

The Nanoscience Cooperative Research Center, CIC nanoGUNE, located in Donostia / San Sebastian, Basque Country (Spain), is currently looking for a

MASTER STUDENT
to work on

Nanomaterials

Nanomaterials Growth

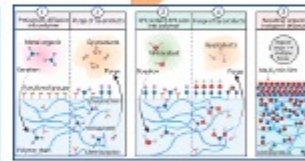
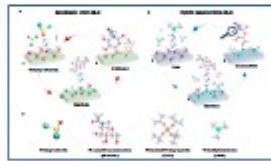
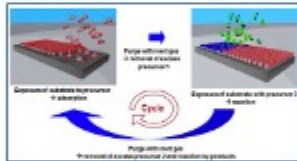
Methodology

The fabrication of hybrid materials by means of vapor phase processes is very manifold and the routes rely on a plethora of growth methodologies. Among the most prominent techniques are those that base on the principle of atomic layer deposition (ALD) and involve modifications of the technique to enable treatment of organic materials.

ALD

MLD

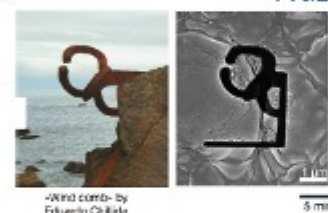
VPI



K. Ashurbekova, K. Ashurbekova, G. Bofla, O. Yatswich, M. Knez, M. Knez, Vapor phase processing: A novel approach for fabricating functional hybrid materials. *Nanotechnology*, 31 (2020)

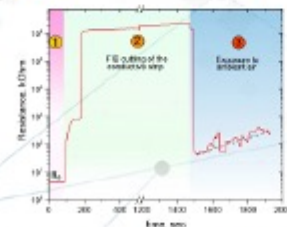
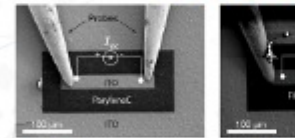
Self-healing

An entropy-driven NP reorganization, as described in the healing of metal oxides. As a first step, a system with MeO nanoparticles in a matrix, is needed. This can be obtained by VPI of a substrate with dispersed NPs can then serve as a reservoir for defect formation, synergistic chemical and physical processes eventually close the defect.



PVC/ZnO

Restoring the

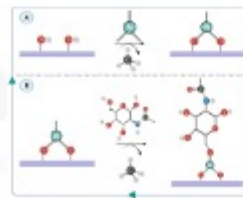


1. FIB etching of the coating: conductive stripe
2. Cutting the stripe by FIB to destroy the coating
3. Measuring the resistance while exposing the defect

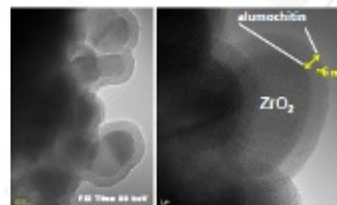
O. Yatswich, E. Modin, I. Šarić, M. Petráš, M. Knez, P. Štorkan, Adv. Mater. 2022, 2202080

Biomimetic Antimicrobial Films

Vapor phase process for growing nanoscale coatings of chitin-based materials, based on molecular layer deposition (MLD), which enables the growth of a highly conformal film with precise thickness control and quality. The hybrid metalochitins are greatly biocompatible. *In vitro* tests with Human Embryonic Kidney (HEK293T) and human fibroblast cells confirmed even better attachment and stronger promoted cell proliferation on metalochitin-coated substrates than on the positive control substrates.

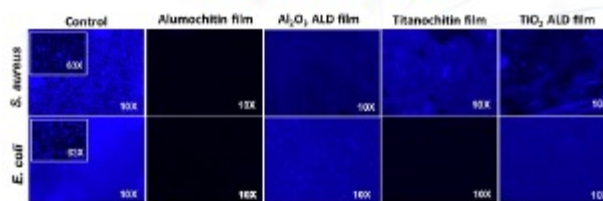


Proposed chemistry for the growth of Alomochitin



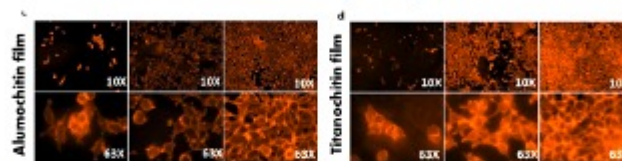
HR-TEM images of a thin Alomochitin film grown on ZrO₂ Nanoparticles at 115 °C

Antimicrobial Properties



Confocal microscopy images of *S. aureus* and *E. coli* bacterial biofilms after 24h of exposure to the different substrates. Original magnification 10x. Crystalline nanocellulose film was used as a control. Bacteria were stained with DAPI (blue).

Biocompatibility

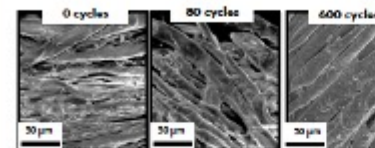


Confocal microscopy images of HEK (Human Embryonic Kidney) 93 cells cultured for 1, 3 and 6 days on different substrates, stained with CellMask Orange Plasma. Original magnification 10x (scale bar=30 μm) and 63x (scale bar=10 μm).

Functional

Textiles serve as a versatile platform for incorporating nanomaterials and functional properties into fashion, sports, and beyond. Functional textiles offer a wide range of capabilities, antibacterial features, and energy-responsive materials. A way of functionalizing textiles with inorganics by VPI.

Denim Jeans, processed with TIC



Reduction of Bacteria

Sample	Cycles number	Bacterial load
Control	0	High
TiO ₂ +H ₂ O	80	Medium
TiO ₂ +H ₂ O	120	Low
TiO ₂ +H ₂ O	300	Very Low

Preservation of Cultural Heritage

What happens to stone



Candidates should **apply** by completing the form below and attaching the following documents:

- a. A complete CV and academic record
- b. A motivation letter is also recommended

The **deadline** for applications is **29/02/2024**.

NOTES:

(i) All applicants will receive an answer after the end of the selection process; but please note that due to the large number of submissions that are expected, we cannot provide individual feedback.

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