Heydi Fernandez has her expertise in physico-chemical and structural characterization of materials. She is a regular student of the Science and Engineering Materials PhD program at University of Santiago de Chile (USACH), granted with the National Doctorate Scholarship CONICYT. She is developing her thesis in the area of powder metallurgy, specifically studying the microstructural and mechanical evolution of composites of aluminum alloy A356 reinforced with Si₃N₄. Her has worked with Nanomaterials as sorbent of divalent metal ions and dyes, also in the use of X-ray diffraction techniques and specifically in the microstructural refinement and texture analysis with the PM2K code for WPPM.

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Defect states in hexagonal boron nitride: Assignments of observed properties and prediction of properties relevant to quantum computation

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Hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN) is a wide band gap (~6 eV) 2-dimensional (2-D) material with the potential to host many such colour centres [1-8] that are promising candidates for quantum applications. Defects can dramatically alter the electronic and magnetic properties of the host Semiconductor. While both nitrogen (Nv) and boron (Bv) vacancies can act as paramagnetic centres in h-BN [9], electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) studies indicate that Nv are more important [10-15]. Two types of paramagnetic centres have been identified: (i) three-boron centres (TBC) in which an unpaired electron interacts with three equivalent boron (B11) nuclei, producing 10-line EPR spectra, and (ii) one-boron centres (OBC) in which an unpaired electron interact with only a single B11, producing 4-line EPR spectra. A-priori calculations using density-functional theory (DFT) can provide useful tools for the interpretation of EPR by comparing the experimental and calculated hyperfine constants [16-20]. We consider detailed models of the TBC and OBC defects in h-BN, as well as proposing many new defect centres, particularly defects involving introduced carbon impurity atoms one's which are thought of being responsible for single photon emission in hBN. We do Group-theoretical analysis to suggest new directions for experimental studies. Key properties of 9 possible defect sites in hexagonal boronitride (h-BN), VN, VN-1, C_N, VN-O_B, VN-N_B, VB-CN, VB-CN_Si_B, and VB-CN_Si_B are predicted using density-functional theory (DFT) that are corrected by applying results from high-level ab initio calculations. Detailed consideration of the available excited states, allowed spin-orbit couplings, zero-field splitting, and optical transitions is made for the two related defects VN_CN (Fig.1.) and VN-CN. We propose that ground-state spin polarization and long-lived quantum memory in h-BN can be achieved for VN-CN and VN-CN respectively.

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Biography

A. Sajid Ali has his expertise in DFT and quantum chemistry approaches for simulating the material properties. He also uses group theory analysis to study the defect induced properties of Materials. His recent (PhD) work is majorly focused on studying the mechanism of Quantum Emission from Defects in Hexagonal Boron Nitride. He is currently a final year PhD student at University of Technology Sydney Australia, and has already published a number of papers in high quality journals.

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Isolation of 2D Material by sand paper abrasion

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The research on nanocarbons has expanded over the past 20 years, including the structures viz. zero dimensional (fullerenes)1, one-dimensional (nanotubes)2, and two dimensional (graphene)3, where the properties are mainly governed by a set of parameters including their size, morphology and structure. The preparation process largely involves arc-discharge, laser ablation, gas-phase catalytic growth from carbon monoxide and chemical vapor deposition (CVD) from hydrocarbons, involving a lot of energy and industrial preparation becomes onerous. The controlled synthesis of nanocarbons is the key factor to manipulate and tailor their characteristics4. The realm of carbonaceous materials in their nano form have a diverse applications and at the same time fabricating high quality of such materials is quite challenging. In this article, we have used an ultra-fine silicon carbide sandpaper for chiseling willow charcoal and graphite rods for the isolation of nanocarbons viz. Carbon Nanoparticles and Graphene. This fabrication process produced value added products from the precursor materials in large quantity. The probable abrasive wear mechanism was elucidated and the final products were characterized using SEM, Raman spectroscopy, TEM and XRD.

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Biography
Peetam Mandal has completed his 5 years integrated M.Sc with a First Division in Applied Chemistry from Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi, India . He has joined the Department of Chemistry, NIT Agartala as regular PhD student. His research area includes the synthesis of carbon nanoparticles/ graphene/ graphene oxide/ nanocomposites and their application in solar cell.

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Session Introduction

Title: Preparation and Characterization of Novel NLO Solids in As-O-Mo, As(P)-O-Mo(W) and As(P)-O-Nb(W) systems
Nick Gerasimchuk, Missouri State University, USA

Title: Combining computational design and soft synthesis to a resource efficient green chemistry of novel functional materials
Richard Weihrich, University of Augsburg, Germany

Title: Ultra-low energy SEM/STEM of graphene
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Andrés Muñoz, University of Antioquia, Colombia

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Ismail ALTUNTAS, Cumhuriyet University, Turkey

YRF: On the efficiency of Cyclodextrin Inclusion complexes with Ibuprofen and Naproxen
Stiliyana Pereva, Sofia University, Bulgaria

YRF: The influence of Nb content on the mechanical properties of micro alloyed low carbon steels
Tamara Aleksandrov Fabijanic, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Preparation and Characterization of Novel NLO Solids in As-O-Mo, As(P)-O-Mo(W) and As(P)-O-Nb(W) systems

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Mixed valence solids such as oxides based on molybdenum blues and tungsten bronzes recently found useful applications as semiconductors and catalysts. Despite some considerable efforts in the past, many of these interesting systems were not sufficiently investigated. We attempted systematic studies in this area of solid state chemistry and prepared several new systems for their subsequent investigations and evaluation of practical applications in the outlined above fields. Thus, interactions between well mixed fine powders of As₂O₃, P₂O₅, MoO₃, WO₃ and Nb₂O₅ at different stoichiometry in quartz ampoules under vacuum at ~1000°C in the presence of metallic molybdenum (or niobium) within several weeks lead to shiny dichroic crystalline materials formed in cooler parts of the reaction vessel. An addition of small quantities of metals – Mo or Nb – was done with the aim of partial reduction of their highly oxidized Mo(VI), W(VI) or Nb(V) species to corresponding Mo(V), W(V) and Nb(IV) centers in order to form mixed valence solids. Sublimed crystals were investigated using a variety of techniques including XRD methods (powder, single crystals), spectroscopy (visible diffusion reflectance, IR, Raman and EPR), second harmonic generation (SHG), TG/DSC under N₂ and air atmosphere, and electrical conductivity studies. Results evidenced the formation of new, complex solids of previously unknown compositions that all crystallized in non-centrosymmetric, polar space groups. There were Mo(V) and Nb(IV) species detected in lattices by the EPR spectroscopy (Figure 1) both in coupled state, and as isolated centers of slightly different symmetry. Thermogravimetric data and careful ICP analyses studies allowed accurate determination of content of solids and % of reduced metal ions. All new solids exhibit strong SHG effect based on YAG 1064 nm tests. Structures of new solids and aspects of their practical usefulness are discussed.

Figure 1. The EPR spectra of Nb(IV) species in crystalline Nb5P3O18 (A) and Mo12P4O45 powder at 80K showing both Mo(V) and trapped oxygen radical in the lattice (B).

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**Biography**

Nick Gerasimchuk is Full Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at Missouri State University (USA). His research interests and expertise lay in the following areas: 1) the 1D coordination polymers as cytotoxic NIR emitters for theranostic applications; 2) mixed valence compounds; 3) novel antimicrobials based on silver and antimony oximates; 4) physical methods of investigation of inorganic and coordination compounds, including small molecules crystallography of inorganic and coordination compounds; 5) equipment design for synthetic inorganic/materials chemistry.

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**Notes:**
Combining computational design and soft synthesis to a resource efficient green chemistry of novel functional materials

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Statement of the Problem: Megatrend developments from digitalisation to environmental challenges and the scarcity of resources drive an increasing need for new materials. They should be smart, low dimensional (from 3D to 2D and nano size) and highly functional – Phosphorene is a good example. Materials and their processing should also be “green” and resource efficient. This causes a still puzzling question to find the “right” material within the large number of possible combinations of chemical elements from a systematic approach.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: We report on the combination of soft experimental chemistry and computational materials design within the phase diagram A-M-Ch. First, we focus on main group metals A like Phosphorous (P) [1, 2] and Phosphorene allotropes with a systematical understanding of structures and properties. Next we ask for the understanding and design of ternary materials like helical SnIP [3], pyrites MACH, and half perovskites AMXn/2, X [4,5].

Findings: From our cooperative work phosphorene like PA1-x and helical SnIP were recently described as smart 2D and 1D semiconductors with tunable band gaps. Within ternary A-M-X compounds superconducting parkerites and shandite like Sn2Co3S2 and became a highly fascinating 2D system for spintronic, thermodynamic and skyrmionic properties. From computational chemistry and experiment a rational design to tune specific properties upon substitution could be reached. Further a guided synthesis could be reached by predicting stable and metastable compositions and structures. With the scheme of energy diagrams formation and decay of compositions as well as the formation of competing products are predicted. Novel results on new 3D and 2D materials are presented, that are reached by novel soft and conversion synthesis.

Conclusion & Significance: the combination of modern computational and synthetic inorganic chemistry leads an efficient way to green materials design.

Figure 1. Combination of green and applied resource efficient computer and experimental chemistry.

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Biography
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Notes:
Ultra-low energy SEM/STEM of graphene

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Graphene sheets, including multilevel stacks, are nearly fully transparent for electrons at energies standard in electron microscopes. Graphene has even been considered an ideal substrate for the deposition of, for example, organic macromolecules for their observation in a scanning (transmission) electron microscope (SEM/STEM). The cathode lens principle with a negatively biased sample in the SEM/STEM enables one to obtain an arbitrarily low energy of electrons securing an ultimately reduced interaction volume providing the image information. The image contrast has been found to be sufficient for distinguishing graphene flakes at tens and units of eV in the STEM, and the electron transmissivity surprisingly showed values in units of percent only in this energy range. Expectations based on the usual extension of the inelastic mean free path of electrons below some 50 eV have not been confirmed. The electron transmissivity at tens of eV has proven a reliable tool for counting the graphene layers as an alternative to Raman spectroscopy providing much enhanced lateral resolution. Graphene layers grown by the CVD method on substrates exhibit contrasts connected with electron reflectivity fluctuations below about 8 eV and also in a second band around 15 eV in the ultra-low-energy SEM. This phenomenon can also be employed for counting the graphene layers because we get n-1 minima of reflectivity on n graphene layers. Observation at ultra-low electron energies, in particular under standard high-vacuum conditions, faces surface contamination owing to the electron-beam-induced deposition of carbon from spontaneously adsorbed hydrocarbon precursors. This fatal phenomenon mostly prevents us from performing true surface studies under the standard high vacuum (10^-6 to 10^-7 mbar). However, electrons bombarding surfaces at tens of eV have proven themselves to release hydrocarbon molecules instead of decomposing them, so ultimately cleaned surfaces are obtained.

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Predicted of intermetallic phase layer thickness in laser assisted hybrid friction stir welding of aluminium to steel

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Hybrid friction stir welding (HFSW) is an advanced solid-state welding process that can produce sound joint in between dissimilar materials possess different thermo-physical properties such as aluminium and steel. The crucial problem in joining of aluminium to steel is the low solubility of aluminium in iron leads to form brittle intermetallic phase layer. The existence of intermetallic phase layer is desirable for suitable joint quality; however, excessive growth of the phase layer deteriorate the joint strength. Conventional friction stir welding successfully joins aluminium to steel with controlling the growth of phase layer thickness, however, excessive tool wear and forming defects are the significant limitations of this process. These drawbacks may be overcome in HFSW process by introducing an additional heat source to pre-heat the harder material like steel and at the same time placing the tool in an optimal location for sufficient material flow around the tool. In the published literature, little efforts are available to understand the influence of joining conditions on growth of the phase layer thickness in hybrid friction stir welding of aluminium to steel. In the present study, an attempt is undertaken to estimate the growth of the intermetallic phase layer in laser-assisted hybrid friction stir butt welding of 2.5 mm thick AA5052 alloy to 1.4 mm thick ultrahigh strength steel DP590 through numerical analysis. A 3-dimensional conduction heat transfer based model using finite element method is developed to simulate the HFSW process. The estimated thermal cycles and peak temperatures at the joint interface from the numerical model are used to estimate the phase layer thickness. Further, the impact of the distance between the tool and laser on the growth of layer thickness is studied.

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Correlation between magnetic saturation and component in WC-Ni$_{85}$Fe$_{15}$ alloys

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The measurement of the magnetic saturation in reference to the pure Co is utilized for quality control in cemented carbides. This measurement is an estimation of binder phase components. WC-Co cemented carbides, in which Co is chosen as a binder, are relatively tough and fatigue-resistant composite materials used widely for cutting tools and rock drilling inserts. However, a substitution for Co as a binder is in urgent demand due to its health threat and fluctuating price. This work aims to investigate the correlation between the COM value and binder phase components for a new binder Ni$_{85}$Fe$_{15}$ (at. %) through first principles calculations. The magnetic behavior of Ni/WC interface and the binder segregation are also studied. The equation for calculating the COM value of WC-Ni$_{85}$Fe$_{15}$ cemented carbides is constructed. The COM value is decreased by W and C compositions dissolved into the binder phase. We further compare theoretically predicted COM values with experimental measurements for several cemented carbides. And theoretical results agree well with experimental values. The interface investigation shows that spin polarized Ni atoms around the Ni(111)/WC(0001) interface possess lower magnetic moments than bulk Ni atoms. The segregation near the impurity W in the binder phase indicates that the W prefers Fe instead of Ni. Factors that would affect the magnetic behavior of WC-Ni$_{85}$Fe$_{15}$ alloys are analyzed.

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Biography

Ruiwen Xie has her expertise in first principles calculations. She is now a PhD student in Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden. She has a great knowledge of mechanical properties of stainless steels. She is also working in collaboration with Sandvik Coromant which is a world’s leading supplier of tools and tooling solutions. Her calculations with the ab-initio method will help optimize the process of quality control for industrial products.
Analysis of strengthening mechanisms in nano-ODS steel depending on preparation route

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Oxide dispersion strengthened (ODS) steels are promising materials for high temperature applications, in particular in fission and fusion nuclear reactors. In comparison to common reduced activation ferritic/martensitic steels they exhibit better resistance to neutron irradiation and creep owing to an uniform dispersion of nano-oxides particles (~ 5 nm) and a very fine grain structure (~ 500 nm). These features are shown in Figure 1. ODS steels are commonly prepared by high-energy mechanical alloying (HEMA) of a mixture of steel powder and Y2O3 particles followed by a consolidation stage consisting of hot extrusion (HE) or hot isostatic pressing (HIP). The samples are then submitted to annealing around 1100 °C for 1-2 hours. Recently, the present authors proposed a novel method based on low-energy mechanical alloying (LEMA). In general ODS microstructure is quite complex and several mechanisms contribute to the mechanical strengthening with different effects depending on the temperature. The present work analyses the role played by each single mechanism at increasing temperature by considering the specific microstructural features. ODS steels prepared through different routes and process parameters display different grain size distribution and homogeneity of particles dispersion, factors which strongly affect the mechanical properties. Yield stress values measured in tensile tests performed at increasing temperature up to 700 °C, either from literature or achieved by us, have been examined and the following strengthening mechanisms have been taken into account to fit the experimental data: (i) solid solution; (ii) Bailey-Hirsch; (iii) Hall-Petch; (iv) Orowan; (v) Arzt-Rössler-Wilkinson and (vi) Coble creep. The analyses evidence advantages and drawbacks of different preparation routes and suggest some criteria for further improving the mechanical properties of these materials.

Figure 1: Fine grain structure (a) and nano-oxides particles (b).

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Biography

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Development of CNT-reinforced ceramic matrix composites for wear-resistance application and light-weight high strength CNT-reinforced epoxy composite

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The use of carbon nanotubes (CNTs) in the Zirconium Toughened Alumina (ZTA) matrix composite results in enhanced mechanical properties. In this study, the ceramic matrix composites – ZTA (containing 80 vol% of pure Al2O3 and 20 vol% of yttria stabilized zirconia (YSZ)) is furthermore mixed with different proportions of MWCNTs. The addition of YSZ in monolithic ceramic results in the reinforcement of the pure alumina Al2O3, thus overcoming brittleness of monolithic ceramics. It, too, results in corrosion resistance and temperature stability. The resulting reinforced composite is ZTA. Our main aim is to improve the mechanical properties of ZTA such as fracture toughness and micro-hardness. It is observed that CNTs are better than SiC for reinforcement. Due to its large aspect ratio (diameter ~ 20-30 nm and length ~ 1-2μm) and tensile strength, CNTs are the most preferred reinforcing material used for binary composites. Carbon fiber-reinforced epoxy composites modified with carbon nanotubes (CNTs) were fabricated and characterized. Here, Araldite is mixed with Aradur (hardener) to create a strong epoxy composite. Furthermore, MWCNTs are added in the composite to produce a light-weight, strong composite. A process for preparing carbon nanotube (CNT) dispersions for reinforcement of CNT in epoxy resin has been reported. Mechanical property evaluations were then performed for the cured CNT-epoxy nano-composites and compared to the base epoxy resin matrix. This research may help to propose a further positive solution for fabricating CNTs-epoxy reinforced nanocomposites.

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Biography

Dipanjana De has her focus on the advancement and enhancement of the mechanical and electrical properties of the nanocomposites. She has enhanced the mechanical properties of Zirconium toughened alumina (ZTA) by incorporating carbon nanotubes (CNT) and developed lightweight high-strength CNT-reinforced epoxy composite. Recently, she is working on the enhancement of the electrical properties of BFO-ZnO nanocomposite, with an aim to create nanomaterials with amplified magnetoelectric coupling. As a student, she is always looking for opportunities to enhance her knowledge and skills regarding nanomaterials/ nanophysics.

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Study of a fluidized bed reactor to produce green-carbon nanotubes at pilot scale

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Carbon nanotubes are materials of great scientific and technological interest that has called attention of many scientists, since the discovery of them by Ijima in 1991[1]; This great interest due to their unique physical and chemical properties such as chemical corrosion resistance, thermal stability, high thermal and electrical conductivity, low density and high mechanical strength. The present work shows an experimental fluidized bed catalytic chemical vapor deposition reactor (see Figure), as the best technology to produce carbon nanotubes, using a clean process that allows the simultaneous production of hydrogen, based on catalytic decomposition of ethanol, which is a renewable carbon source, and a catalyst based on nickel. Operational parameters as initial catalyst amount, fluidization velocity, temperature and residence time, was analyzed and optimized for the experimental design, making the respective experiments to obtain a kinetic model of the reactor. As results was found that the granulometric distribution size of the catalyst have an impact in the yield of the reaction, being increased as the size down; the nature and behavior of the catalyst inside the reactor affect the requirements to keep the fluidization regimen, increasing the inlet flow of gases when agglomeration of catalyst is created with the increase of the temperature inside the reactor; the time of reaction, to obtain the same yield is decreased while the gas concentration of the ethanol is increased in the inlet gases; the outer diameter of the CNTs strongly depends on the reaction temperature; an increase of the reaction temperature leads to an increase in H2 production, this associated with the thermal decomposition of the ethanol and the CNT production; finally the TEM micrographs show that the nanotubes were multi-walled for the range of conditions studied. The production of carbonaceous materials (mainly carbon nanotubes) was between 1 g/g catalyst and 14 g/g catalyst. Materials, catalysts, and reaction products was characterized using analytical techniques such as XRD, TGA, SEM, TEM.

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Biography
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Comprehensive comparison of epitaxially grown gan layer grown on conventional sapphire and patterned sapphire substrates

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GaN based materials including light emitting diodes, blue laser diodes and high-power microwave transistors have received much attention over the past few years. An important problem of these structures is the high levels of structural defects, mostly dislocations, due to the lack of a suitable lattice-matched substrate. So far, the substrate of choice has been mainly sapphire (Al2O3) substrates, which has a large lattice mismatch with GaN or AlN. As a result, (0001) GaN layers epitaxially grown on sapphire substrates include high concentrations of misfit and threading dislocations. In this study, epitaxial GaN layers have been grown on both conventional sapphire and patterned sapphire substrates by using an MOCVD system and high resolution XRD scans and photoluminescence measurements are performed to compare the effect of patterned sapphire substrates on the dislocation density.

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Biography
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On the efficiency of cyclodextrin inclusion complexes with ibuprofen and naproxen
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Cyclodextrin (CDs) have a vast and important applications in many fields of natural sciences – chemistry, pharmacy, gas storage, catalysis, foods, cosmetics. This interest and nearly 40 years of research on CDs is due to their structure – they have a hydrophobic cavity and a hydrophilic exterior, thus they can be hosts of molecules with proper size, which can be entrapped into their cavity. Ibuprofen and naproxen are non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs with high bioavailability and permeability, but low water solubility. Very few researches investigate the complex efficiency and how this can improve the solubility of the drugs in water, their properties and also shed a light to the mechanism of complex formation. We propose a modified ball milling method (with the use of a solvent), which is very effective, compared to the classical pharmaceutical methods – it’s cheap, environmentally friendly and can be applied in an industrial scale. With the help of thermal analysis (Differential Scanning Calorimetry and Thermal Gravimetry), we were able for a first time to quantitatively determine how efficient is this modified synthetic method. We proved that for ibuprofen complexes 1 molecule ibuprofen, replaces 7 molecules water from the cavity of the cyclodextrin.

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Biography
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The influence of Nb content on the mechanical properties of micro alloyed low carbon steels

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Niobium Nb micro alloyed low carbon steel contains small amounts of Nb as an alloying element (0.02-0.1 wt%), which has a significant impact on many material properties. Niobium shows a strong affinity for nitrogen and carbon and causes the formation of niobium carbide and niobium nitride within the structure of the steel which improve the grain refining, retardation of recrystallization, and precipitation hardening [1-5]. Those precipitates are dispersed in the form of small Nb (CN) precipitates, which are arranged in fine lines [1, 4]. Consequently, the toughness, yield point and ultimate tensile strength, formability, and weldability of the micro alloyed steel are increased with small decrease in elongation and ductility [1-5]. The mechanical properties of Nb micro alloyed low carbon steel were researched in the paper. For the purpose of research the low alloyed steels with different Nb content; 0.035 wt. %Nb and 0.06 wt. %Nb were selected. The tensile test with the combination of digital image correlation (DIC) and thermography were used to study the thermomechanical behaviour of materials. The test pieces were cut from the hot rolling strip which were air cooled and thermomechanically treated. The test pieces of low carbon steel were tested for the comparison. The test pieces with the original gauge length L0 of 45 mm, original width b0 of 20 mm were prepared. The tensile test was performed in accordance with ISO 6892-1:2009 at room temperature. Two different strain rates; 5mm/min and 20 mm/min were applied in order to research the potential of Nb micro alloyed low carbon steels for improved energy absorption. The highest values of yield strength and tensile strength and the lowest values of elongation were measured for the test pieces with 0.06 wt. %Nb. The strength measured at different strain rates did not change for both Nb micro alloyed steels and low carbon steel indicating that materials do not show positive strain rate sensitivity.

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Biography
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Posters
Electrospraying of active carrier matrix systems with varying hydrophobicities

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The electrohydrodynamic atomisation (EHDA) technique is optimised for the production of uniform nanoparticles via the atomisation of liquids through the use of electrical forces (Haj-Ahmad et al., 2015). The EHDA technique is a single step process specifically used for the production of particles and fibers in the micro/nano range. It is possible to use this process for the encapsulation of drugs/actives within a polymeric matrix for release over time. The efficiency of particle engineering is affected by a number of factors namely the flow rate of polymeric solution, applied voltage and finally the distance between the nozzle and the collection plate. The electrospraying process gives rise to the production of nanoparticles (NPs) which can be used as particulate active matrix systems. The electrospraying process was deployed for polymers (PCL, PLGA and PMSQ) with varying hydrophobicities and was investigated to determine the impact of engineering parameters on the hydrophobic nature and outcome of polymer solutions. The physical properties of the polymeric solutions were characterised and these solutions were then sprayed using electrohydrodynamic atomisation (EHDA) and were analysed using optical and SEM. The spraying process was optimised using varying flow rates and applied voltages for each medium, these were found to be 80 µL/min and 13.2kV for PCL, 80 µL/min and 10.2kV for PLGA and 80 µL/min and 15.5kV for PMSQ. The process was observed using real time imaging (optical zoom camera and several jetting modes were observed). SEM showed the formation of spherical uniform particles for PCL, particles formed from PLGA also showed the formation of spherical particles however these had agglomerated appreciably and finally PMSQ displayed bowl shaped morphology after processing. It is possible to suggest both process parameters and the hydrophobic nature of the polymer play a part in topographical and morphological features of nanoparticles.

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Biography

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Hot corrosion behavior of 4.5 wt. % YSZ coatings elaborated by suspension plasma spraying

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A high percentage of energy generation is made using gas turbines. These turbines have increased in efficiency due to protection systems such as thermal barrier coatings (TBCs). TBCs systems are widely used to provide thermal and corrosion protections for the metallic hot-section components to achieve extended the durability of a gas turbine. A typical TBC system is composed by MCrAlY (M=Ni and/or Co) metallic bond-coat as an oxidation resistant layer and the yttria stabilized zirconia (YSZ) topcoat as a thermal insulation layer. These coatings BCs are usually applied either by an atmospheric plasma spray (APS) or electron beam physical vapour deposition (EB-PVD). Suspension plasma spraying (SPS), as a newly emerged technique of thermal spraying processes, has been intensely investigated to elaborated ceramic coatings with bimodal structures (include nanostructures) obtained from its raw material. The hot corrosion behavior of 4.5 wt. % Yttria Stabilized Zirconia coatings was investigated in the presence of Na$_2$SO$_4$ and V$_2$O$_5$ and as corrosive molten salt for 40h at 1050ºC. The microstructure of the 4.5 YSZ coating showed that it was composed by a bimodal structure made of un-molten nanosized particles imbedded in a matrix of molten splats, which is a typical characteristic of this kind of coatings. The results of hot corrosion test showed that the molten salts at high temperature had a strong chemical reaction with the yttria (Y$_2$O$_3$) of the 4.5 YSZ coating generating its delamination. It was occurred in the ceramic layer due to the creation of stress resulting of these delamination. According to EDS- SEM analysis, the evaluation of surface of 4.5 YSZ coating showed mainly the formation of crystals composed by Y, V, O by interaction between of V$_2$O$_5$ of the salts and Y$_2$O$_3$ of the coating (Fig. 1).

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Biography
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First-principles study on the crystal structure of ZrTi$_2$ under pressure

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Group IV transition metals Ti and Zr are the most attractive metallic materials in aerospace and nuclear industries. They have high specific strength, good biocompatibility, excellent corrosion and oxidation resistance and low neutron-capture. Ti and Zr have three polymorphic modifications, including high pressure α-phase with hexagonal structure. In this work, the high-pressure behavior in the crystal structure of ZrTi$_2$ have been systematically studied by using universal structure prediction method together with density functional theory. The structure prediction was carried out using USPEX (Universal Structure Predictor: Evolutionary Xtallography) code with the Vienna Ab-initio Simulation Package (VASP) code for 0, 25, 50, 75, and 100 GPa. Uspex was developed by Oganov, Glass, Lyakhov and Zhu, which allows one to predict the most stable crystal structure and a number of low-energy metastable structures for a chemical composition at any pressure conditions without requiring any experimental input. In this work, the pseudopotentials of Ti and Zr elements were treated their respective orbitals 3p$^6$4s$^2$4p$^6$5s$^2$4d$^2$ as valence electronic configurations. For USPEX, the maximum total numbers of atoms in the unit cell were limited to 6 (2 atoms of Zr and 4 atoms of Ti). According to the previous studies [6], three possible structures were chosen to study with USPEX: α-ZrTi$_2$ with hcp structure (P6$_3$/mmc, 194), α-ZrTi$_2$ with hcp structure (P6/mmm, 191), and β-ZrTi$_2$ with bcc structure (Im3m, 229). Additionally, three structures obtained with same software were used to refine the search for stable structures: P6mm (183), P4mcm (127) and P-3m1(164). The results showed that the space groups 183, 164 and 194 are the most stable structures at zero temperature and pressure for ZrTi$_2$. The structure α-ZrTi$_2$ (194) is the most stable between 3 and 75 GPa. Finally, the space group 164 is the most stable between 75 and 100 GPa.

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Lightweight filler for EMI shielding: carbon materials decorated with silver nanoparticle

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This work is about electromagnetic interference shielding, its frequency range is 1-18 GHz. The wavelength is called centimeter wave, and we do not count the wave pass. So I tried to measure the shielding ability by putting a filler in the foam to try to cover a wider range of shielding while reducing the filler. The filler is some carbon materials that are decorated with increasing electrical conductivity. When the carbon materials are modified with acid and ultra sonicating powerfully, however, the carbon properties are decreasing generally, so I used amphiphiles to decorate metals. The electromagnetic waves are reflected and absorbed out of the pores. Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) and Micro-CT show fillers network. The filler is well contact each others and enclose foam's pore in foam matrix. For Ag decorated on carbon materials, use SEM and Raman Spectrometer. Electromagnetic Interference shielding performance is tested with Vector Network Analysis as the 2mm thickness in 1-18GHz.

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Biography
Chae Lin Kim lin do work for EMI shielding and heat flow. She is the master's course since july 2017.
Protein loading into vaterite CaCO₃ crystals by co-synthesis

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CaCO₃-based co-synthesis (or co-precipitation) is actively used for encapsulation of fragile biomolecules, for instance encapsulation into multilayer capsules and other carriers to be used for drug delivery, tissue engineering, biotechnology.1,2 Molecules of interest can effectively be incorporated into the mesoporous vaterite CaCO₃ crystals (Fig. 1) by adding them during the crystal synthesis at mild conditions (principle of the co-synthesis).3-5 This work explores the ability of various proteins to be incorporated into the crystals. The following model proteins have been tested for their loading into the crystals by co-synthesis: bovine serum albumin, lysozyme, α-lactalbumin, catalase, cytochrome C, insulin. The proteins can be loaded inside the crystals at extremely high amounts (adsorption capacity of the crystals of up to 600 mg of protein per 1 g of crystals) and giving a value of Gibbs free energy of about -30 kJ/mol. The research here aims to identify a correlation between physical-chemical properties of the proteins (molecular mass, sign of charge) with the thermodynamic parameters of the protein loading such as equilibrium constant and Gibbs free energy. The findings of the study allow to understand the mechanism of the protein loading into the crystals.

Fig. 1. Scanning electron microscopy images of vaterite CaCO₃ crystals at magnification x10,000 (a) and x2,000 (b).

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Multilayer biopolymer-based capsules made using vaterite CaCO$_3$ crystals

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Polymer-based multilayer capsules are new types of effective drug delivery carriers. The capsules assembled using decomposable and porous CaCO$_3$ vaterite crystals can be loaded with biomolecules at mild conditions. These crystals can then effectively release biomolecules such as proteins and peptides, small drugs, like antibiotics, nucleic acids, etc.1-4 Protection and controlled release of the biomolecules are the main advantages of the capsules; this can be achieved by adjusting the capsule structure by varying the number of layers deposited, and the appropriate choice of the chemical nature of the polymer used.2-4 Despite there being a number of synthetic polymers that have been employed to assemble the capsules, there is a gap in the understanding of the capsule assembly mechanism for biopolymers. This is indispensable for the formulation of capsules to be utilised for biologically relevant applications. This work aims to fabricate capsules from biopolymers typically used for bio-applications in drug delivery and tissue engineering. The examples of the utilised biopolymers include polyanions (chondroitin sulfate, hyaluronic acid, dextran sulfate, and heparin) and polycations (poly-L-lysine, dextran amine, collagen, and protamine). The following pairs of biopolymers are the most attractive in terms of capsule integrity: heparin/poly-L-lysine (Fig. 1) and heparin/protamine. Not only the stability, but also protein retention in the formed capsules, capsule shrinkage, and the fusion between capsules are investigated. Interestingly, the occupation of the vaterite crystal pores with polymer(s) during capsule fabrication is responsible for the observed capsule shrinkage and fusion phenomena. The findings of this study would open new routes for applications of multilayer capsules in the field of controlled drug delivery.

Fig. 1. Optical (a) and corresponding fluorescence (b) images, with the corresponding fluorescence profile (c) of BSA encapsulated within (heparin/poly-L-lysine)$_2$/heparin capsules. (d) - enlarged area from the image (b). Scale bar is 100 µm.

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Synthesis and properties of porous carbon derived from coffee waste as a supercapacitor electrode

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In this study, we fabricated a series of porous carbon materials derived from coffee waste as a supercapacitor electrode. XPS identified 82.69 at% carbon, 13.97 at% oxygen and 8.5 at% nitrogen on the surface of Coffee grounds. Carbonization with nitrogen atmosphere was conducted at various temperatures (700, 800, and 900 °C) in a tubular furnace. Also, further chemical activation enhanced the surface properties of porous carbon such as surface area and pore volume. Electrochemical properties of prepared porous carbon electrode were investigated using three-electrode system in 6 M KOH electrolyte solution. The prepared porous carbon electrodes derived coffee waste represented unique surface properties and nitrogen functionalized structure, which lead to high performance supercapacitive behavior.

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Scheme 1. The synthesis procedure of porous carbon derived from coffee waste

Biography
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Facile synthesis of oxygen defective yolk-shell BiO$_{2-x}$ for visible light-driven photocatalytic inactivation of Escherichia coli

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Statement of the Problem: Engineering catalysts with optimal oxygen vacancies is quite significant, as oxygen vacancy sites are efficient electron capture centers. However, bismuth oxide with oxygen vacancy, a promising VLD catalyst, was rarely reported. Besides, morphology dependent photocatalysis has been intensively focused, as the morphology would directly influence the activities by tuning light utilization, electron transfer processes and interfacial reaction. Yolk-shelled materials are emerging as promising candidates, owing to their charming physicochemical properties like enhanced light absorption ability by multiple reflections of incident light within the interior cavities. However, reports towards oxygen defective BiO$_{2-x}$ with various morphologies are limited, inhibiting in-depth studies of defects and morphology dependent activities.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: Facile solvothermal method was used to synthesize oxygen defective BiO$_{2-x}$ with yolk-shell structure. Electron paramagnetic resonance and X-ray photoelectron spectral analyses were adopted to verify the existence of oxygen vacancy. Photocatalytic activity was evaluated by bacterial inactivation. Scavenger studies were utilized to find the key active species in the inactivation process.

Findings: Temperature gradient originating from the heating rate caused the variances between the diffusion rate of the core and the formation rate of the shell, resulting in the formation of BiO$_{2-x}$ spheres with different interior structures. Yolk-shell BiO$_{2-x}$ can completely inactivate 7 log E. coli within 3 h, superior than core-shell BiO$_{2-x}$ and commercial Bi$_2$O$_3$.

Conclusion & Significance: The oxygen vacancy with a high affinity for molecular oxygen, and the enhanced light absorption ability resulted from multireflection of incident light within the interior voids, contributed to the prominent bacterial inactivation performance. O$_2^-$ and H$_2$O$_2$ guaranteed the oxidation ability toward bacterial cells. This study would shed light on the design and application of efficient oxygen defective photocatalysts with intricate yolk-shell structures.

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Biography
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Cost-effective polyaminal polymer for the heavy metal removal

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Environmental pollution is one of growing worldwide problem, especially, drinkable water is threaten by heavy metals in process of industrial growth. To solve this issue, all technique including membrane filtration, chemical precipitation ion-exchange, has been tired. Among them, adsorption materials are very simple and cost-effective. The Mesoporous polymers with 2-50nm pore size are one of most promising subject in wastewater treatment. Because it provides not only low diffuse barrier for water but also possibility of post-modification. Herein, we synthesized polyaminal polymer with Melamine and monomer based on benzenealdehyde which have hierarchical structure with 400–650m²/g BET surface area. Then decoration of sulfur and nitrogen on designed polymer with thiol-yne click chemistry. Thiol yne click reaction is very reactive under UV lamp. In this study, designed MVP-SN investigated by BET,ICP-OES, Elemental analysis, SEM, EDAX for evaluating of heavy metal removal such as Cd(II), Pb(II),Hg(II) and Cu(II).

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Biography

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Fibrous NSAID Buccal films

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The buccal route for drug administration has gained importance in the past years due to its accessibility and rapid onset of action. It is a reliable alternative to the oral route, both for local and for systemic delivery of drugs, overcoming some of the drawbacks existent in oral administration, avoids the first-pass effect, pre-systemic elimination by the gastrointestinal tract, and adverse drug reactions. Similarly, because buccal administration is easily achieved, it may be a good alternative to oral drug administration without compromising compliance with treatment, particularly, for young children and older adults. Thus, buccal permeability models are essential to determine important permeation parameters. In this experiment an ex vivo model of oral tissue from pigs was used for drug permeability studies because of resemblances with human oral mucosa. This study compared the ex vivo permeability parameters of PVP/NSAID (Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) through buccal mucosa using a diffusion cell system as detection method. Currently available rapid disintegrating buccal tablets have limitations relating to the short residence time at the absorption surface. Therefore, the development of drug-loaded nanofibers may be able to overcome this problem by enhancing the surface area for interaction based on grooves and total surface exposure. The object was to evaluate the film forming fibre in the preparation of mucoadhesive patches for the controlled release of NSAID drugs to treat inflammation and pain in the joints, using the electro spinning technique. Fibrous films containing NSAID for buccal drug delivery were prepared using a one-step electrospinning technique. The resulting structures possessed mean diameters between~10-1200 nm. NSAID was encapsulated in the amorphous state, with relatively high encapsulation efficiencies. FT-IR and Raman analysis show that NSAID, PVP and selected co-polymers were well incorporated into the fibre matrix. The XRD and DSC analysis results confirmed that raw NSAID (e.g. indomethacin) changed from the crystallised to amorphous state during electrospinning.

Notes/Comments: Kazem Nazari has his expertise in freeze drying process control and electrospinning. Using an in-line process analytical technology for freeze-drying and further work by developing a temperature map of the freeze-dryer shelf to predict the degree of temperature variation within the shelf. Also, electrospinning of NSAID drugs formulation for use at buccal mucosa area. This help to avoid the first-pass effect, pre-systemic elimination by the gastrointestinal tract, and adverse drug reactions. Correspondingly, because buccal administration is easily achieved, it may be a good alternative to oral drug administration without compromising compliance with treatment, particularly, for young children and older adults.

Fig.1. (a) A selection of base INDO/PVP fibrous films prepared using the electrospinning technique. Images of fibrous films using (b) scanning electron microscopy (SEM), with the inset showing film thickness through side-view and (c) ex-vivo studies.
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Biography

Kazem Nazari is in write up stage of his PhD studies, and his expertise is in nanotechnology; the creation of fibres using different materials. He obtained his BSc Honors in Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences and Mphil degree in Pharmaceutical Technology (freeze-drying process control) using in-line process analytical technology for freeze-drying and developing a temperature map of the freeze-dryer shelf to predict the degree of temperature variation within the shelf at De Montfort University before deciding to pursue a PhD in The Advanced Drug Delivery Group (specializing in EHDA systems) (led by Prof. Z Ahmad at De Montfort University, Leicester UK).

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Ceramic/camphene based three-dimensional co-extrusion for biomimetic structure

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We report a novel ceramic scaffold structure with biomimetic dense/channel using ceramic/camphene based by extrusion. As you know porous structure can give good favorable environment for bone ingrowth and excellent permeability. Biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP) powder comprises of hydroxyapatite and tricalcium phosphate (TCP) has good biocompatibility and bioactivity. Therefore, in this study, we decide to use the camphene-based freeze casting method in order to produce biomimetic graded porous biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP) ceramic. This design consists of dual layer as mimicking core-shell structure of natural bone, which is relatively dense part as a shell structure of natural bone, and porous part as an inner section, which is a biomimetic structure of nature human bone. To accomplish this, biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP)/camphene slurry with two different contents of 15vol% and 40vol% is first frozen uni-directionally in a 20mm diameter mold with multi-layered extrusion through a reduction die with a cross section of 1mm diameter at room temperature. This simple processes enabled the formation of dense/channel scaffold with aligned pores by removing camphene dendrites in the biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP)/camphene region.

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Biography

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Effect of carbon-based nanomaterials on flexible polyurethane foaming process and foam fire behavior

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Statement of the Problem: Flexible polyurethane foams (FPUFs), due to their structure and unique properties, are widely used in several sectors such as building and construction, packaging, bedding and furniture, automotive, etc. The main disadvantage of this type of foams is their poor resistance against fire due to the oxygen entrapped in the structure, which means that FPUFs rapidly burn with a high release of toxic smokes. The most common way to solve this drawback is the addition of flame retardants into the foams formulation although the most effective additives are based on halogenated or nitrogenated compounds of considerable toxicity during handling and in case of fire where they give rise to the emission of highly toxic gases. Because of that, other ways to improve the fire behavior of FPUFs are being investigated. The purpose of this study is to analyze the fire behavior of flexible foams when different carbon based nanomaterials are incorporated into the formulation.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: FPUf incorporating different carbon derived nanomaterials (carbon nanofibers (CNF) and expandable graphite (ExG)) were synthesized by the one shot method allowing the material free rise in a squared box. Foaming reaction kinetic was followed by the cream and rise times. Foams obtained were chemically characterized by ATR-FTIR spectroscopy. Thermal properties were determined by TGA, and fire behavior was evaluated by internal horizontal burning test.

Findings: Chemical properties were not influenced by the carbon based nanomaterials, and the decomposition temperature was increased by 15ºC with 20 pph of ExG. Fire behavior was enhanced with both nanomaterials.

Conclusion & Significance: Improvements in the flame retardancy of FPUFs were achieved with both carbon based nanomaterials without worsening their physical-mechanical properties. Incorporation of 1% (w/w polyol) of CNF decreased the burning rate by almost 50% and 20% of ExG gave self-extinguish foam.

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Biography

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Observations on the effect of forging temperature on the microstructure of super-duplex stainless steel UNS S32760

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The hot deformability of super-duplex stainless steels is closely related to the deformation temperature, which induces structural transformations that sometimes result in fragile phases. UNS S 32760 is a corrosion resistant austenitic-ferritic super-duplex steel, used for applications where conventional duplex grades do not meet the corrosion requirements. The material is characterized by very good resistance in chloride containing media and by high mechanical strength and good ductility. However, hot formability may be adversely affected due to the formation of intermetallic phases, promoted by Cr and Mo in which ferrite is enriched, and due to the fall of element solubility in the ferrite with decreasing temperature, which increases the probability of precipitation during hot forming. Thus, to avoid cracking, it is essential to carefully control the temperature during plastic deformation. In the present paper, microstructural modifications occurring by varying the forging temperature of a super-duplex stainless steel UNS S 32760 are analyzed by SEM-EBSD technique. It is studied the appearance and evolution of different phases in the temperature range 800 - 1200°C, for a constant degree of deformation. Particular attention is given to the sigma and chi fragile phases. The observations resulted from the microstructural analysis allowed conclusions to be drawn on the optimal deformation temperature range for the super-duplex steel studied.

Biography

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Development of more sustainable viscoelastic polyurethane foam

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Statement of the Problem: Viscoelastic polyurethane foams are materials widely used in industry due to their specific properties. These materials offer unique properties in terms of comfort and provide great value to bedding products. Nowadays, with the growing concern for protection of environment and limitation of fossil products, there is a need to develop more sustainable alternatives. In this way, new raw materials of renewable origin are actually being developed with the aim of avoiding or decreasing the petroleum derivatives dependence. Obtaining of viscoelastic foams with a high percentage of eco-sustainable materials, without losing their performance, is a challenge nowadays. The objective of this work is to analyse the effect related with the replacement of synthetic polyol for a renewable polyol (biopolyol) on the foaming reaction experimental variables and final properties of viscoelastic foams.

Methodology and theoretical orientation: From a conventional formulation for viscoelastic foam, different percentages of polyol were replaced by Emerox 14050, a commercial biopolyol with 80% of bio-content. The characterization of raw materials was carried out and chemical reactions were controlled to establish the effect of the polyol replacement on kinetic experimental parameters. The foams were subjected to a complete characterization, analysing the differences in final properties of foamed materials for each biopolyol concentration added in the formulation.

Findings: The use of biopolyol affects foam mixture processability. The FTIR, TGA and DSC analysis indicate changes in chemical structure and thermal properties of foams as the concentration of biopolyol is increased. Physical and mechanical properties of foams can be adjusted by making changes in formulation.

Conclusion and meaning: Up to 50% of polyol of petrochemical origin has been replaced by a product of sustainable origin in viscoelastic polyurethane foams which maintains its viscoelastic properties and possesses appropriate properties for their use in bedding products.

Biography
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Effect of surface treatment on wettability of tetragonal zirconia polycrystals (TZP)

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Surface modification technologies are available for tetragonal zirconia polycrystal (TZP) to enhance its osseointegration and fibro-integration capability for biomedical fields. The surface wettability is one of the important factors in the process of osseointegration and fibro-integration, possibly regulating protein adsorption, and subsequent cell behavior. The aim of this study was to clarify the effect of topographical or physicochemical modification of TZP ceramics on wettability to determine the potential of such treatment in application to dental implants. Several types of surface topography were produced by alumina blasting and acid etching with hydrofluoric acid; surface physicochemistry was modified with oxygen (O2) plasma, ultraviolet (UV) irradiation, or hydrogen peroxide treatment. The obtained specimens were also subjected to storage under various conditions to evaluate their potential to maintain superhydrophilicity. The surface wettability was evaluated by measuring the contact angle against distilled water. The modified surfaces were also analyzed using an X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). The results showed that surface modification of surface topography or physicochemistry, especially of blast/acid etching as well as O2 plasma and UV treatment, greatly increased the surface wettability, resulting in superhydrophilicity. XPS analyses revealed that a remarkable decrease in carbon content and the introduction of hydroxyl groups were responsible for the observed superhydrophilicity. Furthermore, superhydrophilicity was maintained, even after immersion in an aqueous solution. These results indicated that topographical and physicochemical modification with O2 plasma and UV treatment to TZP and subsequent immersion in aqueous solution is promising methods for creating superhydrophilicity, leading to important factors in osseointegration and fibro-integration for dental implants.

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Synthesis via hydrothermal route, morphology control, and luminescent properties of rare-earth doped GdPO$_4$ particles

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Development and improvement of nano- and micro-sized particles and structures has caught the focus of scientists in recent years. Rare-earth doped –nano- and –micro orthophosphate particles are promising materials for their chemical and thermal stability, luminescence properties, and low toxicity. They have a wide field of applications such as luminescent phosphors, electronics, drug delivery, down/up-conversion materials, catalysis and bio-applications[1-3]. Controllable size and morphology are important aspects of this research area, responsible for unique luminescent and physical properties including density, specific area, solubility, stability, reactivity, and zeta-potential of sintered particles. Synthesis of various LnPO$_4$ particles has been studied extensively recently and various morphologies such as nanorods, nanowires, nanofibers, nanocubes, microspheres are reported. Yet, effectiveness in synthesis of LnPO$_4$ particles with an aim to obtain desired morphology, narrow size distribution, good dispersibility in various solvents is still to be improved[4,5]. Herein, we report hydrothermal synthesis route of GdPO$_4$ particles assisted by tartaric acid as a coordinating agent. Several different morphologies such as nanofiber, nanorods, nanoprisms, microspheres were synthesized. Obtained particles are uniform, well-shaped and comparatively small-sized (see Fig. 1). Dispersions of GdPO$_4$ samples remained stable for months. Some properties of sintered particles and the impact of synthesis conditions upon particle phase and morphology were investigated and is discussed in this work. Recently, particles were doped with Nd$^{3+}$, Dy$^{3+}$, Yb/Er ions. Investigation of PL properties is ongoing.

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Biography

Matas Janulevicius has his expertise in both hydrothermal and solid-state synthesis of luminescent materials. He has experience in developing silicate, molybdate and phosphate based materials doped with rare-earth ions. He developed his skills after years of experience in research, synthesis and investigation of luminescent properties of materials in Vilnius University, Lithuania, as well as during his internships in Hasselt (Belgium) and Tartu (Estonia) universities. Matas Janulevicius has published several articles based on his sintered materials. He also has expertise in organic synthesis of luminescent compounds and is co-author of paper which investigates PL properties of his sintered naphtoquinoline based luminescent compounds.

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Gradually porous bio ceramic scaffolds using ceramic/camphene-based three-dimensional co-extrusion

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Porous bio ceramics have been extensively used in diverse fields, for examples, as scaffolds for bone regeneration, components for thermal insulation and filters, and preforms for structural composites. Fundamentally, the functions of porous ceramics are strongly affected not only by their porous structure (e.g., overall porosity, pore size, pore geometry, and pore interconnectivity), but also by the distribution of those pores. We herein demonstrate a novel, versatile approach to produce biomimetic porous ceramics with a continuously gradient porous structure using three-dimensional extrusion of a bilayered ceramic-camphene mixture/pure camphene feedrod. In this study, bi-layered feed rod comprised of the ceramic/camphene mixtures and law contents of ceramic or pure camphene used as the lower and upper part feed rod. Bi-layered feed rod could be gradually extruded with core/shell structure because of the wall slip phenomenon. This enabled the formation of green filaments comprised of a camphene core surrounded by a ceramic/camphene shell, where the core/shell thickness ratio increased gradually as extrusion proceeded. Biphasic calcium phosphate (BCP) ceramics with a gradient porous structure could be successfully produced by three-dimensionally depositing the extruded filaments layer-by-layer. We evaluated gradient micro structure with produced gradient porous BCP ceramic scaffold by scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and Micro CT.

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Biography
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Stretchable and flexible thermoelectric polymer composites for self-powered volatile organic compound vapors detection

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Statement of the Problem: Thermoelectric devices generate an electrical current when there is a temperature gradient between the hot and cold junctions of two dissimilar conductive materials typically n-type and p-type semiconductors. Consequently, also the polymeric semiconductors composed of polymeric matrix filled by different forms of carbon nanotubes with proper structural hierarchy can have thermoelectric properties which temperature difference transfer into electricity. In spite of lower thermoelectric efficiency of polymeric thermoelectrics in terms of the figure of merit, the properties as stretchability, flexibility, light weight, low thermal conductivity, easy processing and low manufacturing cost are advantages in many technological and ecological applications.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: Polyethylene-octene copolymer based highly elastic composites filled by multi-walled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) were prepared by sonication of nanotube dispersion in a copolymer solution followed by their precipitation pouring into non-solvent. The electronic properties of MWCNTs were moderated by different treatment techniques such as chemical oxidation, decoration by Ag clusters or addition of low molecular dopants. In this concept, for example, the amounts of oxygenated functional groups attached on MWCNT surface by HNO3 oxidation increase p-type charge carriers. p-type of charge carriers can be further increased by doping with molecules of triphenylphosphine. For partial altering p-type MWCNTs into less p-type ones, Ag nanoparticles were deposited on MWCNT surface and then doped by 7,7,8,8-tetracyanoquinodimethane. Both types of MWCNTs with the highest difference in generated thermoelectric power were combined to manufacture polymeric based thermoelectric module generating thermoelectric voltage when temperature difference is applied between hot and cold ends of the module. Moreover, it was found that the generated voltage by the thermoelectric module at constant temperature gradient was significantly affected when exposed to vapors of different volatile organic compounds representing then a self-powered thermoelectric sensor for chemical vapor detection.

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Figure 1: Energy harvesting button assembled from two kind of MWCNT/EOC composites. And time-dependent generation of voltage after finger touching.
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Biography

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Statement of the Problem: Strain sensing composite materials have attracted considerable attention for their unique characteristics exceeding conventionally applied materials. Between different solutions and various types of transducers available for these applications, piezo-resistive strain sensors are among the most investigated ones usually based on conductive polymer composites prepared by embedding of electrically conductive fillers as carbon nanotubes into a polymeric matrix. This principle can be used for monitoring of deformation or stress stimulus in elongation or compression. The responses are sensitive and reversible with sufficient durability in the dynamic loadings measured by a macroscopic electrical resistance change. Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: In our contribution we introduce a strain sensing composite material composed of electrically conductive entangled network of Ag decorated multiwalled carbon nanotubes (MWCNTs) integrated into the glass fiber/epoxy composite. A vacuum infusion technique was used for the composite fabrication. The experimental results revealed that an integrated strain sensing exhibit long term electromechanical stability which was linked to the level of strain in the host glass fiber/epoxy structure. It has been proven that modification of pristine MWCNTs with Ag nanoparticles increase the sensitivity to applied strain. Simultaneously pre-strain stimulation was also applied to further enhance detection ability. The resistance sensitivity, quantified by a gauge factor, increased more than hundredfold for a pre-strained sensor with Ag decorated nanotubes in comparison with the value of about 5 for sensor with pristine nanotubes. This is a substantial increase which ranks this new material among strain gauges with the highest electromechanical sensitivity. The obtained data indicated also a reasonable stability of the measurement with no effect of load alterations on the sensor resistance changes. Additionally, the thermoelectric properties, Joule heating and antennal signal reception by MWCNT stripe will be mentioned.

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HRTEM micrograph of the structure of individual nanotube; b) and c) TEM micrographs of individual nanotubes with deposited Ag clusters
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Biography

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Notes:
Development of electrospun timolol maleate-loaded fibrous nanocoatings for ocular lenses

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The complexity of the structure of the eye, more specifically the cornea [1], poses a great challenge with respect to topical ocular drug delivery [2]. As a result, extensive research in this field has yielded an array of approaches to overcome these anatomical barriers; one of which is the use of PEs. In an attempt to utilise PEs to increase the corneal penetration of timolol maleate, electrohydrodynamic atomisation (EHDA) was employed to fabricate drug loaded polymeric fibers containing PEs. EHDA is an on-demand; simple, easily amendable process (figure 1) capable of producing uniform structures which can be utilised as coatings for ocular lenses for ocular drug delivery [3, 4]. The resulting fibrous coatings were characterised with respect to morphology, thermal behaviour, in vitro drug release, release kinetics and ocular biological tolerability. SEM analysis of the electrospun structures confirmed the presence of smooth nano-fibers; whist thermal analysis confirmed the stability of all formulations. In vitro release studies demonstrated a triphasic release; initial burst release with two subsequent sustained release phases with most of the drug being released after 24 hours (86.7%) Biological evaluation studies confirmed the tolerability of all formulations tested with release kinetics modelling results showing drug release was via quasi-Fickian or Fickian diffusion. There were evident significant differences (p<0.05) in TM release dependant on permeation enhancer. The use of electrospinning to produce contact lens coatings has not yet been scrutinised in the pharmaceutical research remit and has shown great potential here; proposing a novel formulation and ocular drug delivery device to enhance TM release.

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Biography
Prina Mehta is a final year PhD student whose passion and research resides in the ocular drug delivery remit. I completed my BSc in Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences in 2014. My final year project used EHDA techniques for mart microneedle coatings and this propelled my interest in the various applications for which this technique could be used for. The concept behind the research for my PhD was to utilize the electrohydrodynamic process to fabricate multifunctional fibrous coatings on a nanoscale for soft contact lenses. The aim was to improve patient compliance, drug bioavailability and ultimately drug permeation through the cornea.
Electrospun coatings for micron scaled medical devices

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The complexity of the structure of the skin poses a great challenge for transdermal drug delivery. One of the most recent developments in drug delivery devices in this remit are microneedles (MNs). Electrohydrodynamic Atomization (EHDA) can be used to produce nanoparticle or nanofibre MN coatings via electrospaying or electrospinning, respectively. As well as applications in drug delivery and vaccine delivery, coated MNs also have the potential to be utilised for biomedical and other analytical uses (e.g. allergies, sensors). Here, stainless steel MNs were coated using electrohydrodynamic atomisation (EHDA) by varying the setup (collection methodology and deposition distance) which led to optimisation of the process thus producing nano and micron sized particular and fibrous structures. The coating formulation consisted of a PVP matrix system, fluorescein dye (model active, disease state marker) with ethanol as vehicle. Using these excipients and manipulating EHDA process parameters, led to deposition of particles (100 nm to 3um) and fibres (400 nm to 1 um) onto MNs in a controlled manner (flow rate range of -5-50 uL/min, varied applied voltage 6-19 kV), confirmed with SEM analysis. This study displays the capability for targeting as well as analysis alongside potential for a novel medical device capable of delivering active therapeutic ingredients on a micron and even nano scale.

Figure 1: A) SEM low Mwt (4.4×10^4 ) PVP, B) high Mwt (1.3×10^6) PVP, C) uncoated microneedles, D) coated microneedle at 5000x magnification

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Biography

Radeyah Ali is a highly motivated PhD student in my second year of research working in drug delivery. I have made rapid progress in my research through hard work and determination. I have successfully completed a comprehensive literature review which will be written up for a publication specific to my research as well as carrying out experiments. I have carried out laboratory demonstrations aiding students in their practical and written work during a practical session.
Sonicated decellularised xenograft – a perfect scaffold for cell adhesion

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Tissue engineering aims at integrating cells, growth factors, tissues, material engineering to produce the best substitutes for organ transplantation. When it comes to valve replacement surgeries, Mechanical heart valves had always been cost effective and commercially successful but they show complications like thromboembolism, hemorrhage, imperfect hemodynamic performance and prosthetic endocarditis. To overcome the complications, increasing number of devices is being designed from biological scaffolds, like Decellularized Bovine pericardium, porcine valves tissues. The most important part of using a Xenograft for surgery is the processing technique employed. There had been lot of failures so far in using the tissue engineered scaffolds, like Ionescu-Shiley valves due to the problem with the decellularisation and stabilization protocols. There are effective decellularisation protocol employing Detergents and enzymes. Though, decellularisation is carried out properly, cell attachment may be difficult many times due to intact collagen matrices and low cell adherence spaces. In this study, we try to find out the effects of mechanical forces on the decellularised scaffolds that cause minimal damage on the extracellular matrices and create gaps within adjacent collagen bundles for cell attachment. We have subjected the xenograft scaffold to waterbath sonicator for particular time at specific conditions. The resulting scaffold was thinner, easy to handle and the H&E staining showed the scaffolds to have enough spaces among large collagen bundle enabling easy cell adherence. This scaffold can enhance cell adhesion and growth, which has always been a challenging task in the field of regenerative studies.

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Biography

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Facile biosensor for detecting norovirus using specific binding probes

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Norovirus is one of the worldwide infectious diseases by eating raw foods which were infected by others, and there are many people could be infected to touch to be contaminated things by norovirus. It is a major cause of foodborne and nosocomial outbreaks. In this study, thoroughly and highly sensitive biosensors for detecting norovirus by applying a recognized affinity peptide as a platform were described. As this electrochemical and optical methods are cost-effective, fast responsive and easy to integrate information into miniaturized micro-devices like a portable biosensor device. The performance of the peptides has been studied with fluorescent optical assay, and gold-immobilized synthetic peptides has been studying cyclic voltammetry, impedance spectroscopy, and colorimetry analyses. We found that several kinds of peptides (Noro-BP, nonFoul, (FelxL)2, nonFoul(FlexL)2) are the efficient recognizers for norovirus screened by using the M13 phage display method. These peptides were effectively applied to the electrochemical and optical analysis methods to detect the real norovirus sample with rotavirus as a negative control. Among them, nonFoul(FlexL)2 shows the best sensitive performance as the lowest detection limit value of 1.7 copies/mL. In addition, the result could be expected to be useful into the peptide-based detection sensor for the norovirus by using nanoflowers with large surface area. These results suggest that the biosensor consists of specific binding peptide, has affinity to norovirus as a molecular binder and will be used to micro-device as a diagnostic tool. Moreover, the biosensor could be helped as a new biosensing platform for point-of-care testing by applying much more fields.

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Biography

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Manufacturing of gasket sheet using paper manufacturing process without organic solvent

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This paper is about ceramic gasket manufacturing technology that can be used the extreme temperatures. This gasket is manufactured using ceramic fiber and talc main raw materials, and inorganic content is about more than 95 percent. Therefore, gasket has thermal stability, chemical and corrosion resistance and superior properties. So the chemical plant, high pressure thermal processing, steam lines and can be used. In this study, paper manufacturing method applied for preparation of the ceramic gasket sheet and it’s a new economic process will be. Inorganic fiber, talc and binders evenly distributed in the waters for manufacture the gasket. Then dehydration on the wire mesh by supplying the slurry, and compression, through drying process completed the gasket for extreme temperature. The characteristics of manufactured during the experiment are density 1.40g/cm³, tensile strength 13.7MPa, compressibility 19%, recovery 55 and ignition loss 33.4% at 650°C. And there was no pressure drop when 10 minutes in conditions of 150LB(two inch) 10kgf/cm² nitrogen. All the additives are being evenly distributed to the surface of the gasket, and each other’s bonds have been completed successfully, and the applicability by paper manufacturing process. It has been confirmed that enough.

Solvent free gasket manufacturing process:
1. All gasket materials such as water-based latex, mineral fiber and fillers are easily in water and evenly distributed.
2. Was dehydration a lot of influence on the size of the cohesion within the slurry in forming process.
3. An example a continuous process for a product is as follows: Mixture of raw materials -> forming and dehydration- >third stage compression -> two stage drying -> third stage calendering -> rolling
4. New process is no odor is a clean work environment.

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Biography
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Pickering emulsion droplets for thermally expandable microcapsule with core-shell structure using β-cyclodextrin

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Introduction: The automotive industry is applying enhanced legislation on environmental protection and CO₂ emissions regulations from exhaustion petroleum resources, and for this reason it is likely that the automotive industry will be able to improve its fuel efficiency. Various polymeric foam molding studies are being performed to achieve the additional light weight effects of polymeric materials to the extent allowed by mechanical properties. The use of three dimensional stabilizers or surfactant used in the manufacture of microcapsule for light-weight is used to prevent the liquid products from forming togethet during the polymerization process. However, the use of large quantities of surfactants exist results from the reaction, and the residual surfactant requires a post-reaction removal process. Accordingly, the purpose of this study is to use a Pickering emulsifier without surfactant, create a Pickering Emulsion which are slightly emulsified to a soluble solvent and manufacturing thermally expansion microcapsules that have a better size distribution.

Experimental: Steps to prepare a continuous phase, including antioxidant, inhibitor, salts, the Pickering emulsifier, and soluble solvents; to prepare disperse phase that contain blowing agent with monomers and initiator; Microcapsule shells consist of acrylonitrile(AN) and methyl methacrylare(MMA). With aiming to prepare microcapsules having a particle size of 1000-200 µm. β-Cyclodextrin(β-CD) and poly(vinylpyrrolidone)(PVP) were used as Pickering emulsifier and stabilizer, respectively.

Characterization: The particle morphology was investigated by SEM, and OM. Particle size distribution was measured using coulter. Thermo-gravimetric analysis(TGA) was conducted to investigate the content of blowing agent.

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**Biography**

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Polyamide fibers coated with anti-inflammatory drugs

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Textile industry is undergoing new challenges looking for a wider range of application in different fields, among which it is possible to emphasize the development of new biomaterials or compounds of pharmacological interest. Our current research is focused on coating fiber with antiseptics and anti-inflammatory in order to prevent from contamination or inflammation and to achieve controlled topical release. In previous research, adsorption of Chlorhexidine onto different fibers and in its posterior desorption, have been studied. In the present work a study of the possibility to obtain polyamide fibers, PA 6.6, coated with anti-inflammatory drugs as Diclofenac Sodium, DCF-Na, and Dexketoprofen has been carried out with the aim of getting gauzes that could allow topical application before or after oral surgeries and periodontal treatments. This new via for administration of anti-inflammatory compounds could be interesting to avoid side effects derived from oral administration, especially in child or geriatric dentistry treatments. For this goal, electrokinetic and thermodynamic analysis of the adsorption process as a function of concentration, temperature and pH of both anti-inflammatory solutions used has been performed. The results show that the adsorption process fits very well to Langmuir theoretical model, which suggests a monolayer coverage of the adsorbent. The analysis of the thermodynamic functions shows that the adsorbate/adsorbent interaction is spontaneous under the conditions tested. The kinetic study of the process indicates that the interaction follows first order model being the process very fast compared to others carried out using PA 6.6 as adsorbent. The fact that the zeta potential of the fiber is negative in the pH range at which the adsorption is maximum, besides that the reaction seems to be slightly exothermic, could indicate that the process is mainly governed by physicals interactions with low activation energy and therefore desorption in physiological conditions could be achieved.

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Biography

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Accepted Abstracts
Evolution of A201 alloys microstructure during thermal treatment: influence of Si, Ti and B

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Different metastable phases formed during thermal treatment of Al-Cu alloys were investigated by combination of HRTEM, TEM+EDS and HRSEM techniques. The based Al - 4.97 wt. % Cu - 0.56 wt. % Ag alloy (A201) was modified by different additions of Si, Ti and B. Microstructure and mechanical properties were studied in the as-cast, solution treated (at 550°C for ~20 hours) and aged (at 170°C up to 32 days) conditions. The precipitation sequence during aging was the following: supersaturated solid solution (SSSS) → GP zones → θ” → θ’ + Ω → θ. During the early stages of aging GP zones are nucleated as single layers of Cu parallel to {100} planes of the →-Al matrix. Then these GP zones are united and generate the metastable θ”-Cu₃Al₁ phase consisting of several single atomic layers of Cu, each of them separated by three atomic layers of Al. The Ag, Ti and B additions resulted in nucleation of metastable semi-coherent θ phase formed at {111} α-Al planes. The Si addition increased nucleation of GP zones and inhibited Ω phase. The following aging resulted in θ” transformation to semi-coherent metastable θ’-Cu₃Al₃ phase. The mechanism of this transformation is discussed. The next step of microstructure evolution is diffusional dissolution of θ” precipitates in the presence of more stable θ’ and Ω phases. The maximum microhardness corresponded to simultaneous formation of semi-coherent θ’ and Ω precipitates. After extended aging, the θ’ transforms to stable incoherent BCT θ-phase.

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Geoexchanger system for buildings heating and cooling

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Over the years, all parts of a commercial refrigerator, such as the compressor, heat exchangers, refrigerant, and packaging, have been improved considerably due to the extensive research and development efforts carried out by academia and industry. However, the achieved and anticipated improvement in conventional refrigeration technology are incremental since this technology is already nearing its fundamentals limit of energy efficiency is described is ‘magnetic refrigeration’ which is an evolving cooling technology. The word ‘green’ designates more than a color. It is a way of life, one that is becoming more and more common throughout the world. An interesting topic on ‘sustainable technologies for a greener world’ details about what each technology is and how it achieves green goals. Recently, conventional chillers using absorption technology consume energy for hot water generator but absorption chillers carry no energy saving. With the aim of providing a single point solution for this dual-purpose application, a product is launched but can provide simultaneous chilling and heating using its vapor absorption technology with 40% saving in heating energy. Using energy efficiency and managing customer energy use has become an integral and valuable exercise. The reason for this is green technology helps to sustain life on earth. This not only applies to humans but to plants, animals and the rest of the ecosystem. Energy prices and consumption will always be on an upward trajectory. In fact, energy costs have steadily risen over last decade and are expected to carry on doing so as consumption grows.

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Effect of varying La:S molar ratios in Eu$^{3+}$-activated La$_2$O$_2$S synthesized by sol-combustion method

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Nanopowders La$_x$S$_y$O:Eu$^{3+}$ with different La(1:x):Sx molar ratios (0.1<x<2.5) have been synthesized by facile sol-combustion method. The crystal structure and optical properties were investigated by X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns, Scanning electron microscope (SEM), Fourier transform infrared (FTIR), Ultra-violet visible (UV-Vis) spectroscopy and Photoluminescence (PL). As the ratio of La:S is varied (from 1.0 to 2.5), the La$_x$S$_y$O:Eu$^{3+}$ nanopowder exhibits a body-centred cubic structure of La$_2$S$_2$O with formation of separated of EuO$_2$ and La$_2$O$_2$ phases which is confirmed by X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS). Fourier transform infrared also revealed the presence of La–S stretching mode, La–O and S–O vibration modes. UV-Vis reveals that the optical band gap of La$_x$S$_y$O:Eu$^{3+}$ phosphors show red shift with increase in x. The PL spectra indicate several strong and narrow visible light emissions outspreading from 525 to 708 nm. The presence of Eu$^{3+}$ impurities in the La$_2$S$_2$O structure induced the formation of recombination centres with lower emission energies and shows direct modulation of band gap. This method has proven to be ideal and simple to synthesize material for devices operating in the visible region as well as for developing heterojunction structures for optoelectronic device applications with desired efficiency.
Optimization of nanostructured FeCrNb hardfacing alloy on stainless steel deposited by PTA process

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Weld deposition is commonly used to enhance the tribological properties of manufacturing components, for which the Plasma Transferred Arc (PTA) technique is increasingly demanded worldwide for enhancement of corrosion, heat and wear resistance. This demand has led to the need to optimize welding processes to reach appropriate weld bead properties. Therefore, in this research PTA process with a Fe-Cr-Nb nanostructured alloy was used with a robotic arm to achieve the optimum welding parameters, in a thin substrate that is highly demanded by the automotive industry. The aim of this study was to develop a mathematical model to predict the weld geometry: penetration, reinforcement and weld width by development of a Design of Experiment (DOE) of twenty-four samples (one block) with a central composite design varying the most important process parameters (current, travel speed, powder feeding rate and plasma gas pressure). Finally, a validation of the best weld bead was performed to corroborate the model results. This research will improve welding operations with a highly industrial potential application by remarking the correct parameters for 409 stainless steel.

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Development performance of turbine jet engine

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Jet engines are important equipment to be developed continuously. This engine consists of the following parts, compressor, combustion chamber, turbine and exhaust nozzle. Turbine jet engine operates at an open cycle called a jet propulsion cycle. Turbine jet engines are constructed mainly for air transportation while the turbine jet engines are developed for a wider purpose, ranging for research activity to hobbyist enthusiastic. Hence, this paper encompasses the design, fabrication, and testing a turbine jet engine. The temperature distribution was measured along the combustion chamber, in addition to the design of a diffuser inside the combustion chamber for purpose ideally mixing the reactors. This method is first used in this research. The design of the combustion chamber is developed to make primary and secondary air takes paths so as to allow a series of combustion processes that help to increase the speed of a jet engine. The engine is derived from an automobile turbocharger, which provided the turbine and compressor component. A combustion chamber is design and fabricated. Engine support system comprised of ignition, lubrication and fuel delivery system are installed at the engine. Thermocouple K-type are installed at four different stations on the engine flow path to measure the temperature. Fuel regulators are utilized to measure the fuel flow rate.
Reinforcement of sand by plastic fibers

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Soil reinforcement is an efficient mechanical technique for soil stabilization. Soil reinforcement can be achieved by the inclusion of continuous strips or sheets within the soil mass (systematically reinforced soil) or by the inclusion of short discrete randomly distributed fibers. The initial stage of the experimental program includes the study of the effect of plastic fiber (as reinforcement material) with different size and contents. In this experimental study, raw plastic bottle fibers has been used in two different aspect ratio i.e. (size=1mm*12mm), (size=1mm*6mm) these different size of plastic fiber have been mixed with sand. The results provide that there is an increase in shear strength due to the fiber reinforcement. The initial value of shear strength developed from the results of shear strength was found to be increase after reinforced with fiber. Systematic reinforcement improves the strength in certain directions. Randomly distributed reinforcement, on the other side, provides an isotropic behavior and limits the development of weak plans. Reinforced sand construction is an efficient and reliable technique for improving the strength and stability of sands. The technique is used in a variety of applications, ranging from retaining structures and embankments to subgrade stabilization under footing and pavements. We can say that the waste plastic bottles can be successfully recycled to produce plastic-fibers that can be used to improve the strength of weak soils. The addition of plastic-fibers to the sand samples resulted in substantial increase in the measured values of the cohesion and friction angle.

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Biofouling, which can be described as the colonization of marine organisms such as microorganisms, barnacles and seaweeds on submerged surfaces, is the fundamental problem in Marine industry since it causes to increased hydrodynamic drag resulting in significantly increased fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. In antifouling applications, the challenge is to develop cost-effective design approaches rely on the eco-friendly materials that should be highly efficient in various types of organisms. From a physical point of view, the trend is moving towards to understand the fundamental driving forces that are able to eliminate surface interaction between microorganisms and surface. On this basis, rational design of stimuli responsive polymeric materials is the key concept towards solving this problem since it enables us to create complex molecular assemblies and interfaces that can be controlled by an external stimuli within desired time scales in various environmental conditions.

The main objective of this study is to reconcile the key parameters in antifouling applications and the smart coating solutions offered by stimuli responsive materials. Our design consists of complex surface chemistry by employing various grafted PEG chains with functional end chains. Thus, to forge micro-topographic structure primes unfavorable surfaces to microorganism. The resulting of multi-functional graft chains to avert attachment of protein, carbohydrate, lipids and any other living cells. We achieved to have contact angle 133oCto 144oCat the range of super hydrophobic surfaces and our polymer can repel death and living organisms as a ratio between 84-91 %. We consider that our project broadens new approach to marine coating industry.

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Effects of sintering temperature on microstructure and mechanical properties of nanostructured Ni-17Cr alloy

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Spark Plasma Sintering technique is a novel processing method that produces limited grain growth and highly dense variety of materials; alloys, superalloys, and carbides just to mention a few. However, initial particle size and spark plasma sintering parameters are factors which influence the grain growth and mechanical properties of sintered materials. Ni-Cr alloys are regarded as the most promising alloys for aerospace turbine blades, owing to the fact that they meet the basic requirements of desirable mechanical strength at high temperatures and good resistance to oxidation. The conventional method of producing this alloy often results in excessive grain growth and porosity levels that are detrimental to its mechanical properties. The effect of sintering temperature was evaluated on the microstructure and mechanical properties of the nanostructured Ni-17Cr alloy. Nickel and chromium powder were milled using high energy ball milling independently for 30 hours, milling speed of 400 revs/min and ball to powder ratio (BPR) of 10:1. The milled powders were mixed in the composition of Nickel having 83 wt % and chromium, 17 wt %. This was sintered at varied temperatures from 800°C, 900°C, 1000°C, 1100°C and 1200°C. The structural characteristics such as porosity, grain size, fracture surface and hardness were analyzed by scan electron microscopy and X-ray diffraction, Archimedes densitometry, Micro-hardness tester. The corresponding results indicated an increase in the densification and hardness property of the alloy as the temperature increases. The residual porosity of the alloy reduces with respect to the sintering temperature and in contrast, the grain size was enhanced. The study of the mechanical properties, including hardness, densification shows that optimum properties were obtained for the sintering temperature of 1100°C. The advantages of high sinterability of Ni-17Cr alloy using milled powders and microstructural details were discussed.

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Inclusion characterization for quality control in steelmaking

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Demand for clean steel has been increasing every year. The level required for clean steel varies with steel grade and downstream applications. Steel cleanness depends on the amount, morphology, and size distribution of non-metallic inclusions in steel. Cleanness level in the long and flat products vary dramatically and clearly differentiated based on the de-oxidation process used. In order to assist inclusions formation, samples from ladle furnaces and casting were collected and analysed using Scanning electron microscope (SEM) with an automated feature analysis in order to evaluate morphology, composition and distribution of inclusions. Thus, internal quality control of semi-finished products might be correlated to product defects and process abnormalities. Examples from Al-killed and Si-Killed steels are presented to understand the process conditions necessary for clean steel making and thus product quality improvement.

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Fabrication of high thermal conductive diamond/copper composites and their joining with substrates

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Diamond/Cu composites for the use of heat spreader were fabricated via pressureless liquid phase sintering process. Minor-addition of Zr was added into the matrix to improve the wettability between diamonds and Cu matrix. A high thermal conductivity of 716 W/m2K was obtained for the 50 vol% diamond/Cu composite. Composites fabricated by Cu/Zr flake method can reduce the surface roughness from 35 μm to 1.6 μm, which is suitable for joining with commercial substrates. AlN, Si, and Al₂O₃ substrates were joined with composites by commercial lead-free solder paste and liquid metal. Liquid metal joined packages had great performance opposite to the solder pasted ones with the highest thermal conductivity of 342 W/m2K in the couple of the Si substrate. For AlN, Si and Al₂O₃ substrate joined packages, average thermal conductivity were 299, 322 and 148 W/m2K, respectively. On the reliability of thermal cycle tests for joining packages, the lower thermal cycle (25-85OC) was to simulate the operating environment and the higher thermal cycle (25-200OC) for fabricating environment. It showed great reliability with above 78% residue thermal conductivity after lower temperature 1000 thermal cycles and 79% after higher temperature 5 thermal cycles.

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The synergistic effect of H₂O and DMF towards stable and 20% efficiency inverted perovskite solar cells

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High quality thick 500 nm CH₃NH₃PbI₃ perovskite absorber with the horizontal grain size up to 3 µm and the lateral size equal to the film thickness was prepared by the synergistic effect of H₂O additive and DMF vapor treatment. The inverted (p-i-n) cell based on this high-quality thick perovskite film achieves a high power conversion efficiency of 20.1%. The cell shows no current hysteresis and stable in the inert and ambient atmospheres. H₂O helps MAI to penetrate into the thick PbI₂ to form thick film with pure MAPbI₃ phase and produce bigger gains by slow down the perovskite crystallization rate. It can also cooperate with DMF to control the dissolving of perovskite grains during DMF vapor post treatment. As a result, large multi-crystalline perovskite grains without observable hole and crease are formed when DMF and H₂O were removed in the following heating. The synergistic effect of H₂O and DMF was evidenced by SEM images and GIWXRD patterns taken simultaneously. This synergistic strategy for preparing high-quality, thick perovskite film was extended to fabricate large-area MAPbI₃ film for the mini-module with the active area of 11.25 cm² to realize the efficiency of more than 15%.
Microstructure and mechanical properties of Ti₆Al₄V /tin prepared by spark plasma sintering technique

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Failure in aerospace structural components has catastrophic consequences, which results in loss of lives and of the aircraft. Titanium alloys play an important role in the aerospace industry; however, this alloy’s application is limited by the poor mechanical properties it exhibits. Researchers have reported that microstructure and mechanical properties of Titanium alloys can be improved by ceramic reinforcements, hence the purpose of this study is to study the microstructural evolution and mechanical properties of Ti6Al4V reinforced with varying TiN particulates prepared by SPS technique. Spark plasma sintered composites were produced from the admixed powders and the effect of TiN on the microstructure and mechanical properties of the composites were studied and analyzed. Scanning electron microscope (SEM-EDS) was used to study the bulk morphology of the resultant spark plasma sintered composites. The phases formed in the developed sintered composites were detected by energy dispersive X-ray diffraction spectrometer (XRD). Micro-hardness was explored by the means of a high impact diamond Dura scan micros hardness tester and a densimeter was used to measure the density. The electrochemical behavior of the composites were measurements by the help of PGSTAT101 using potentiodynamic polarization method. Analysis of density and hardness values revealed that the effect of TiN was more evident in improving the microstructure and mechanical properties of Ti₆Al₄V alloy. Within the parameters used, the highest values of the characterized properties were achieved at 5wt% TiN with improved hardness and corrosion properties.

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Enhancing of the thermo-physical properties of the insulating non-woven using a polyurethane (PU) coating: An Experimental study of the effect of coating thickness.

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Induction heat treating involves heating a work piece from room temperature to a higher temperature, such as is required for induction tempering or induction austenitizing. Induction heating is a heating method for electrically conductive materials that takes advantage of the heat generated by the eddy currents originated by means of a varying magnetic field. Inductive heating is a heating process of a conductive material, based on the electromagnetic Induction. Induction heating takes place without physical contact between the work piece and induction coil. This lends it to processes where a high degree of cleanliness is paramount. This section of induction heating using low-voltage DC power supply 12-48V Maximum current 20A, maximum power 1000W. It's a great method for increasing productivity and improved quality. Induction coil consists of (coils, transistors, diodes, thermal resistors, heat sink, and capacitors) Induction heating is a process which is used to bond, harden or soften metals or other conductive materials. For many modern manufacturing processes, induction heating offers an attractive combination of speed, consistency and control. When an alternating electrical current is applied to the primary of a transformer, an alternating magnetic field is created. According to Faraday's Law. In a basic induction heating setup shown in Fig-1-(The work piece) is placed inside the inductor. When a metal part is placed within the inductor and enters the magnetic field, circulating eddy currents are induced within the part. These eddy currents flow against the electrical resistivity of the metal, generating precise and localized heat without any direct contact between the part and the inductor, how? Magnetic materials naturally offer electrical resistance to the rapidly changing magnetic fields within the inductor. This resistance produces internal friction which in turn produces heat. Internal friction that is created when magnetic parts pass through the inductor.

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Magnetic uniformity of oxide based diluted magnetic semiconductors

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Diluted magnetic semiconductor is one of the materials for spintronic devices. Oxide based diluted magnetic semiconductors have attracted extensive interest due to its possible high Curie temperature. Intrinsic ferromagnetism is essential for the practical applications. However, currently, the intrinsic ferromagnetism in oxide diluted magnetic semiconductors is difficult to be determined. One of the popular ways is to use transmission electron microscopy, electron dispersive energy spectroscopy (EDS) and electron energy loss spectroscopy to identify the uniform distribution of dopants and whether there are no clusters. However, there is no direct evidence to show the magnetic uniformity in oxide based diluted magnetic semiconductors. Recently, we used low energy muon spin relaxation approach to identify the magnetic uniformity in Co doped TiO₂, Fe doped In₂O₃ and Co doped ZnO systems. Combined with other techniques, such as TEM EDS and measurement by magnetometer, we found that Co doped TiO₂ is intrinsic with magnetic uniformity when Co doped TiO₂ was deposited with relative high rate under an oxygen partial pressure of 10⁻⁶ torr. The uniformity will disappear if the deposition rate is relatively low. For Co doped ZnO, the samples deposited under different oxygen partial pressures does not induce clustering or secondary phase. Dopants are uniformly distribution in the ZnO host. However, muon spin relaxation measurement indicates that the samples do not show magnetic uniformity. Bound magnetic polarons formation is the origin of ferromagnetism, supported by resistance measurement. For Fe doped In₂O₃, clusters are observed in the sample deposited under an oxygen partial pressure of 10⁻⁷ torr. X-ray absorption spectroscopy indicate the clusters are Fe₃O₄, but on metallic Fe. In addition, muon spin relaxation and polarized neutron diffraction all indicate the Fe doped In₂O₃ via substitution dominates the contribution of ferromagnetism and the magnetization is higher than Fe₃O₄ clusters, suggesting that clustering is not the major origin of ferromagnetism. The work has shown that the mechanisms of different oxide based diluted magnetic semiconductor may be varied. We have to investigate one by one.

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Synthesis, investigation and toxicity of nanocrystalline powder of dysprosium oxide

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The starting chemicals for the synthesis of dysprosium oxide were dysprosium metal and commercially available reagent grade nitric acid. Immediately after the cleaning four grams of the as-pretreated dysprosium metal were dissolved in the nitric acid water solution, the amount of which was such that the molar ratio of the reagents would be consistent with the stoichiometry of the following reaction:

\[ \text{Dy} + 6\text{HNO}_3 = \text{Dy(NO}_3)_3 + 3\text{NO}_2 + 3\text{H}_2\text{O} \]

which is commonly assumed to predominantly proceed when a metal reacts with 63%-concentrated nitric acid.

Highly dispersed powders of dysprosium sesquioxide Dy$_2$O$_3$ were synthesized by template added incipient wetness impregnation method. According to this method hydrated cellulose fibers (medical cotton) were impregnated with a dysprosium nitrate water solution of the concentration 10 times as less as it corresponds to the maximal stoichiometric value obtained when dysprosium metal is dissolved in 63% nitric acid. These wet fibers were air-dried at 80°C for 3 hours and subsequently air-calcined for 9 hours at 550°C. Here three different samples were synthesized. They differ by whether ammonia as a reducing agent was used during the synthesis. The choice of the calcination temperature value was due to a requirement that this value should be as low as possible, since at low synthesis temperatures the formation of nanostructured particles is highly favorable, and because of that the complete thermal decomposition of cellulose fibers processed at temperature well above 500°C. Alternatively, the calcination temperature was raised up to 700°C. The composition and structure of the prepared oxides were studied by advanced methods. XRD analysis of dysprosia samples obtained by the thermal decomposition at 550°C and 700°C of dysprosium nitrate taken at low concentration evidences the presence of one crystal phase of Dy$_2$O$_3$ with the structural bixbyite type of α-Mn$_2$O$_3$. The pharmacological screening of nano Dy$_2$O$_3$ was investigated. Analysis of combined effect and acute toxicity of the studied compound was made on muscles.

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Efficient cathode oxygen reduction reaction of fuel cells

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The fuel cell is the only power unit that has both no pollution, high efficiency, wide application, no noise, and can work continuously. Therefore, it is currently receiving universal attention from all countries in the world and is considered as the most promising clean power generation technology with the most promising development in the 21st century. Fuel cells are attracting considerable interest as a means of producing electricity by direct electrochemical conversion of hydrogen and oxygen into water. The overpotential of cathode oxygen reduction in fuel cells is the main factor restricting its development. At present, platinum is the best cathode catalyst, but due to its high price, it has become a bottleneck restricting the large-scale commercial production of fuel cells. Now people are starting to pay attention to platinum alloys and non-precious metal catalysts such as perovskites, peptide phthalocyanines, metal oxides, etc. These catalysts also have good oxygen reduction catalytic performance. The mechanism of oxygen reduction reaction is very complicated and there is not a unified statement yet. By exploring the oxygen reduction mechanism, we have determined the excellent oxygen reduction catalytic performance of the selected catalyst. A number of research groups have started this research. I believe that it will have more space of development and benefit to human in the near future. As fuel cell technology continues to mature, its role in various fields will become more and more obvious, and its development potential is enormous.

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Surface plasmon effect of silver nanoparticles on optical and photovoltaic properties of silicon solar cells

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The surface Plasmon effect of silver nanoparticles on optical and photovoltaic properties of silicon solar cells was investigated. The Silver nanoparticles were deposited on the p-type silicon base of the n+/p junction using a thermal evaporation and electrochemical anodization method followed by a thermal treatment at 180 °C under nitrogen atmosphere. Chemical composition and surface morphology of the deposited Silver were examined by energy dispersive X-ray (EDX) spectroscopy and scanning electronic microscopy (SEM). The effect of the deposited nanoparticles on the electrical properties was evaluated by the internal quantum efficiency (IQE) and current-voltage (I-V) measurements. The results indicate that the formation of the metal nanoparticles is accompanied by an enhanced light absorption and improved photovoltaic parameters.

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Microstructure and electrochemical behaviour of ceramic reinforced titanium matrix composites fabricated by spark plasma sintering

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The human physiological fluids are composed of aggressive anions such as chlorides, sulphides, fluorides and phosphides, which cause dissolution of the Ti oxide layer. Corrosion attack of titanium-based implants has adverse effects on titanium's biocompatibility (Toptan et al. 2016:152). Spark plasma sintering (SPS) technique is a highly advantageous powder consolidation technique, that is pronounced to fabricate specimen that perform significantly better than products produced by traditional sintering and casting methods. This technique provides high grain-growth retention and significantly less energy intensive than other methods. The purpose of this study is to synthesize titanium matrix composites with improved anti-corrosion properties through the incorporation of TiB2 ceramics particulates. The composites will be fabricated with a state-of-the-art sintering technology. Ti and TiB2 powders were used as the feedstock materials. The powders were blended and mixed for 8 h to fabricate sets of binary composites; Three composites of Ti-TiB2 binary system were prepared. The ad-mixed powders were then densified at 1350 °C, at a holding time of 5 min, with a heating rate and applied pressure of 100 °C/min and 50 MPa respectively. The microstructure and phase evolution of sintered products were then characterized using the optical microscope (OM), scanning electron microscope equipped with an energy-dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (SEM/EDS), and X-ray diffractometer (XRD). The corrosion properties were analyzed using potentiostat using linear polarization and impedance spectroscopy methods. The OM micrographs showed that at high TiB2 compositions the microstructure was more refined with definite presence of needle-like whiskers uniformly dispersed throughout the matrix material. The XRD results also depicted significant formation of the TiB; this is an indication that the SPS conditions favoured the evolution of TiB2 to TiB and no other boron-based species were formed during processing at high temperatures. The high reinforcement composition depicted enhanced anti-corrosion performance.

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Wear behaviors of boron-bearing new hardfacing alloys

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High chromium cast irons (HCCIs) are excellent wear-resistant materials and have been widely used as a hard facing alloy for wear-affected equipment operated under extreme conditions, such as facilities in the slurry pumping systems used in the oil sands handling, mineral processing, coal and cement industries. In the previous research, we fabricate hard facing alloys AlCrFeMnNiMoBCNb with abrasive wear resistance of 12WWW.5 m/mm3, which beyond 6 times the abrasive wear resistance of HCCIs. In this study, based on the previous study AlCrFeMnNiMoBCNb alloy, we research the effect of each element of the AlCrFeMnNiMoBCNb alloy by eliminating each element independently. In addition, we utilize Taguchi methods by adjusting the content of Al, Mn, and Ni (by decreasing Cr) elements to further improve the wear resistance, which found that Cr was the key element to the wear characteristics of new hard facing alloys. Furthermore, by increasing Cr element, we significantly enhance the abrasive wear resistance of new hardfacing alloys up to 24.5 m/mm3, which beyond 12 times of HCCIs.
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