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## 2D molybdenum disulfide and its polymer composites - characterization and thermal properties

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**T**he discovery of graphene has aroused enormous scientific interests in fabrication and application of new two-dimensional (2D) materials in the past decade. As a typical layered graphene-like material, molybdenum disulfide (MoS<sub>2</sub>) shows the unique properties exhibiting great potential applications in the field of electronic and optoelectronic devices. Despite the enormous scientific interests aroused by MoS<sub>2</sub>, little attention has been focused on the progress in fabrication, properties, and applications of MoS<sub>2</sub>/polymer nanocomposites up to now. In this work, exfoliated molybdenum disulfide (MoS<sub>2</sub>) modified by a metal oxide (MoS<sub>2</sub>/MxO<sub>y</sub>) and carbon nanotubes (MoS<sub>2</sub>/CNT) was prepared and characterized by atomic force microscopy (AFM), Raman spectroscopy and transmission electron microscopy (TEM). The samples were used in polymer composite preparation by using an extruder blending method. Nanocomposites of polymer with nanofillers were obtained.

The morphology, thermal properties, fire resistant properties and thermal conductivity of the nanocomposites were studied. We observed good flame retardance for all composites. All composites with exfoliated MoS<sub>2</sub> exhibit greater potential for preparation of smart and functional nanomaterials with good thermal and fire resistant properties.

### Biography

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## Nanostructuring of biomaterials and materials by electrochemical methods

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**E**lectrochemical methods for the preparation of high quality nanostructured surfaces and functionalization through active biomolecules electrodeposition are highlighted in this work. There are two applied electrochemical methods in our laboratory in order to obtain hybrid and nanocomposite structured layers or advanced functionalization of material surfaces. They are direct electrochemical synthesis by electro codeposition process and anodization of materials to controlled growth of nanoporous oxide films and the second method could be followed by electrodeposition of hydroxyapatite or organic compounds into porous films to form more complex hybrid layers. The main goal of the present paper is to make a summary of results obtained from applying electrochemical surface modification techniques in obtaining advanced functional surfaces and their properties characterization in terms of surface morphology and structure (SEM-EDX, XRD), the roughness and thickness, corrosion, tribocorrosion as well as the mechanical properties as nano hardness or wear resistance. Electrodeposition of metals and alloys or electro-codeposition of nano and microdispersed particles with metallic matrix to obtain micro and nano structured films and layers or hybrid coatings are a bottom-up approach of nanotechnology methods. Electrochemical oxidation or anodization to obtain thin films, layers of nano porous oxides, templates for nanowires or active biomolecules electrodeposition is a top down approach of nanotechnology method. Electrodeposition and the combination of electrodeposition with other electrochemical processes as controlled oxide growth by anodization can lead to a large class of hybrid layers and composite coatings or nanostructured layers (films) on different support materials and structures necessary for a future based on nanotechnology and nanomaterials to improve the surface functionalization of materials and to face of aggressive environments and degradation processes. Improving surface properties for corrosion and tribocorrosion of materials in specific environments give more valuable industrial and biomedical applications by increasing their life cycle.

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## Development and characterization of organoclay filled polyetherimide nanocomposites for anticorrosive coatings

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**P**olyetherimide (PEI)/organically modified Fluorohectorite (OFH) clay nanocomposites were prepared by dispersing OFH clay in PEI matrix. The structural as well as morphological characteristics of the nanocomposites were investigated using X-ray diffraction (XRD), Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM) and Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM). The thermal, mechanical properties of the PEI nanocomposites were found to be significantly improved by the incorporation of organically modified fluorohectorite nano clay into the PEI matrix. The water uptake of the nanocomposites was investigated in detail as a function of clay content. The water uptake was minimum for composites with 3 wt % of filler. The anticorrosion properties of clay polymer nanocomposite (CPN) coatings were evaluated by means of various electrochemical methods which include Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS), Open Circuit

Potential Measurements (OCP) and water adsorption test. The topological changes on the PEI/OFH clay nanocomposite coated metallic surfaces during immersion test were evaluated by means of SEM and AFM analyses. The results obtained from various analyses showed that the PEI/OFH nanocomposites coatings possess better anticorrosion properties.

**Keywords:** Nanocomposite; Polyetherimide; Thermal properties, Mechanical properties; Anticorrosion

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## Performance of Dye Sensitized Solar Cells (DSSCs) based on Cu-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanostructures photoanodes.

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In this research study, Cu-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanostructures with different doping contents from 0 to 10.0% (mole fraction) were synthesized through hydrolysis at low temperature. The as-prepared Cu-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanostructures was characterized with several techniques, X-ray diffraction (XRD) and Raman spectroscopy were used to study the morphology and structure of the nanoparticles, which confirmed the crystalline anatase tetragonal structure. The UV-Vis Spectroscopy analysis was found that incorporation of Cu<sup>2+</sup> into titanium affects the band gap of TiO<sub>2</sub> and extending his activity towards visible sunlight region. Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) analysis confirming the Cu content is incorporated into TiO<sub>2</sub> lattice affecting efficiency of doped samples. Further, the active specific surface area of the system was investigated employing Brunauer-Emmet-Teller (BET) measurement. Then the Dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs) based on Cu-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> photoanodes were fabricated and investigated with chemically absorbed Ruthenium N3 dye electrode under light illumination with standard solar simulator (AM 1.5G, 100mW/cm<sup>2</sup>). Results demonstrated that the 1.0% Cu-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> sample annealed at 773K for 60 minutes exhibited the best photovoltaic performance of open circuit voltage (V<sub>oc</sub> = 957.5 mV), short circuit current density (J<sub>sc</sub> = 0.795 mA/cm<sup>2</sup>), and the cell efficiency was reached (η = 4.524 %), which consists 50% higher than the un-doped cell. The BET analysis was supported the founding results, indicating that the 1.0% Cu-doped TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticle presented the higher active specific surface area of 143.2 m<sup>2</sup>g<sup>-1</sup>. A highest active surface area is a key parameter for solar cells effectiveness, allowing more organic dye and electrolyte to be absorbed and stored into the semiconductor, that give photon from solar light energy more probability to be adsorbed which obviously led to improve global cell efficiency. This study may open up more investigated works applying Cu doped TiO<sub>2</sub> in photovoltaic fields.

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### Biography

Sara Chahid has her expertise in synthesis and characterization of semiconductors, with photovoltaic and photocatalytic applications. Her open and contextual evaluation of new semiconductors based on TiO<sub>2</sub> (Cu/ TiO<sub>2</sub>, MoS<sub>2</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub> and Cu-MoS<sub>2</sub>/TiO<sub>2</sub>) creates new pathways for improving renewable energy.

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## Corrosion behavior of marine in steels black sea water protected with modified polymeric coating by addition of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles

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**M**any engineered structures have a limited life span and are deteriorated because of the loss of material properties, exposure to severe environments or increases in service loads. Carbon steel is one of the most widely used materials in the ship and offshore structure industry. Corrosion and corrosion-related problems are considered to be the most important factors leading to age-related structural degradation of ships and many other types of steel structures. Corrosion considered as the most important factor leads to the structural degradation of ships and other types of steel structures intended for work in the marine environment. Corrosion of carbon steel in marine environment becomes serious due to the highly corrosive nature of seawater with high salinity and microorganisms. Various organic and inorganic coatings are used to protect metallic materials particularly steel against corrosion occurrence. The most used are the polymeric protective coatings. The nanostructured TiO<sub>2</sub> polymer coating is able to offer higher protection to steel against corrosion and performed relatively better than other polymer coatings. The aim of the paper is to show the role of TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles in the enhancement of protective coatings and the lifespan of marine structures. The novelty of this research consist of the comparative assessment of corrosion resistance of different types of surfaces: E32 low alloy steel without protective coating, E32 coated with polymeric primer and E32 steel coated with polymeric primer mixed with TiO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles. All samples were subjected to corrosion in sea water collected from the Black Sea, Năvodari Oil Terminal. The corrosion properties have been

studied by electrochemical methods. The purpose is to improve the protection capabilities of polymeric coatings by adding dispersed inert ceramic nanoparticles as titanium oxide with an average diameter of 200 nanometers.

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## Corrosion and wear performances of Co/nano-CeO<sub>2</sub> bio-coatings in biological solution

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**M**etal matrix composite layers are widely used as advanced functional materials for different applications. The electrochemical deposition technique or anodization have been increasingly being established as efficient preparation route for obtaining nano and micro structured composites, cermets or hybrid coatings with specific properties to be used in industrial or biomedical applications. The process of electro-co-deposition essentially consist inclusion of solid particles suspended in an electrolytic bath into the electro crystallizing metal which is in fact the metal matrix. The particles co-deposited with a metallic matrix are generally considered insoluble. The development of modern technology requires metallic materials with better surface properties and better corrosion and wear resistance. Nanocomposites made up of highly fine particles (nanometer size) of pure metals, ceramics and polymers in a metallic matrix have been the object of investigation for some decades in science, industry and biomedical applications. Apart from the intrinsic advantages of in situ electrochemical synthesis, the route provides the opportunity of producing the coating with desired thickness and composition. Co/nano-CeO<sub>2</sub> composite coatings were developed by electro deposition method from a cobalt plating solution containing dispersed CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles (25 nanometers size). The content of co-deposited CeO<sub>2</sub> into nanocomposite coatings was controlled by the addition of different CeO<sub>2</sub> particle concentrations into the electroplating solution. The corrosion and tribocorrosion performances of Co/nano-CeO<sub>2</sub> nanocomposite coatings and pure Co coating were comparatively investigated in an electrochemical cell and unidirectional reciprocating of tribometer in lubricating conditions using simulated biological solution (Hank). During the tribocorrosion test, the normal force, tangential force, coefficient of friction, number of cycles as well as the electrochemical parameters (potential), were continuously monitored. Schematic representation of tribocorrosion tests are shown in fig. 1. The corrosion and wear performances of Co/nano-CeO<sub>2</sub> bio-coatings

are closely related with CeO<sub>2</sub> content. The nanocomposite coating with all CeO<sub>2</sub> content shows increased wear resistance when compared with pure Co coating.

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## Atomic layer deposition growth of laminated oxides as dielectric thin films

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**W**ide bandgap semiconductors (SiC or GaN) based devices have shown excellent progress in recent years for high frequency and high power electronics. Nevertheless, several issues still needed to be addressed such as finding of an appropriate gate insulator. Moreover, since device frequency performance is strongly dependent on maintaining a high geometric aspect ratio between the gate length and barrier thickness, precise control over the thickness of gate insulators is very important. In this context, atomic layer deposition (ALD) is considered as a key enabling technique because of its controlled layer-by-layer growth. Huge efforts are nowadays devoted to the fabrication of multicomponent gate insulators having high dielectric constants and good chemical stability. In particular, the growth of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-HfO<sub>2</sub> laminated layers is among the most studied combination because of the possibility to combine the complimentary characteristics of the two materials. Plasma enhanced ALD growth of three different Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>/HfO<sub>2</sub> combinations has been considered: a bilayer system of the two Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and HfO<sub>2</sub> oxides each having a 15 nm thickness, a nanolaminated 10 stacked Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>-

HfO<sub>2</sub> bilayers with each sub-layer thickness of about 3 nm and of a homogeneous HfAlO layer, have been fabricated. The dielectric properties and the structural evolution upon annealing treatment have been compared. On the basis of all the collected data, the 10AB laminated can be considered the most promising system. In fact, it showed an amorphous structure before and after annealing treatments and better dielectric behavior in terms of dielectric constant value and charge traps amounts.

### Biography

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