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CHEMISTRY: MOLECULES TO MATERIALS

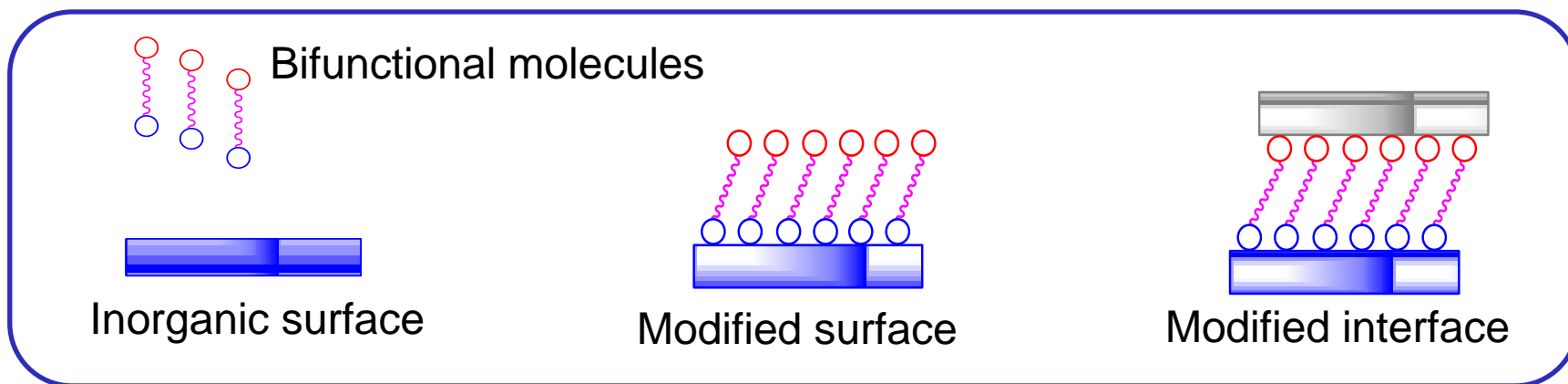


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**Functionalization of metal and metal oxide
surfaces with phosphonate coupling molecules**

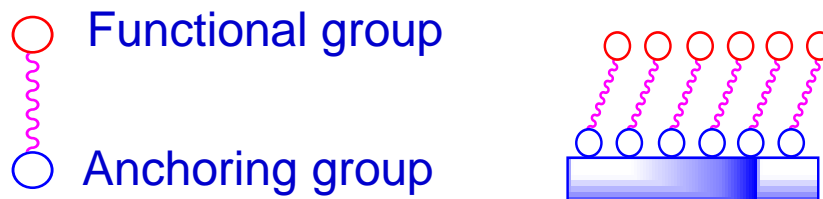
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Organic monolayers



- Molecular thickness: 1-2 nm, $< 1 \text{ nmol/cm}^2$
- Control of surface and interface chemical and physical properties:
 - *charge, surface energy, reactivity, tribological properties...*
 - *electronic, mechanical, thermal properties...*
- **Applications:** *sensors, lab-on-a chip, hydrophobation, lubrication, catalysis, corrosion resistance, (nano)composite materials, photovoltaics,...*

Binding to the inorganic surface



Anchoring groups:

- **Thiols** R-SH : *coinage metals Au, Pt, Ag, Cu...*, M-S bonds
- **Silanes** R-Si(OEt)₃, R-SiCl₃ : *silica, metal oxides*, M-O-Si + Si-O-Si bonds
- **Carboxylic acids** R-CO₂H : *metal oxides, phosphates, carbonates...*, M-O-C bonds
- **Phosphonic acids** R-PO₃H₂ : *metals, metal oxides, phosphates, carbonates, sulfides...*, M-O-P bonds

Today

Focus on: (native) oxide surfaces and phosphonic acids

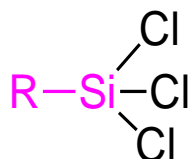
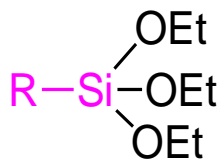
- **Background:**

Reactivity, comparison between silanes and phosphonic acids

- **Examples:**

Surface modification of "flat" substrates, nanoparticles, layered materials

Organosilane monolayers



SiO₂, ZrO₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂...

SiC, Si₃N₄

~~CaCO₃, Ca₁₀(PO₄)₆(OH)₂~~

Hydrolysis: $\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{Si-X} \rightarrow \text{HX} + \text{Si-OH}$ X = Cl, OR

Heterocondensation: $\text{M-OH} + \text{Si-OH} \rightarrow \text{Si-O-M} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

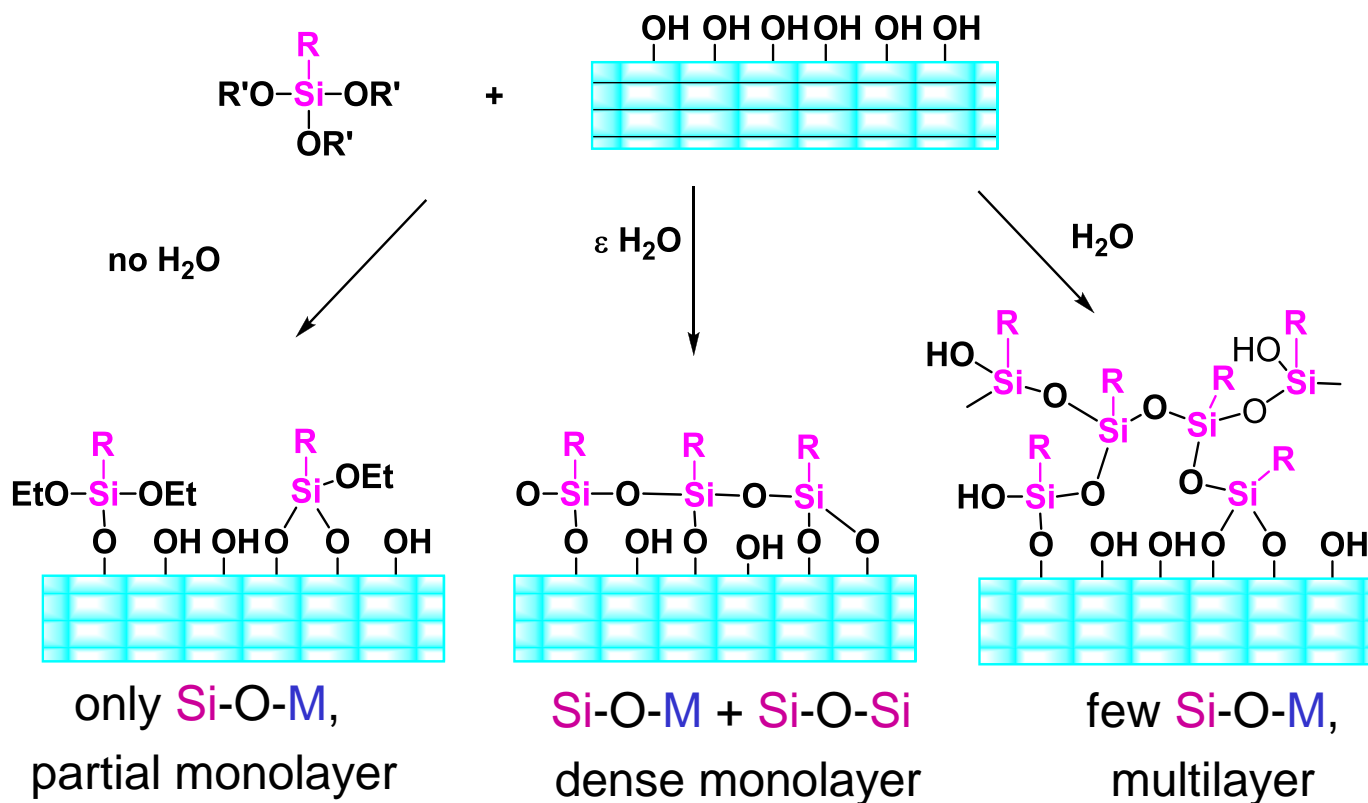
Homocondensation: $\text{Si-OH} + \text{Si-OH} \rightarrow \text{Si-O-Si} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

Competition heterocondensation / homocondensation: governs layer structure

Organosilane monolayers

Balance heterocondensation / homocondensation:

depends on the nature of the support and water content

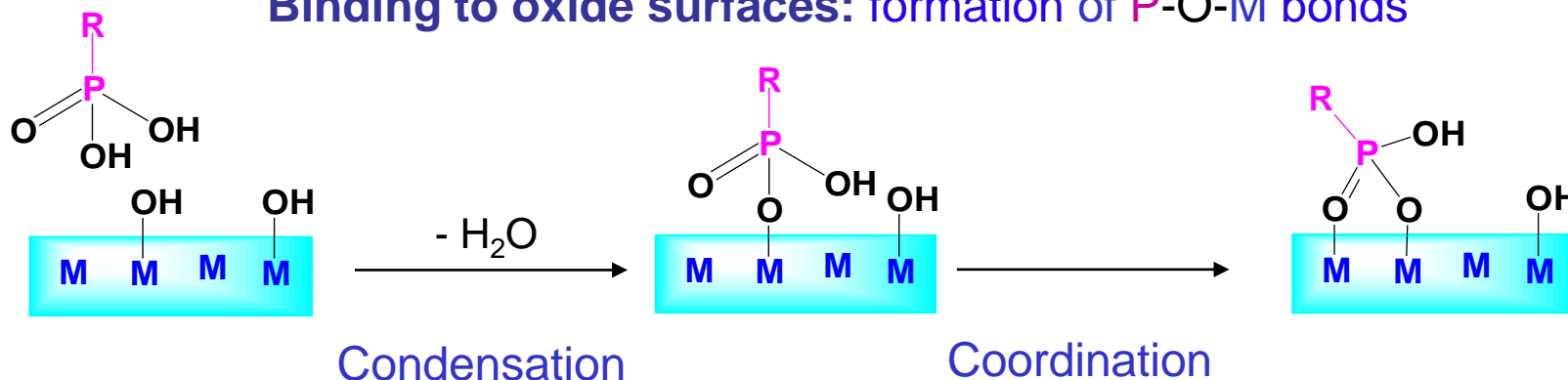


Phosphonic acid monolayers

Ti, Al, Stainless steel, Mg, Ag, TiO₂, Al₂O₃, ZrO₂, SiO₂ ...

CaCO₃, Ca₁₀(PO₄)₆(OH)₂, GaAs, CdS...

Binding to oxide surfaces: formation of P-O-M bonds



- **Phosphonic acids stable in water**

⇒ *No need to control the water content*

⇒ *Surface modification in water*

- **No homocondensation**



⇒ **easy access to monolayers**

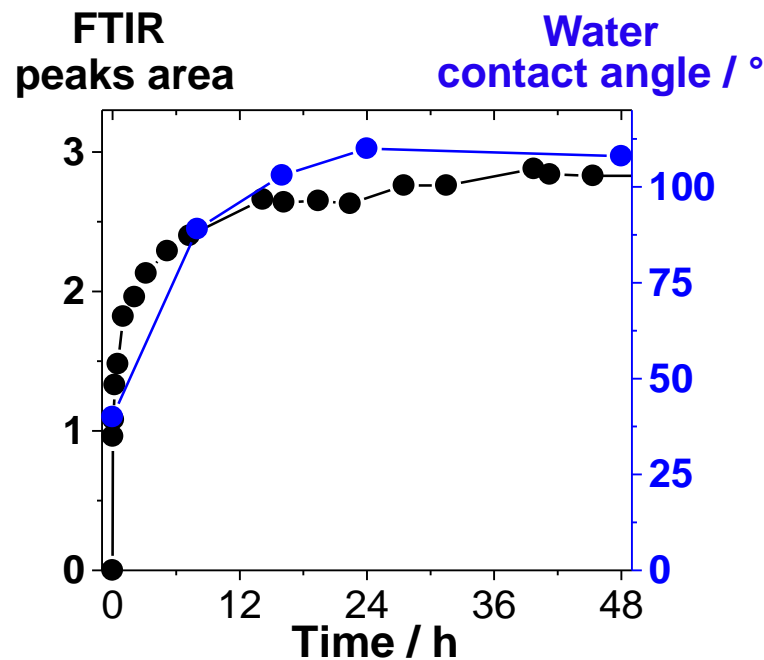
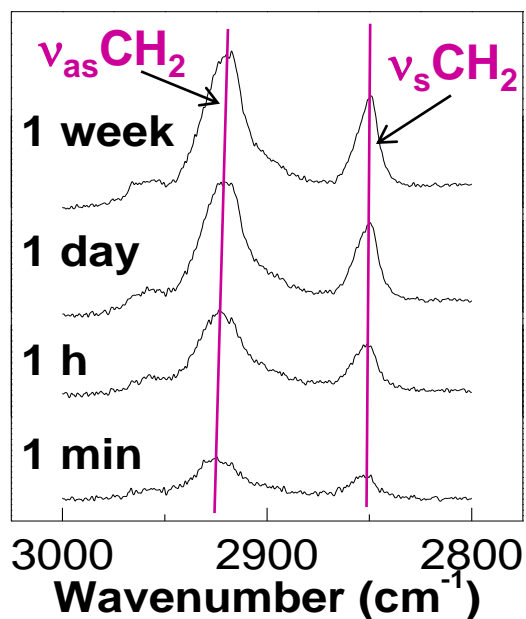
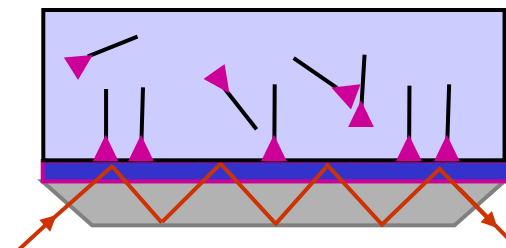
Growth of $C_{18}H_{37}PO_3H_2$ SAMs on titanium

in situ multireflexion ATR FTIR

ex situ water contact angle

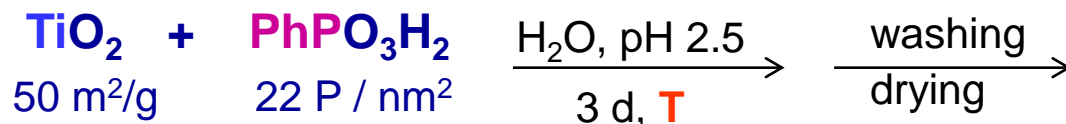
Substrate: 20 nm Ti on a silicon ATR crystal

1 mM $C_{18}H_{37}PO_3H_2$ in CD_3CD_2OD , 15 °C

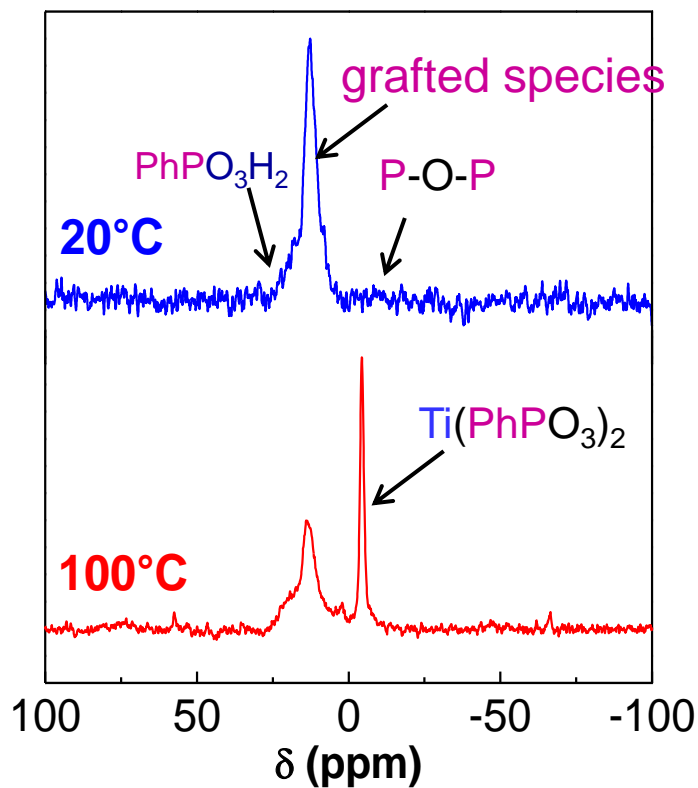


- No need to control the water content, simple and reproducible!

Surface Modification of TiO₂ Particles

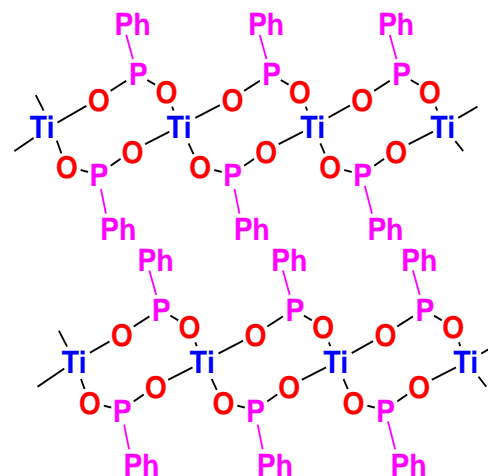


³¹P MAS-NMR



20°C, 2.8 mM: no P-O-P \Rightarrow monolayer

100°C, 40 mM \Rightarrow Ti(PhPO₃)₂ phase

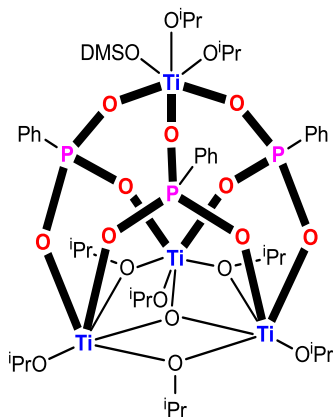
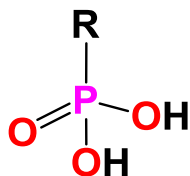


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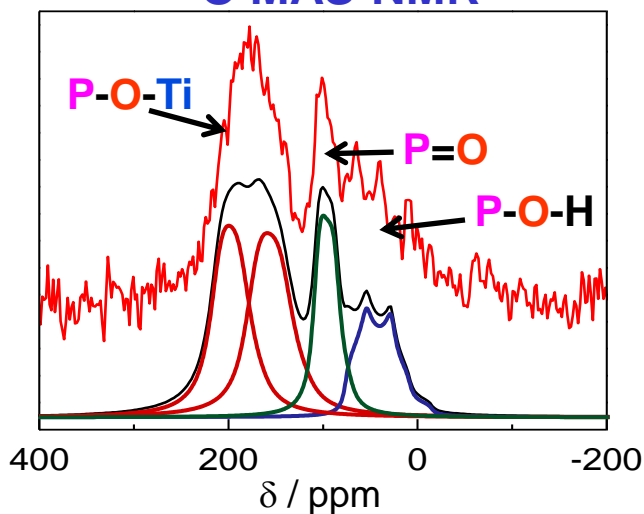
$\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{25}\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$ monolayer on TiO_2 (100 m^2/g)

^{17}O -enriched

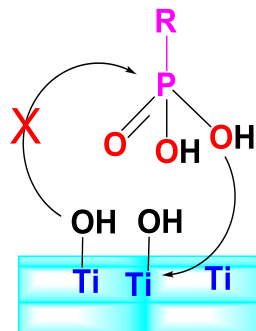
- phosphonic acids
- model compounds



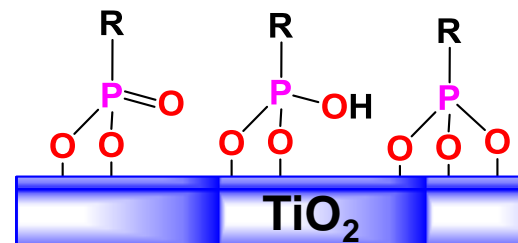
^{17}O MAS-NMR



60% P-O-Ti
20% P=O
20% P-O-H



Mechanism



Surface species

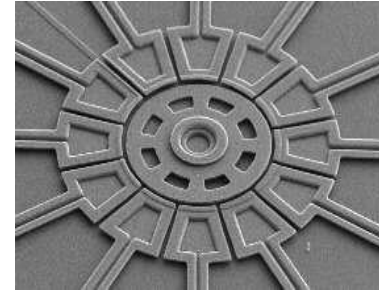
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Applications of SAMs:

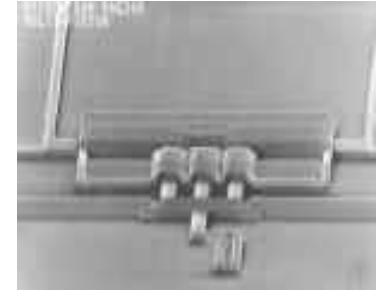
- corrosion protection
- non-volatile lubricants



hard-disks



MEMS

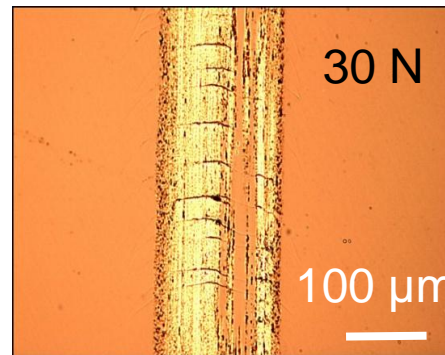


electrical contacts

$C_{18}H_{37}PO_3H_2$ SAMs as lubricant coatings stable in alkaline media

Substrates: 20 nm Ti on Si
grafting with $C_{18}H_{37}PO_3H_2$
in EtOH, 2d.

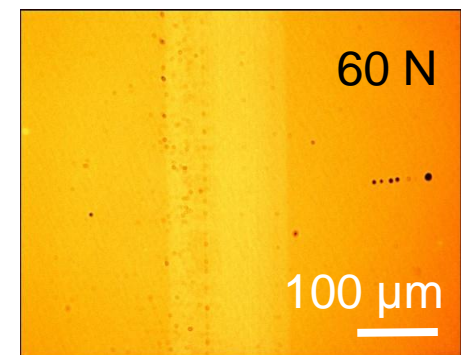
Friction: stainless steel ball
D = 2 mm, 260 HV,
normal force up to 60 N



Ti/Si untreated

Contact angle 11°

Friction coeff. 0.6



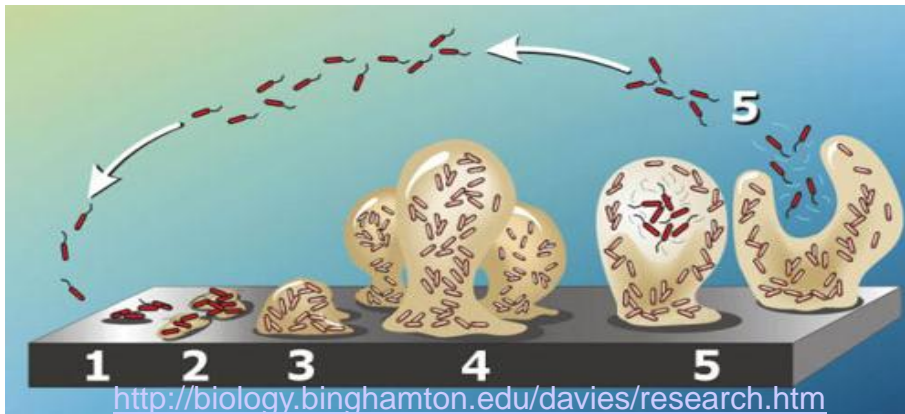
ODPA/Ti/Si

Contact angle 102°

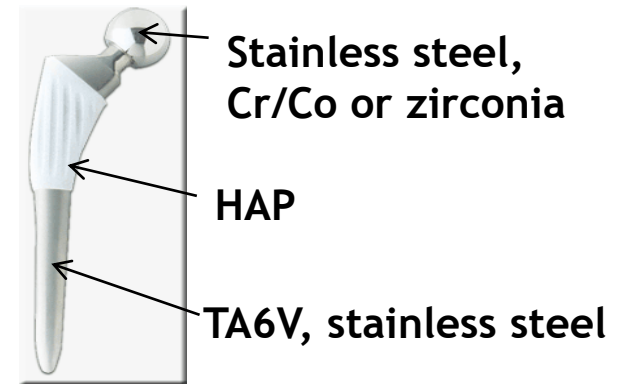
Friction coeff. 0.1

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Bacterial adhesion / biofilm formation: major cause of nosocomial infections



Biofilm formation



Inorganic biomaterials:

metals, metal oxides, phosphates...

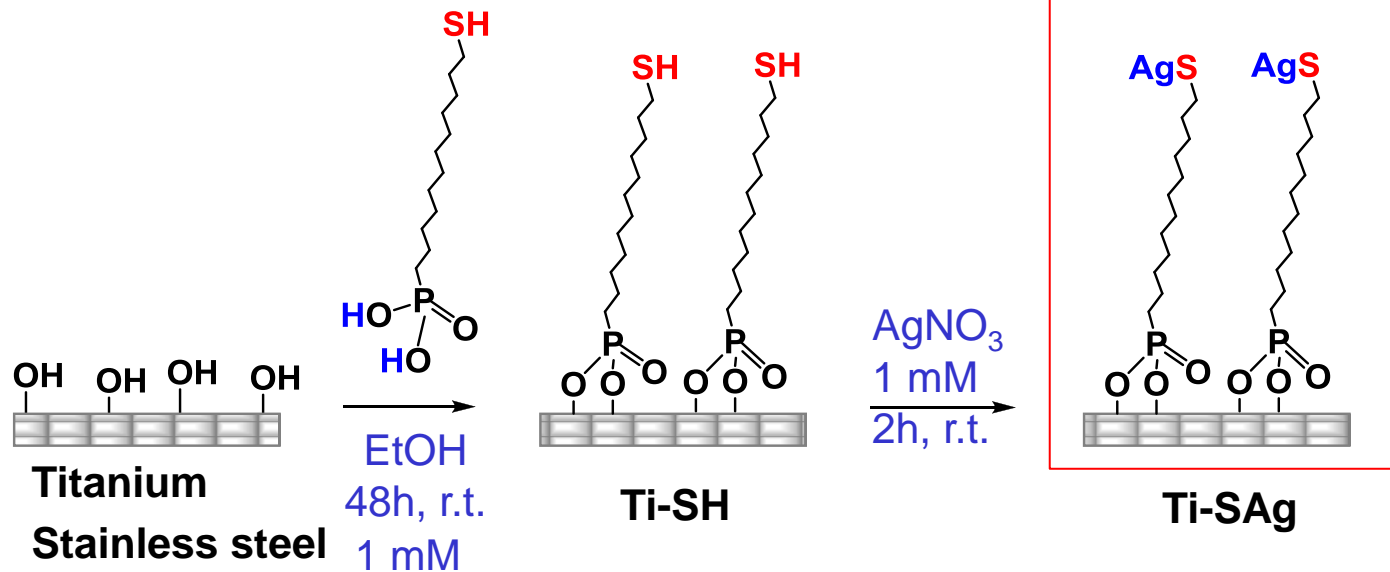
Phosphonate monolayers as coatings for medical devices:

- high affinity for most inorganic biomaterials
- good thermal and hydrolytic stability

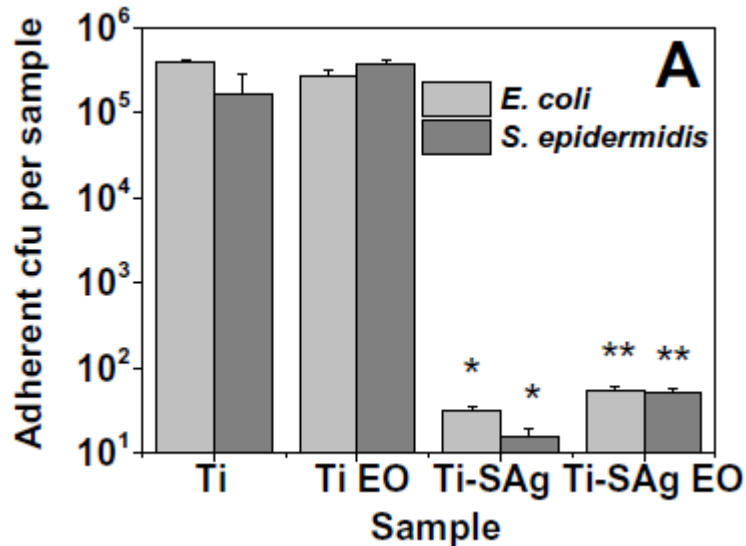
Strategy: grafting of silver thiolate groups

Ag⁺: good bactericidal activity over a wide range of bacteria

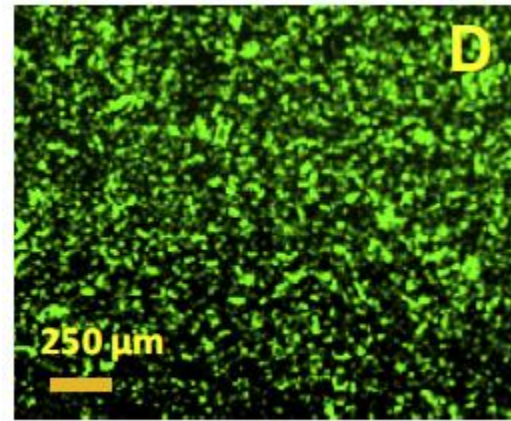
Ag thiolates: very high hydrolytic stability



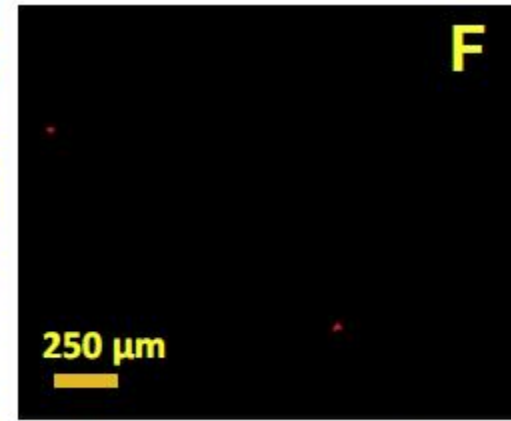
Bacterial adhesion and biofilm assays:



huge decrease of bacterial adhesion after 2-h incubation



Ti EO + *S. epidermidis*

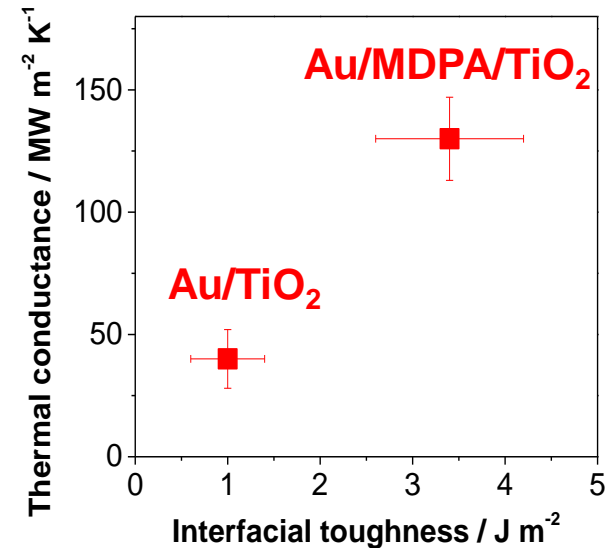
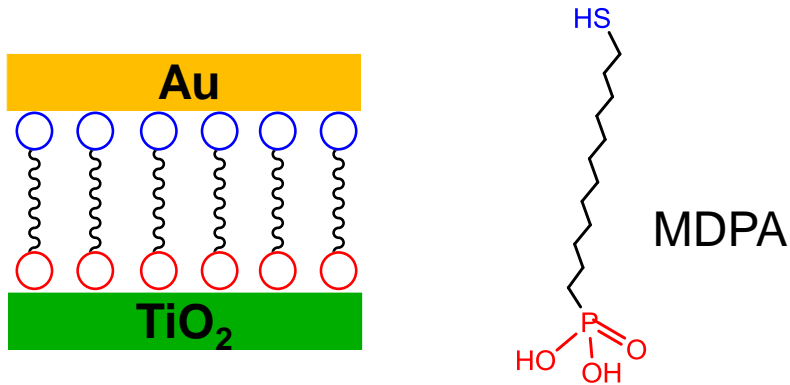


Ti-SAg EO + *S. epidermidis*

inhibition of biofilm growth after 3-day incubation

- good antibacterial activity *in vitro* and *in vivo* with less than 1 nmol Ag/cm²
- maintained after ethylene oxide sterilization
- excellent biocompatibility *in vitro* (MCT3T3 cells) and *in vivo*

Tuning interface mechanical and thermal properties

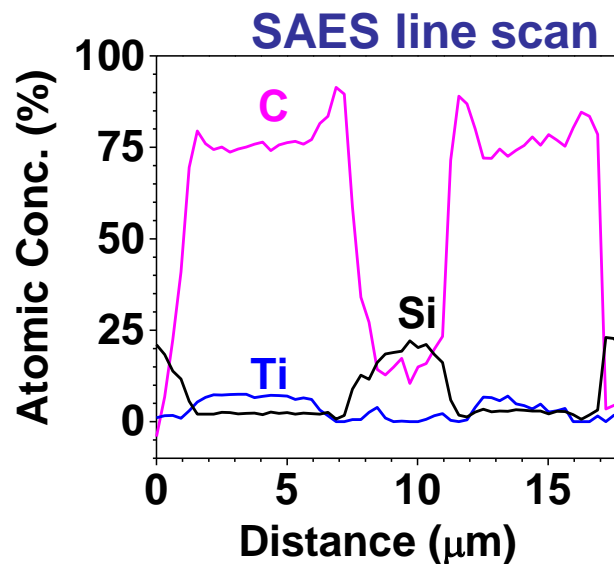
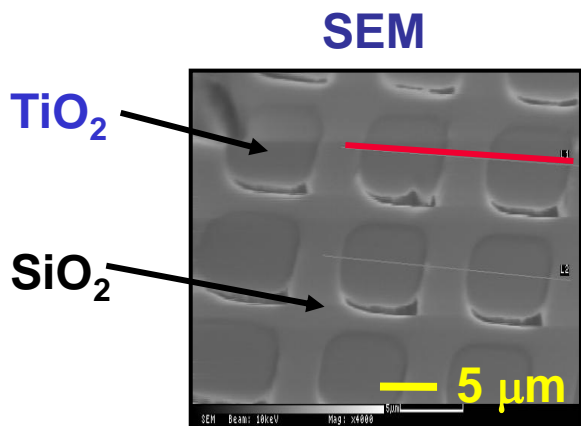
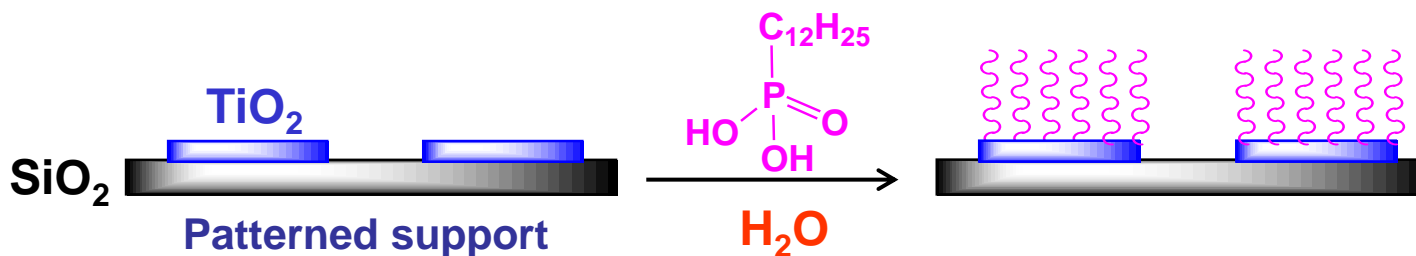


Modification of the interface by a MDPA monolayer:

- interfacial toughness: x3
- thermal conductance: x3

Ti-O-P : stable / hydrolysis

Si-O-P : fast hydrolysis



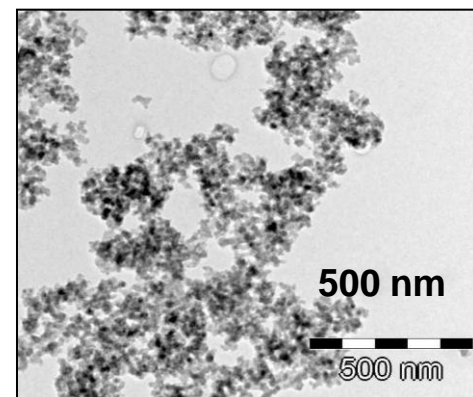
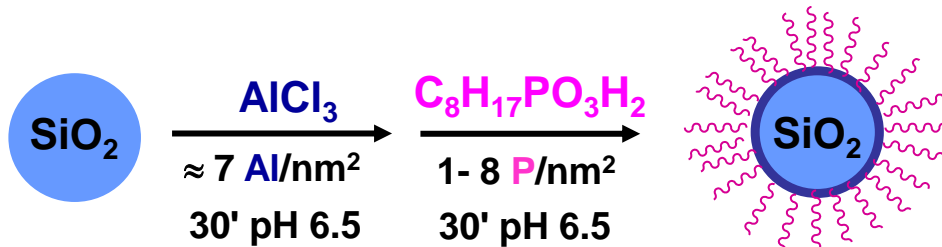
Repartition of organic groups controlled by the inorganic support

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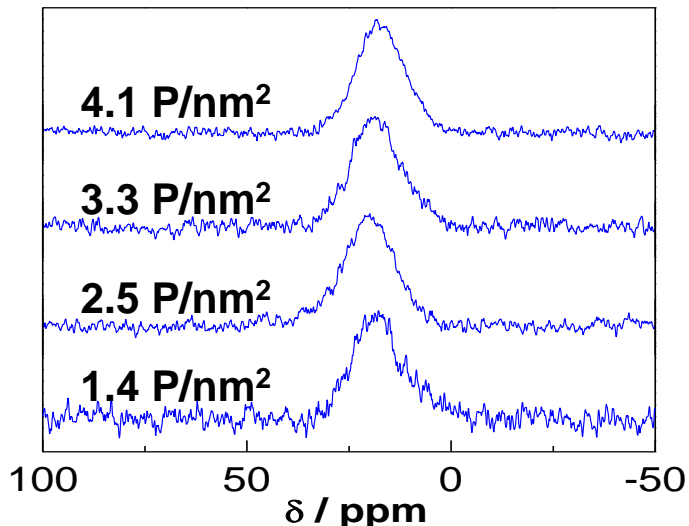
Compatibilization of silica nanofillers with hydrophobic polymers

Surface modification in aqueous medium?

- Organotrialkoxysilanes: not stable in water
- Phosphonic acids: stable in water but **Si-O-P** not stable in water \Rightarrow **Si-O-Al-O-P**



^{31}P MAS-NMR



- fast, one-pot method
- no organic solvent: "green"
- no precipitation of Al phosphonate
- controlled surface coverage

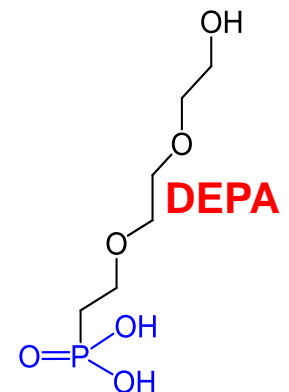
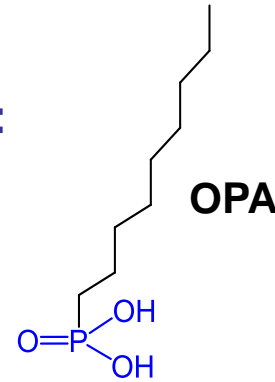
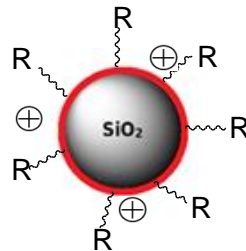
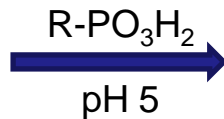
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Silica colloids: used in ceramics, composite materials, cements, catalysts, polishing pastes, paper, textile...

Levasil® 200S/30: "cationic silica sol"
= alumina-coated silica NPs



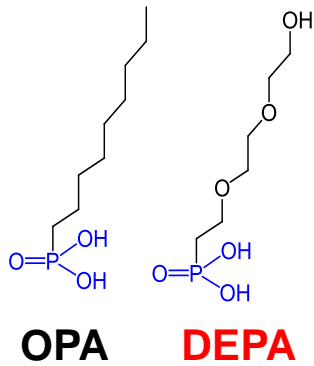
Modification of the NPs in the aqueous sol :



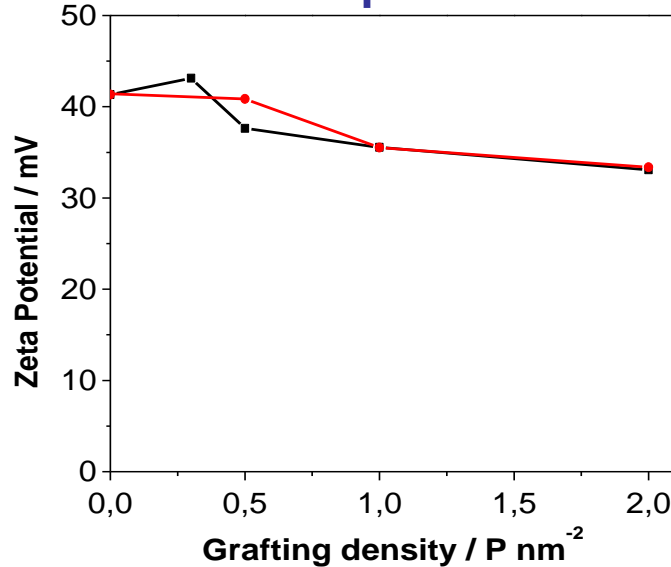
OPA : hydrophobic R group

DEPA : hydrophilic R group

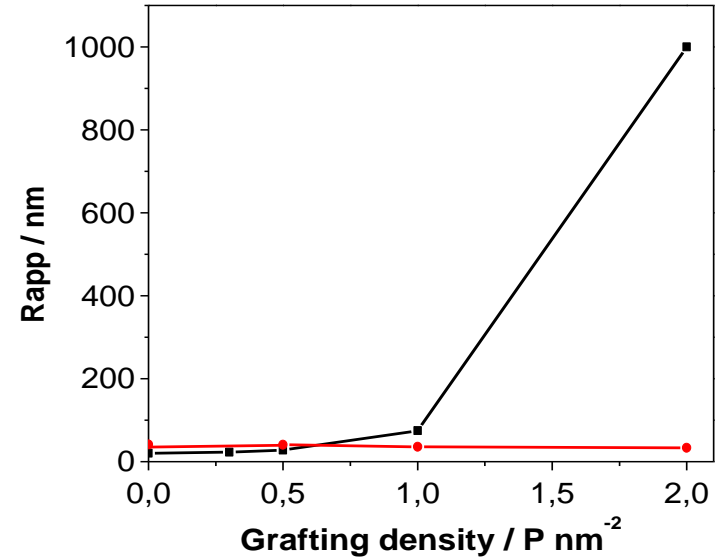
→ Tuning interactions between nanoparticles in aqueous solutions



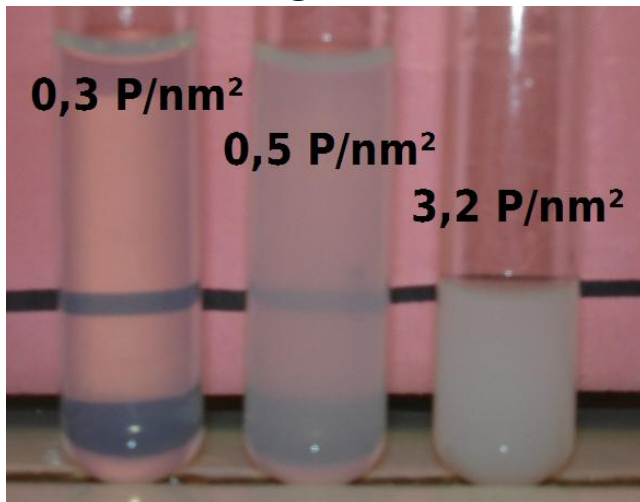
Zeta potential



Rapp (DLS)

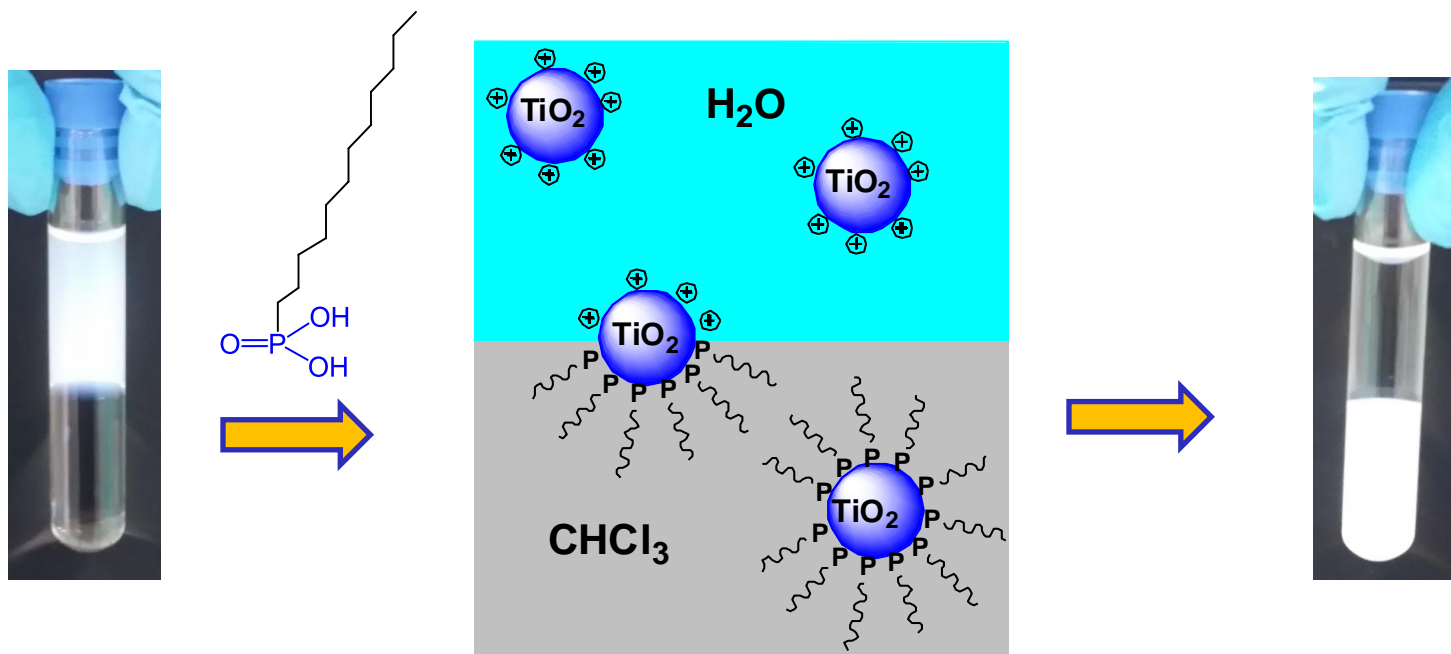


OPA



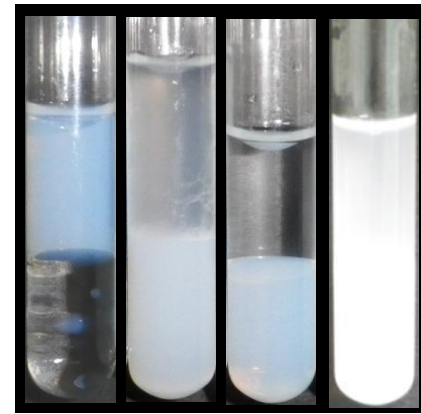
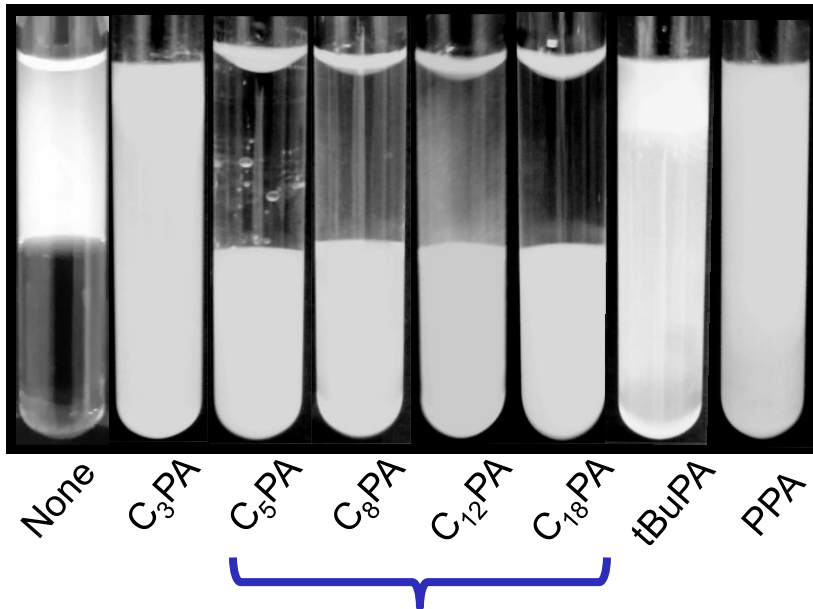
- **OPA, DEPA**: slight decrease of ZP
- **OPA**: aggregation increases with grafting density
- **hydrophobic interactions**

- **Oxide nanoparticles:** *cheap, "green" syntheses in aqueous media, sols stabilized by electrostatic repulsion*
- **Inks, paints, nanocomposites:** *need for organosoluble nanoparticles*

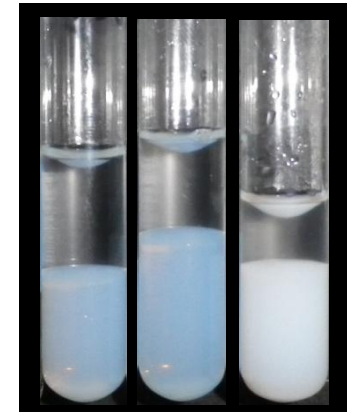


- **Simultaneous grafting / phase transfer (FTIR, NMR)**

Parameters influencing the transfer



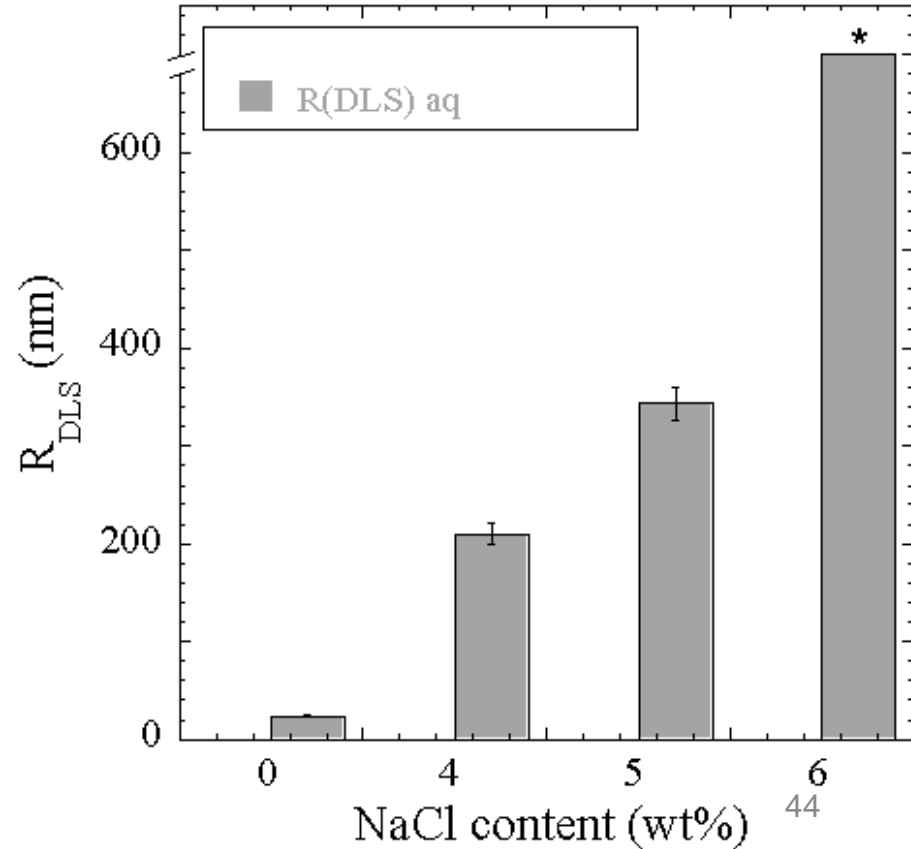
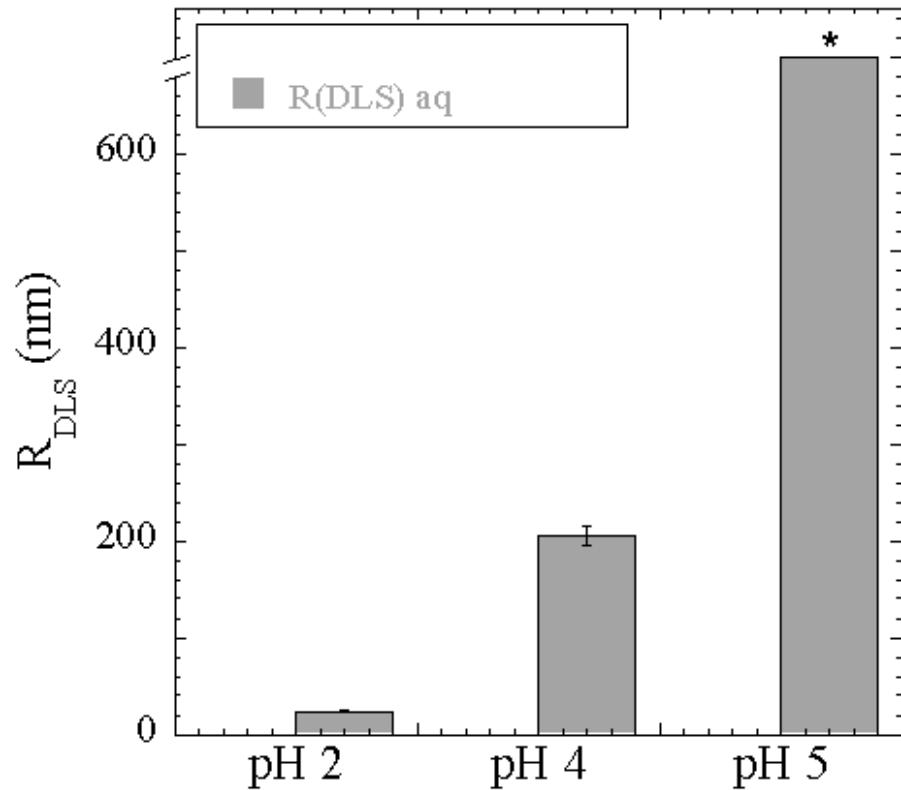
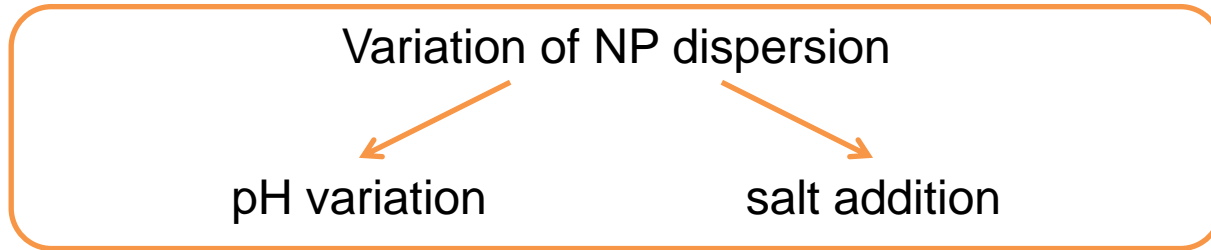
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PA concentration (mmol/g)



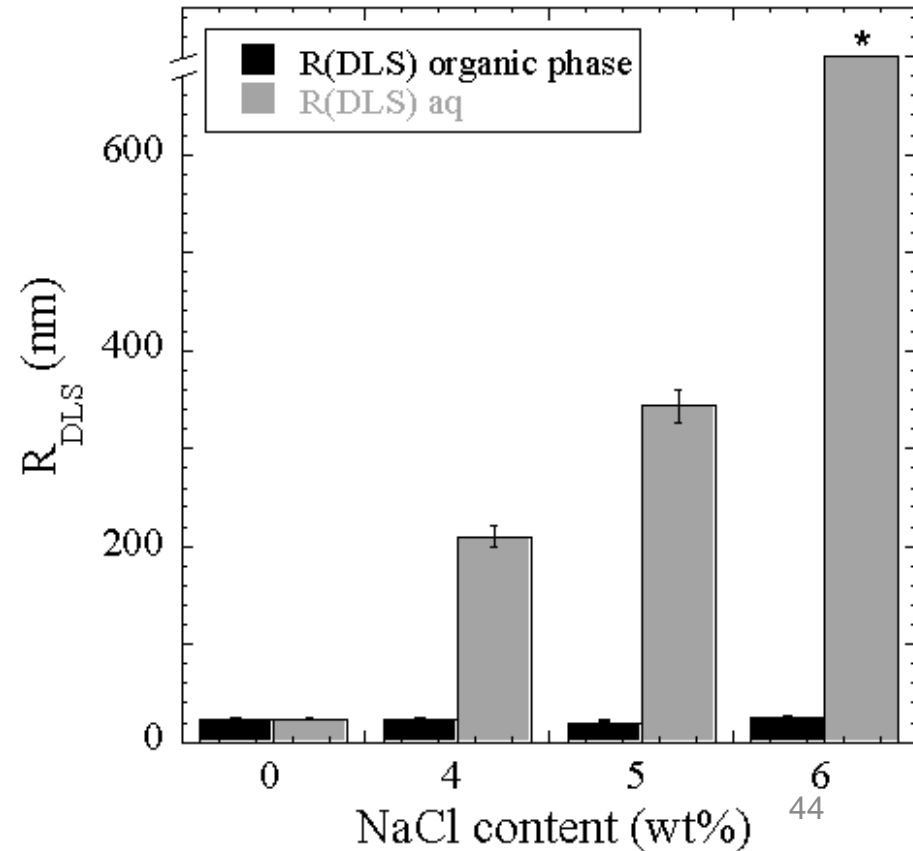
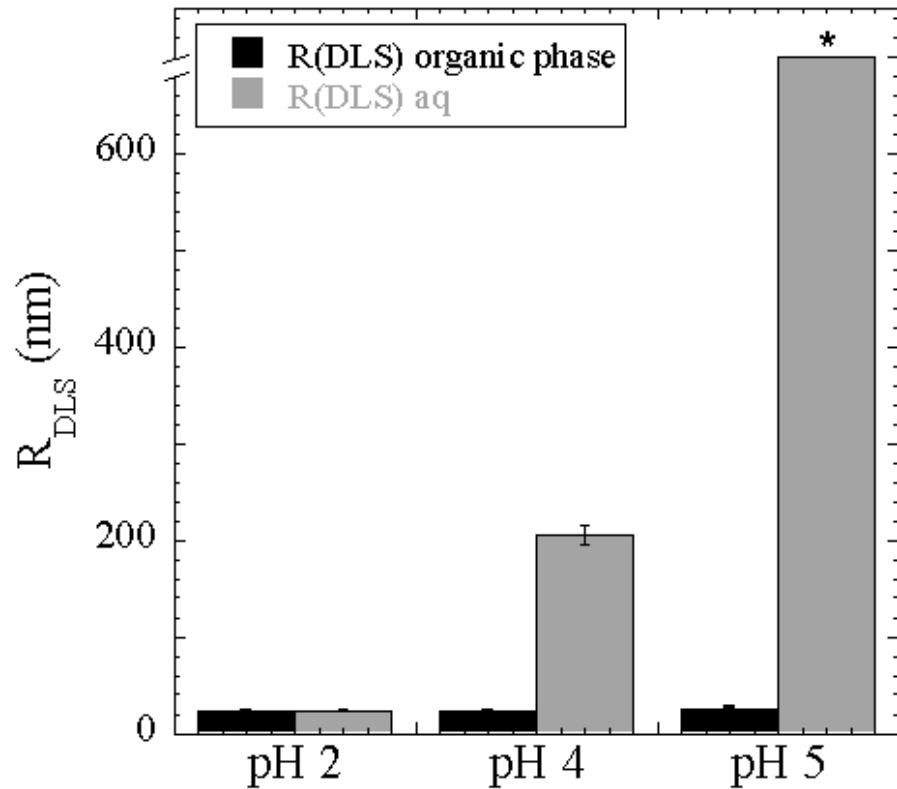
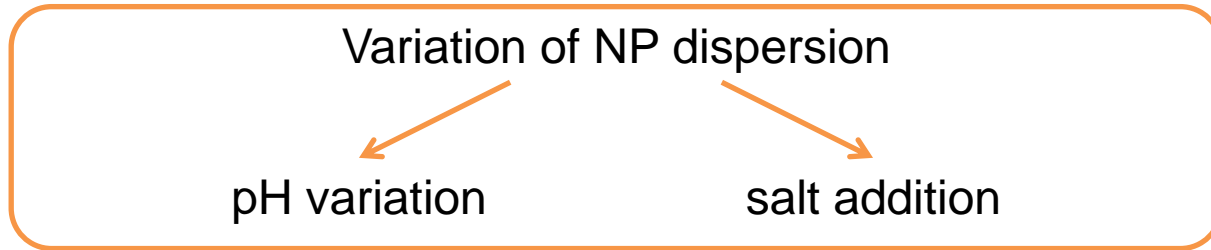
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Sol concentration (wt%)

- Alkylphosphonic acids with chain ≥ 5 Carbons
- ca 4-5 P/nm²
- Works even for high sol concentration

Transfer of aggregated nanoparticles

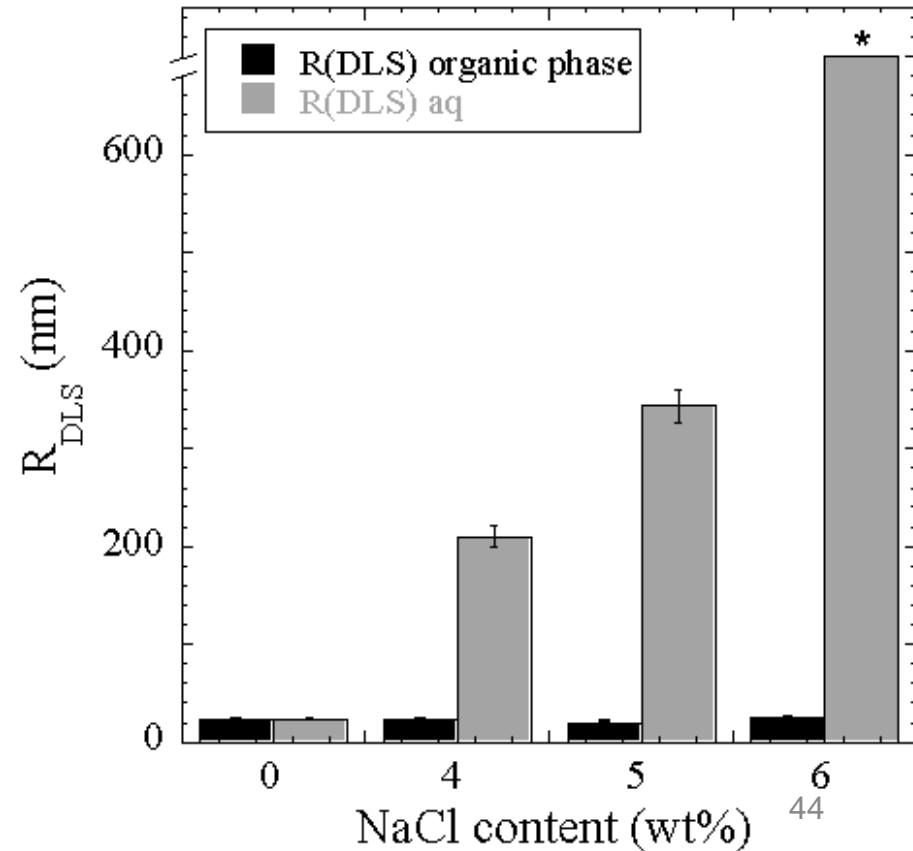
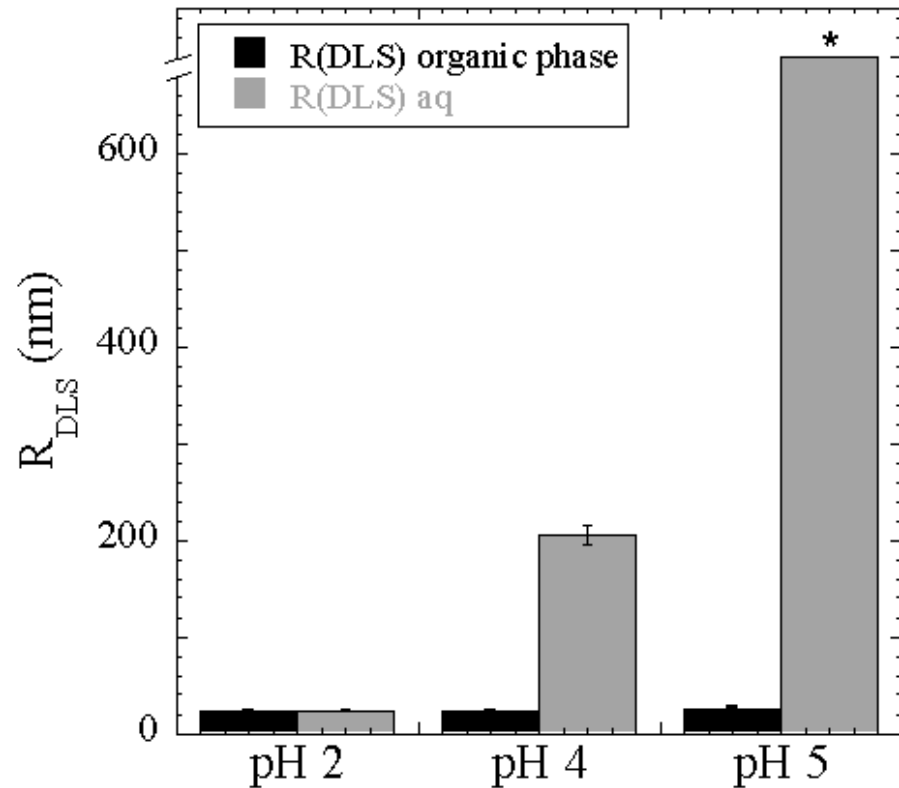


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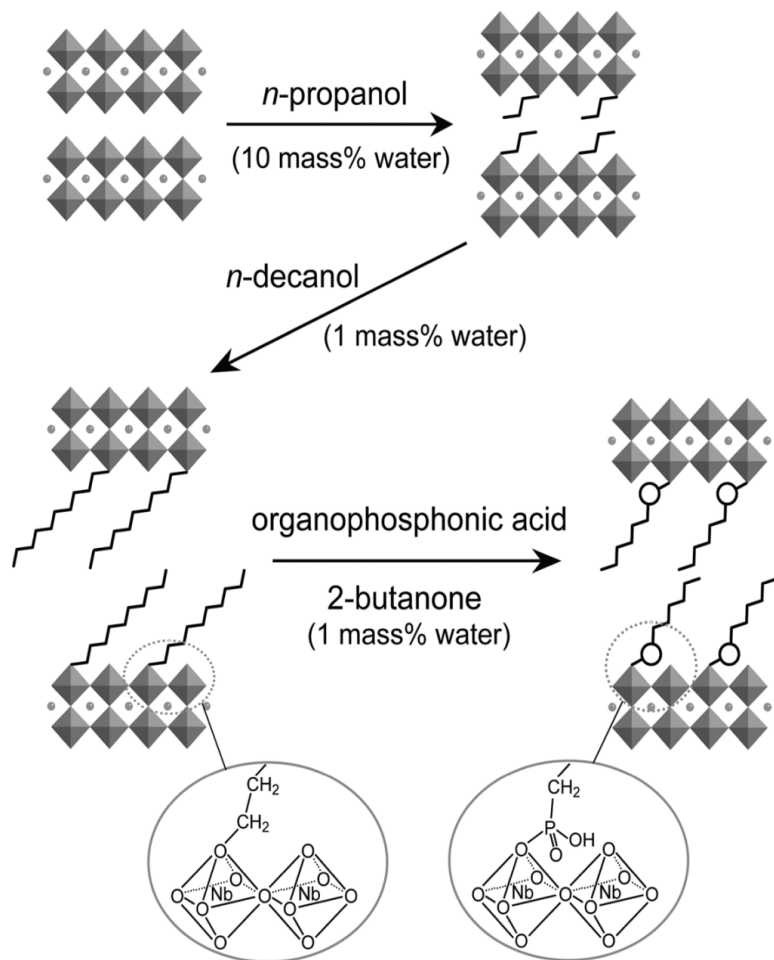
Transfer of aggregated nanoparticles

Deaggregation during phase transfer / surface modification

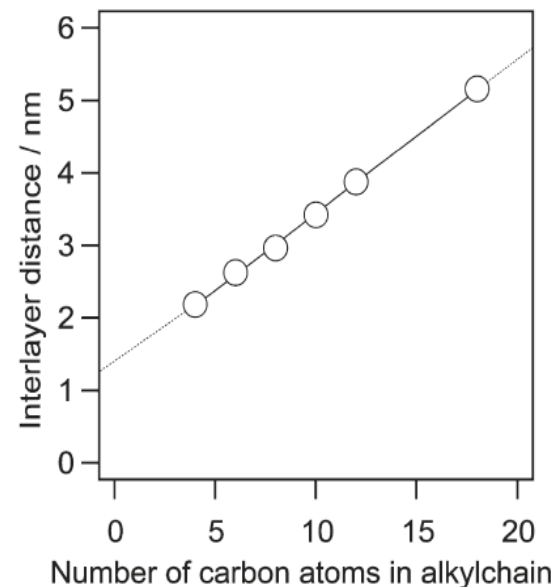


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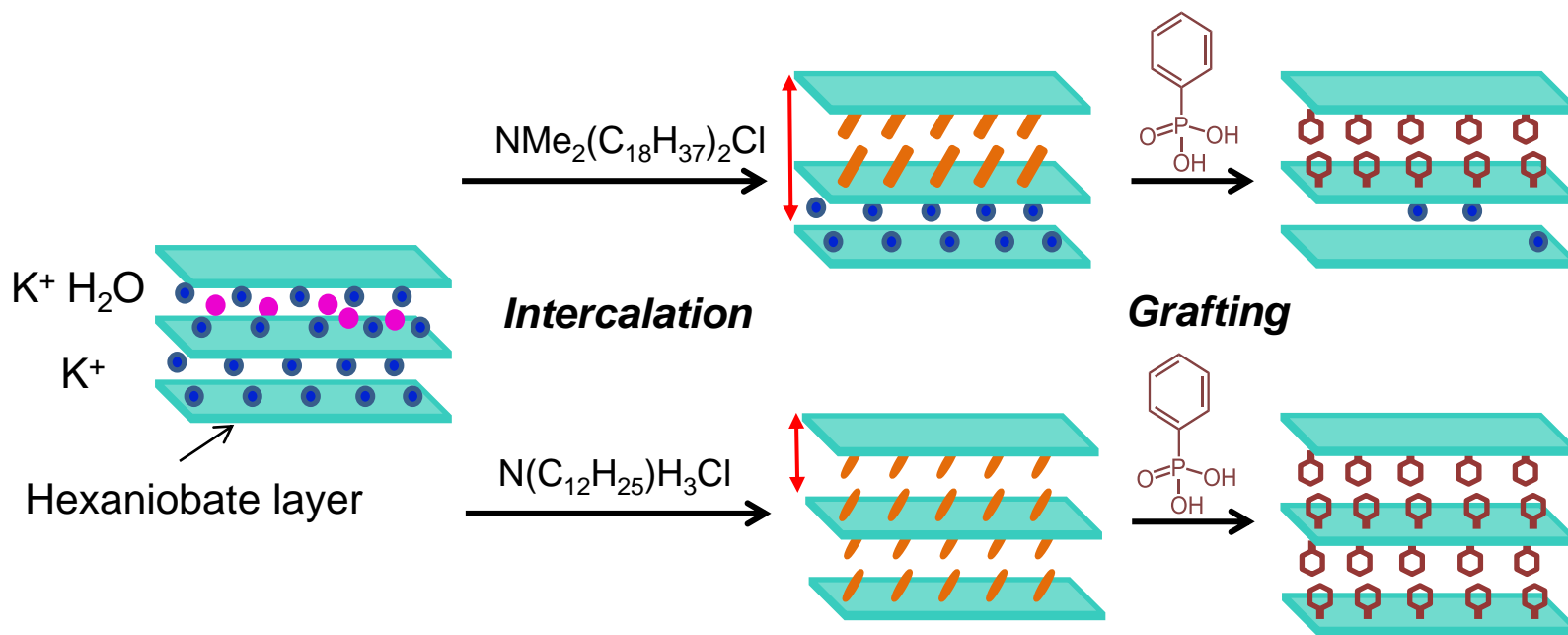
HLaNb₂O₇·xH₂O : ion-exchangeable layered perovskite



XRD

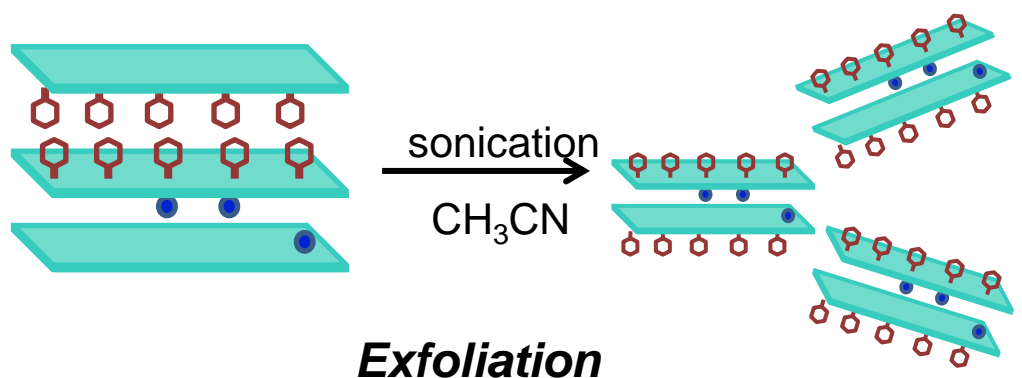


$K_4Nb_6O_{17} \cdot 3H_2O$: two distinct interlayers, selective intercalation

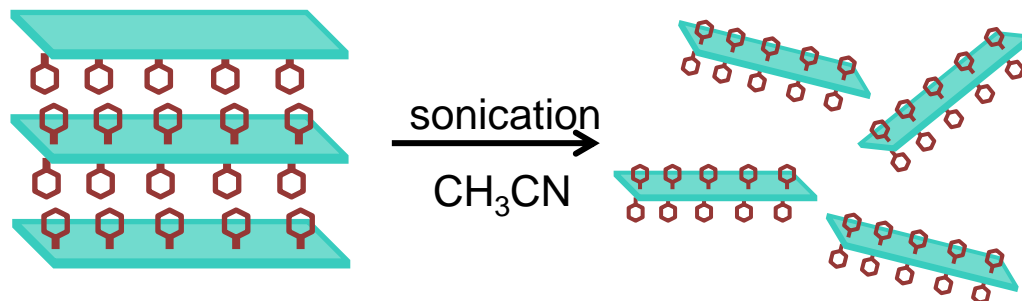


XRD: selective grafting

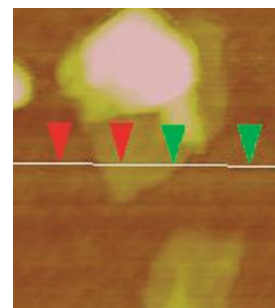
Exfoliation in CH_3CN : leads selectively to hydrophobic mono- and bilayers



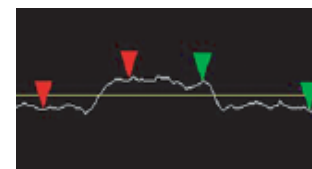
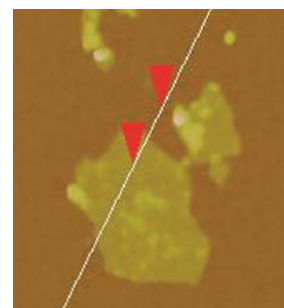
Exfoliation



AFM



2.9 nm



2.1 nm

Janus monolayers?

Conclusions

Phosphonate coupling molecules

- complementary of silanes and thiols
- anchoring to the surface by M-O-P bonds only
- wide range of inorganic substrates and terminal groups

Powerful tool for the control of surface and interface properties

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