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# Preface

Welcome to YNU & Yokohama!

It is a great pleasure for us to hold the first YNU Symposium at Yokohama with a theme of Emerging Materials & Systems for Green and Life Innovations. Green and Life Innovations have been at the forefront of the Japanese research initiatives in the 21st century. Environment and Health are the two important global topics of research considering that the world is facing serious challenges in both issues. Under these circumstances and realizing the growing importance of India-Japan partnership in science and technology, the first YNU Symposium is organized to develop stronger collaboration among Indian and Japanese researchers in both countries, especially CBIC (Chennai-Bangalore Industrial Corridor) and Yokohama.



This symposium consists in scientific lectures on these topics, posters by YNU students, and pre & post-events. We hope you will enjoy this YNU Symposium and communicate with new friends from attendees from YNU and colleagues. We also expect this program will contribute to the further collaboration between India and Japan.

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# Schedule at a Glance

	Tokiwadai campus @YNU	Yokohama Symposia @Sangyo Boeki Center Building 9F			Minato mirai campus @YNU	
	Dec. 12 (Tue)	Dec. 13 (Wed)	Dec. 14 (Thu)		Dec. 15 (Fri)	
9:00	Visit to YNU		Prof. Dr. Katsunori Okajima	Company Visit and Excursion	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Katsunari Yoshioka	
9:20		Registration	Asst. Prof. Dr. Thakerng Wongsirichot		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Takashi Tomii	
9:40		Opening	Asst. Prof. Dr. Wannarat Suntiamorntut		Discussion	
10:00		Prof. A. Kannan	Assoc. Prof. Dr. Shushi Harashita			
10:20		Dr. Swadhin K. Behera	Asst. Prof. Dr. Supawadee Prugsapitak			
10:40		Assoc. Prof. Mahesh Ganesapillai	Asst. Prof. Dr. Sakuna Charoenpanyasak			
11:00		Assoc. Prof. Aruna Singh	Prof. Gautam Biswas			
11:20		Assoc. Prof. Kazuho Nakamura	Prof. D. Mohan			
11:40						
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch			
12:20						
12:40						
13:00	Visit to YNU	Prof. K Ganapathy Ayappa	Prof. N. Rajendran	Company Visit and Excursion		
13:20		Prof. Fumihiro Wakai	Prof. Yoshihiro Kubota			
13:40		Assoc. Prof. Raghuram Chetty	Prof. Osamu Takai			
14:00		Assoc. Prof. Abhishek Singh	Prof. Gautam Biswas			
14:20		Prof. Kaoru Ohno	Mr. Jungo Kawagoe Mr. Takeo TANAKA			
14:40		Assist. Prof. Ashutosh Kumar Dubey	Dr. Fumihiro Haga Dr. Kenji Yao			
15:00	Free	Assoc. Prof. B. Venkata Manoj Kumar	JICA	Company Visit and Excursion		
15:20		Break	Break			
15:40		Asst. Prof. Dr. Amnart Pohthong	Vice Chencellor, Dr.M.BHASKARAN			
16:00		Lec. Dr. Shinichi Shirakawa	Assoc. Prof. Ayyamperumal Saktivel			
16:20		Dr. Tanwa Arpornthip	Prof. Rajib Bandyopadhyay			
16:40		Lec. Dr. Erika Ushikoshi	Dr. Thirumalaiswamy Raja			
17:00		Poster (Core time)	Assoc. Prof. Yoshiyuki Kuroda			
17:20			Prof. Yoshitake			
17:40			Closing			
18:00		Free			Move to JICA Yokohama	
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19:20			Party	Dinner		
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# Joint Symposium Program

**December 13 (Wed), 2017**

**Venue: “Yokohama Symposia” (Sangyo Boeki Center Building 9F)**

9:10            **Registration**

9:30            **Opening**  
**Welcome Address**

Chair: Prof. Hideaki Yoshitake

Prof. Meguru Kaminoyama

Prof. Yoshihiro Kubota

Prof. Seiya Negami

## **Session 1 : Japan-India YNU Symposium 2017**

*Chair: N. Rajendran, A. Suzuki*

9:50    01-JI-01    Treatment of Aqueous Wastes Through Wind and Solar Energy Aided Evaporation  
Kannan Aravamudan  
Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India

10:20   02-JI-02    Developing climate applications for sustainable future  
Swadhin Behera  
JAMSTEC, Japan

10:50   03-JI-03    Potential of Value Generating Toilet Systems  
Mahesh Ganesapillai  
VIT University, India

11:10   04-JI-04    Integrated systems to treat Municipal solid waste (MSW) - An Indian Scenario  
Aruna Singh  
VIT University, India

11:30   05-JI-05    Fouling Phenomena in Membrane Filtration and Design of Filters  
Kazuho Nakamura  
Yokohama National University, Japan

11:50            **LUNCH and BREAK**

## Session 2 : Japan-India YNU Symposium 2017

*Chair: D. Mohan, H. Yoshitake*

- 12:50 06-JI-06 Adsorbed Natural Gas for Onboard Storage: Tailoring Materials, Challenges and Perspective  
K. G. Ayappa  
Indian Institute of Science, India
- 13:20 07-JI-07 Microscopic Sintering Forces behind Macroscopic Continuum Theory of Sintering  
F. Wakai  
Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
- 13:50 08-JI-08 Shape Controlled Nanostructures for Electrocatalytic Applications  
Raghuram Chetty  
Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India
- 14:10 09-JI-09 Machine-Learning Assisted Accurate Band Gap Predictions of Functionalized MXene  
Abhishek K. Singh  
Indian Institute of Science, India
- 14:30 10-JI-10 Production of Li+@C60  
Kaoru Ohno  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- 14:50 11-JI-11 Biocompatible Ferroelectrics as a New Generation Implants for Biomedical Applications  
Ashutosh Kumar Dubey  
Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), India
- 15:10 12-JI-12 Surface and subsurface studies of worn SiC based composites for green transport engines systems  
B. Venkata Manoj Kumar  
Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India
- 15:30 **BREAK**

**Session 3 : YEIS International Forum 2017**

*Chair: K. Matsui*

- 15:40 13-YEIS-01 The adoption of early test-case generation  
Amnart Pohthong  
Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
- 16:00 14-YEIS-02 On the optimization of deep neural network architectures  
Shinichi Shirakawa  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- 16:20 15-YEIS-03 Integrated water information management  
Tanwa Arpornthip  
Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
- 16:40 16-YEIS-04 Domain perturbation problem for the Stokes equations  
Erika Ushikoshi  
Yokohama National University, Japan



## Poster Presentation

December 13 (Wed), 2017

Venue: Reception Space at “Yokohama Symposia”

*Chair: K. Aramaki, M. Iijima*

17:00-17:40

- PO-01 Growth of microstructures in Ni-Al alloy from first principles based phase field method”  
Swastibrata Bhattacharyya, Ryoji Sahara and Kaoru Ohno  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-02 Reaction between  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -unsaturated aldehyde and alcohol on gold supported on nanostructured zirconia  
Satoru Nakahara, Hideaki Yoshitake  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-03 Polymerization of functionalized silica nanoparticles  
Keisuke Fukuda, Hideaki Yoshitake  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-04 Synthetic investigation of new zeolite YNU-5”  
Naoto Nakazawa, Yuka Yoshida, Satoshi Inagaki, Yoshihiro Kubota  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-05 Catalytic performance of Ce-modified MCM-68 zeolite in the dimethyl ether-to-olefin reaction  
Qiao Han, Kizuku Enoeda, Satoshi Inagaki, Yoshihiro Kubota  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-06 The analysis of oxygen dissolution into water via membrane contactor  
Yuji Arai, Kazuho Nakamura  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-07 Effect of MF treatment of mother liquor on MSZW in cooling crystallization of L-glutamic acid  
Shimizu Yosuke, Kazuho Nakamura  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-08 Emulsion-based gels with thermally switchable transparency  
Ryosuke Horie  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-09 Effect of PEI-oleic acid complex structures on in-situ solidification properties of Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/ $\alpha$ -terpineol dense slurry induced by addition of multifunctional acrylates  
Kenta Hasegawa, Motoyuki Iijima, Junichi Tatami  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-10 Fabrication of porous TiN structures from TiO<sub>2</sub> colloids using polymer monolith as a template  
Atsushi Uga, Motoyuki Iijima, Junichi Tatami  
Yokohama National University, Japan

- PO-11 Prediction of strength of a ceramic sintered body by three dimensional observation using optical coherence tomography  
Fumika Sakamoto<sup>1</sup>, Takuma Takahashi<sup>2</sup>, Junichi Tatami<sup>1,2</sup>, Motoyuki Iijima<sup>1,2</sup>  
1 Yokohama National University, Japan  
2 Kanagawa Industrial Institute of Science and Technology, Japan
- PO-12 Control of sintering behavior of NiO/GDC porous ceramics by mechanical treatment of raw materials  
Kajii Kenji<sup>1</sup>, Junichi Tatami<sup>1,2</sup>, Motoyuki Iijima<sup>1,2</sup>, Takuma Takahashi<sup>2</sup>  
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2 Kanagawa Industrial Institute of Science and Technology, Japan
- PO-13 Grain boundary strength of porous SiC measured by microcantilever beam technique  
Yumi Imoto<sup>1</sup>, Junichi Tatami<sup>1,2</sup>, Motoyuki Iijima<sup>1,2</sup>, Takuma Takahashi<sup>2</sup>, Tsukaho Yahagi<sup>2</sup>  
1 Yokohama National University, Japan  
2 Kanagawa Industrial Institute of Science and Technology, Japan
- PO-14 One-step formulation of nonionic surfactant bicelles(NSBs) by a double-tailed polyglycerol-type nonionic surfactant  
Chikahiro Iwata  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-15 Oxygen supply and oxidative stress in pancreatic  $\beta$ -cell spheroids  
Dina Myasnikova, Junji Fukuda  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-16 Fabrication of double layered vascular structure  
Shimazu Yuka<sup>1</sup>, Zhilian Yue<sup>2</sup>, Gordon Wallace<sup>2</sup>, Junji Fukuda<sup>1</sup>  
1. Yokohama National University, Japan, 2. University of Wollongong, IPRI
- PO-17 Estimation by image analysis of time evolution of the crystal particle aggregation state during batch cooling crystallization  
H. Hayashi, R. Misumi, M. Kaminoyama  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-18 Effects of operational conditions on flow behaviour and drop size distributions in an annular centrifugal contactor  
S. Okamoto, R. Misumi, M. Kaminoyama  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-19 Effects of peel angle on peel force of adhesive tape from soft adherend  
Yoshiki Sugizaki, Ryo Ichikawa and Atsushi Suzuki  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-20 Development of high-strength poly(vinyl alcohol) hydrogels by unidirectional freezing methods  
Shun Nakamura and Atsushi Suzuki  
Yokohama National University, Japan

- PO-21 Estimation of gestures for utterance text using neural network  
Eiichi Asakawa  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-22 Image simulation and perception model of aged color objects  
Atsushi Moriwaki  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-23 Variations of colorings of graphs in topological graph theory  
Masayuki Fujita, Yumiko Ohno  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-24 Automorphism groups of superspecial curves of genus 4 over  $F_{11}$   
Hayato Senda  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-25 ECOLOG: A database of EV energy consumption log acquired by vehicle mounted sensors  
Toshiaki Uemura  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- PO-26 SandPrint: Gathering intelligence against malware sandbox evasion  
Wataru Ueno, Rui Tanabe  
Yokohama National University, Japan

## December 14 (Thu), 2017

Venue: “Yokohama Symposia” (Sangyo Boeki Center Building 9F)

### Session 4 : YEIS International Forum 2017

*Chair: T. Yamada*

- 9:10 17-YEIS-05 Crossmodal study on food perception with Augmented Reality  
Katsunori Okajima  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- 9:30 18-YEIS-06 A mobile application for biliary atresia detection in children using image processing  
and data mining techniques  
Thakerng Wongsirichot  
Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
- 9:50 19-YEIS-07 Smart connected communities in Smart City: Phuket City (case study)  
Wannarat Suntiamorntut  
Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
- 10:10 20-YEIS-08 Superspecial curves of genus 4 over small finite fields  
Shushi Harashita  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- 10:30 21-YEIS-09 On some Diophantine equations over complex quadratic number fields  
Supawadee Prugsapitak  
Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
- 10:50 22-YEIS-10 Tracking system based on IoT: Smart City  
Sakuna Charoenpanyasak  
Prince of Songkla University, Thailand

### Session 5 : Japan-India YNU Symposium 2017

*Chair: A. Kannan, K. Nishino*

- 11:10 23-JI-13 Bubble entrapment during liquid drop impact on liquid pool  
Gautam Biswas  
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India
- 11:40 24-JI-14 Advanced Materials for Membranes for Cleaner Environment  
D. Mohan  
Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science, India
- 12:00 **LUNCH and BREAK**

### **Session 6 : Japan-India YNU Symposium 2017**

*Chair: K Ganapathy Ayappa, J. Tatami*

- 12:50 25-JI-15 Development of titania nanotubes for drug delivery applications  
N. Rajendran  
Anna University, India
- 13:20 26-JI-16 Zeolite-Based Nanoporous Materials as High-Performance Catalysts  
Yoshihiro Kubota  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- 13:50 27-JI-17 Surface Modification by Fine Bubble Low Ozonated Water (Fblow®) for Plating on  
Plastics  
Osamu Takai  
Kanto Gakuin University, Japan

### **Session 7 : Japan-India YNU Symposium 2017**

*Chair: K. Nakamura*

- 14:10 28-JI-18 Introduction of IIT Guwahati and Collaboration with YNU  
Gautam Biswas  
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India
- 14:30 29-JI-19 International Expansion of Sewage Works in Yokohama  
Jungo Kawagoe  
Environmental Planning Bureau City of Yokohama
- 14:40 30-JI-20 Water resource conservation and Non-revenue Water reduction  
Takeo Tanaka  
Yokohama Waterworks Bureau City of Yokohama
- 14:50 31-JI-21 Nissan Research Activity in India  
Fumihiko Haga  
Nissan Motor Co., Ltd.
- 15:00 32-JI-22 FX's New Cellulosic Plastic Technology  
Kenji Yao  
Fuji Xerox
- 15:10 33-JI-23 JICA  
Takahiro Ikenoue  
Japan International Cooperation Agency
- 15:20 **BREAK**

## Session 8 : GMI Symposium 2017

*Chair: Y. Kubota*

- 15:30 34-GMI-01 Eco-friendly Seed and Crop Fortification Techniques to Augment Biodynamic Farming Systems  
M. Bhaskaran  
Tamil Nadu Open University, India
- 16:00 35-GMI-02 Composite and Functional Silico-aluminophosphate Based Materials: Preparation, Characterization and Its Catalytic Applications  
Ayyamperumal Sakthivel  
Central University of Kerala, India
- 16:20 36-GMI-03 Porous Catalytic Materials for Biodiesel Production  
Rajib Bandyopadhyay  
Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, India
- 16:40 37-GMI-04 Role of CO<sub>2</sub> as a Soft Oxidant for Oxidative Dehydrogenation Reaction of Lower Hydrocarbons Over Mixed Metal Oxide Catalysts  
Thirumalaiswamy Raja  
CSIR-NCL, India
- 17:00 38-GMI-05 Chemical Design of Layered Double Hydroxide Nanoparticles for Water Purification  
Yoshiyuki Kuroda  
Yokohama National University, Japan.
- 17:20 39-GMI-06 Selectivities in Adsorptions Induced by Surface Curvature of Functionalized Mesostructured Silica  
Hideaki Yoshitake  
Yokohama National University, Japan
- 17:40 **Closing Remarks**
- 19:00-21:00 **Party @ JICA Yokohama**

# Abstracts

## Treatment of Aqueous Wastes Through Wind and Solar Energy Aided Evaporation

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Strict norms such as zero-discharge stipulated by pollution control boards have led to installation of common effluent treatment plants in several textile and dyeing industrial clusters. The effluents after treatment in several units are handled in reverse osmosis (RO) units to produce rich brine. The rich brine is further evaporated typically by solar/mechanical means, followed by chilling and crystallization to finally recover the solids. Direct solar and mechanical evaporation means are beset by poor performance and high fuel costs [1]. The present study describes an environmentally friendly and economical waste management strategy aided by solar energy, wind and enhanced surface area evaporation. The concentration tower is a packed framework irrigated with concentrated brine and is based on the concept of Gradierwerk found in German health resorts [2].

Experimental investigations revealed that preheating the water by solar energy increased evaporation rates. The evaporation rates were also influenced by concentration of the brine, relative humidity of the air and material, geometry as well as configurations of the packing employed. The evaporation process in the tower was simulated using a mathematical model developed from first principles [3]. The field data collected typically over 18 hours of daily operation were used to estimate the Number of Transfer Units (NTU) that may be used as a measure of tower capability for evaporation. This process holds considerable promise in dry windy places for RO reject management. Simulations enabled quick design and performance analysis of this scheme.

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Academic Highlights/ Major Achievements/ Awards

P&T Scholarship for academic performance, Mico Bosch award for best M. Tech. Project, McMaster CIDA scholarship for academics, Shell Canada Award for Research Excellence, INAE Young Engineer Award for contributions to Mass Transfer, AICTE Career Award for Young Teachers

Present Research Interests: Process Intensification, Environmental Pollution Control, Process Modeling, Simulation and Optimization for Reaction and Transport Processes, Statistical Design of Experiments for analysis of engines to minimize emission of pollutants.

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## Developing climate applications for sustainable future

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Climate variations play a big role in the socio-economic conditions of the highly populated Asian region. Besides the seasonal monsoons, ocean-atmosphere coupled variations El Nino and El Nino Modoki phenomena in the tropical Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean dipole (IOD) phenomenon in the tropical Indian Ocean are the dominant modes of climate variations that influence the regional economies. Therefore, it is important to develop accurate prediction systems for those phenomena and prediction based climate applications for the sustainable developments of the region. At JAMSTEC, we have been developing an ocean-atmosphere coupled model called the SINTEX-F for accurate predictions of El Nino and IOD variations. The model predicts the El Nino one year to two years ahead and the IOD several seasons ahead with great accuracy. Therefore, the model is considered as the leading model in the world for the prediction of El Nino, El Nino Modoki and IOD and experimental predictions are conducted every month using the model.

In order to further improve the accuracy and realize prediction in a wider area, we are conducting research on the understanding and predicting the underlying processes. The prediction skills are evaluated and the accuracy of the predictions is improved by further fine-tuning of the models. In addition to investigating tropical phenomena such as the El Niño, we are also studying El Niño-like phenomenon occurring on the eastern coasts of the oceans called coastal Niño.

In order to apply our climate predictions for the benefit of the society and to make full use of the large amount of ensemble predictions, we are developing information dissemination methods based on artificial intelligence and machine learning methods. The prediction information is applied in the studies of crop yield (through a project based on environmental research promotion funding). In another project, under the SATREPS framework, an early warning system for malaria incidences in South Africa is being developed in collaboration with Tropical Medical Research Institute of Nagasaki University. We are also developing heatwave early warning systems based on the analysis results of heatwaves (Fig. 1) in India<sup>1</sup> and neighboring countries. By conducting experimental seasonal forecasts and verifying their accuracy through these societal applications, we hope to improve forecast accuracies and contribute to the goals of the sustainable developments of the regional societies.

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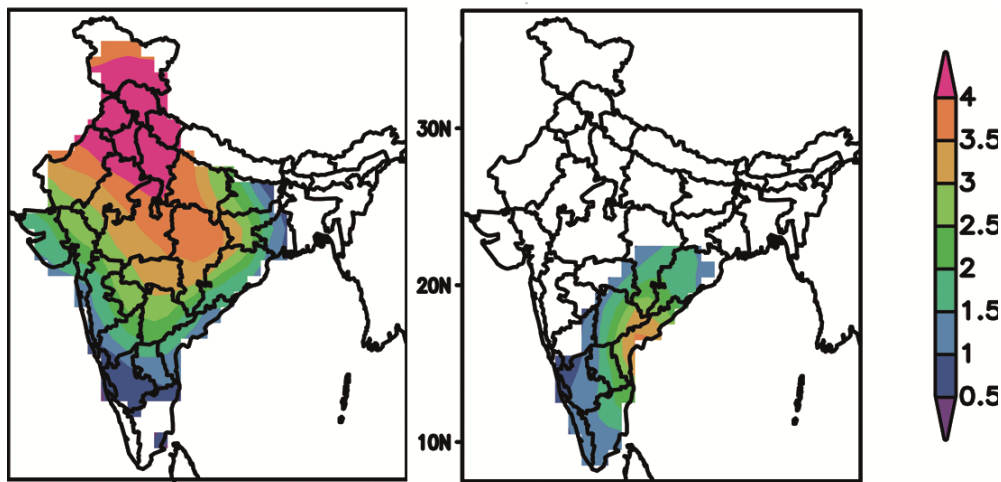


Figure 1. Composites of surface temperatures ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) associated with TYPE1 and TYPE2 heatwaves in India (adopted from Ratnam et al. 2016).

## Biography

Name: Swadhin Kumar Behera, Application Laboratory/JAMSTEC, Director

Education History: Ph. D. in Oceanography, 1998 / 1988-1997, Researcher at IITM, India and 1998-present in various positions in JAMSTEC.



Academic Highlights/ Major Achievements/ Awards:

Published over 100 scientific articles in reputed international journals with an average citation of 45 and h-index of 33 in web of science. Several awards from JAMSTEC and AGU.

Present Research Interests:

Coupled ocean-atmosphere variability in tropical oceans, variations of ENSO, ENSO Modoki and Indian Ocean Dipole, coastal Nino, air-sea interactions in the subtropical oceans of Southern Hemisphere, tropical and extratropical interactions, climate predictions, climate derivatives and societal application studies.

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## Potential of Value Generating Toilet Systems

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The international agenda has neglected the aspects of sanitation and health in its push for (sustainable) development; it isn't surprising to note that 36% of the global population still lacks *access* to improved sanitation facilities. The design and operation of the present day conventional Waste Water Treatment Plants is grounded in philosophy that considers human excreta as 'wastes' and requires treatment, removal from the built environment. The primary objectives of these systems are to (i) ensure minimal exposure of humans to wastes by creating an effective barrier (toilets) and (ii) facilitate appropriate disposal of these wastes through end-of-pipe technologies.

Ecological Sanitation (EcoSan), a concept formulated through an approach that integrates various schools of thought such as circular economy, general systems theory, industrial ecology, biomimicry and life-cycle thinking claims to address the aforementioned shortcomings and initiate a paradigm shift in a way to perceive and manage wastes. Consequently, EcoSan demonstrates a closed-loop methodology for reintroducing resources from wastewater into agriculture rather than letting waste water diffuse into fresh water systems. Although, EcoSan considers technologies as end-points in closing the loop of sanitation, it does not favour any prospects of technological solutions.

Considering the variations in food intake, dietary preferences, geography, demography and socio-economic circumstances, an average human flushes away 4.5 kg of nitrogen (N), 0.5 kg of phosphorous (P), and 1.2 kg of potassium (K) in their toilets. Assuming that an urban setting in a developing country is made up of 20 million inhabitants, if nutrients from these wastes are recovered and recycled, the annual resource savings would amount to 90,000 tons of N, 10,000 tons of P and 24,000 tons of K.

Admitting to the need of an appropriate technological solution(s) that satisfies the aforementioned requirements is vital to achieving circularity in sanitation. To this effect, recent research efforts have been devoted towards the development of technologies that can safely harness nutrients from human excreta to yield usable end products. Consequently, resource-oriented sanitation, or sustainable sanitation, has been advocated as an approach to promote circularity in the flow of (waste) resources from the built to the natural environment. The purpose of this system would be to recycle value-added, nutrient-rich product streams in quantities that ease their management and utilization, in forms that make them plant-available

upon application while being free from pathogens and micro-pollutants. Given that the paradigmatic shift in sanitation is reliant upon the development of such solutions, the aim here is to demonstrate a process that makes urine recycling more attractive than the use of synthetic fertilizers in agriculture.

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## **Integrated systems to treat Municipal solid waste (MSW) - An Indian Scenario**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Municipal solid waste (MSW) management is one of the foremost environmental problems faced by Indian cities that cause hazards to inhabitants. About 90% of MSW is disposed of unscientifically in open dumps and landfills, creating problems to public health and the environment. The quantity of MSW generated depends on a number of factors such as food habits, standard of living, degree of commercial activities and seasons. In developed countries, very few models considered social aspects of Solid Waste Management focusing solely on the economic and environmental spheres. Involvement of all relevant stakeholders from government, industry and formal private sector service providers to local communities and rag pickers were not considered. It is in this context, a complete waste management cycle from prevention to final disposal is given due consideration. While the need is for 'integrated' methodologies, there is a lack of literature exploring the actual application of post-normal approaches and complex, adaptive systems in developing country contexts. This kind of publicly engaged systems thinking can provide some understanding and create approaches for coping with complexity, while it is not feasible for a cure-all 'solution'.

It is counter-productive for developing countries to use strategies and policies developed for high-income countries. The approaches should be locally sensitive, critical and 'owned' by the community of concern. It is aimed to generate the core evidence on the capability of the complex industrial symbiosis plant to fully recover resources from India's MSW, build around advanced biotechnology processing, accepting a variety of MSW biochemical compositions. Different enzymatic biotechnological solution packages will be available for diverse waste compositions that should be generated by manual at source separating or mechanical processing separation within defined variability limits. The current focus is on the techno-economic assessment of the technology for scalable and feasible outcome.

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In the application of membrane filtration technology to water treatment processes the most important issue is membrane fouling[1]. The membrane fouling can be considered as a surface phenomenon caused by foulants accumulated at membrane surface or pore structure. The phenomena show very complex behaviour because it will depend on type of foulant, pore size and operating condition[2]. We have studied about properties of the surface phenomena during membrane fouling processes from non-woven fibrous filter to RO membrane in some lab scale experiments[3]. In non-woven fibrous filter the filtration properties were elucidated by the shift of filtration mechanism from depth filtration to cake filtration. In MF membranes the fouling properties depended on type of foulant and showed quite complex behaviour especially for biofouling. In UF membranes the rejected foulants formed gel-layer which will control the filtration properties. In RO membrane the scale was growing at membrane surface and the separation performances of RO membrane were controlled by surface coverage of scale. These observations showed that key points of the fouling phenomena were the place where foulants are accumulated and the behaviour of the accumulated layer of foulants

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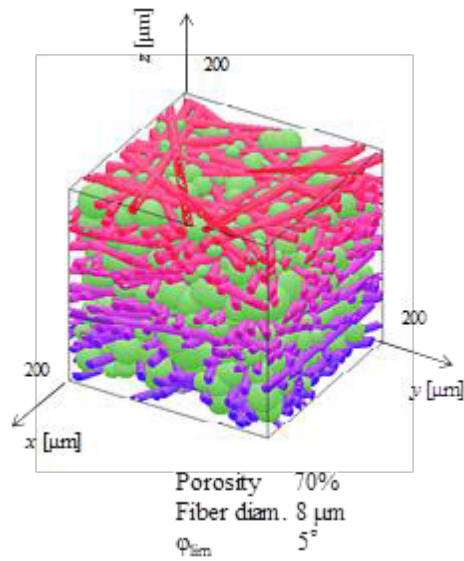


Fig.1 A model for characterization and designing of filter structure in non-woven fibrous filter

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## Adsorbed Natural Gas for Onboard Storage: Tailoring Materials, Challenges and Perspective

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Development of natural gas storage solutions for the transportation sector are important in mitigating global greenhouse gas emissions. The challenge lies in the synthesis of novel nanostructures to meet target gas storage capacities[1]. In order to meet the target capacity requirements and develop a viable technology based on natural gas several challenges have to be overcome. In this talk I will highlight the developments and challenges in this area and give an overview of the multiscale; molecules to transportation approach used in our laboratory. Recent studies have shown that selective functionalization of mesoporous materials such as activated carbons and metal organic frameworks, offers a flexible means to improve their existing gas storage potentials. At the molecular scale, we study gas-solid interactions using ab initio quantum chemical methods and use classical Monte Carlo simulations to obtain gas adsorption isotherms for different graphene based functionalized structures [2]. Our study indicates that specific functionalization can be used to tailor selectivity for gas adsorption and provide a rationale for novel materials design to achieve target storage requirements. In order to evaluate a materials storage capacity, non-equilibrium effects during filling and discharging of onboard canisters must be evaluated and overcome [3]. Adsorption isotherms obtained from the molecular scale are used as input into continuum transport models to understand the heat and mass transfer effects to assess the performance of an on-board adsorbent charge and discharge characteristics.

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## Microscopic Sintering Forces behind Macroscopic Continuum Theory of Sintering

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Sintering is a thermal process that transforms powder compacts into complex-shaped components. Dimensional control of components is fundamental to meet required tolerance, then, it is necessary to predict dimensions of complex shaped components in order to minimize the grinding/polishing process, so that the machining cost can be reduced. Sintering is described as a deformation at elevated temperatures. In the macroscopic description of deformation, the strain rate is a linear response to applied stress and a thermodynamic driving force, i.e., sintering stress. The continuum theory of sintering is of considerable help in predicting the dimension and shape of products or in designing industrial processes. The sintering stress is a physical quantity that can be determined experimentally by sinter forging tests. It is revealed that the sintering stress and bulk viscosity depend not only on relative density, but also on powder processing.

It is desirable to know sintering stress and viscosity for specific local structure of particle packing. In the initial stage, sintering is described by two-sphere model, where neck is formed, and the neck radius grows with time. The sintering force is the driving force for both shrinkage and neck growth for sintering of crystalline particles by grain boundary diffusion [1], and viscous sintering of glass particles [2]. In the intermediate stage of sintering, the sintering stress can be determined from pore structures in equilibrium states where the mechanical force just balances the surface tension forces so that the porous materials do not shrink. The sintering stress, which is either isotropic [3] or anisotropic [4] can be determined rigorously from the analysis of periodic porous structures. The anisotropic viscosity tensor was also derived from the details of microstructure [5]. However, real porous structures are non-equilibrium, non-periodic, and non-uniform, then, it is still a challenge to estimate sintering stress from the knowledge of microstructures.

Recent advances in X-ray microtomography revealed that the three-dimensional (3D) microstructural evolution during sintering is far more complicated than simplified models. The direct measurement of a 3D structure, which is now readily available from X-ray microtomography, provides a basis for the statistical analysis of microstructural characteristics. The authors have presented methods to estimate sintering stress, either isotropic [6] or

anisotropic [7], from the knowledge of microstructure observed by X-ray microtomography base on the theoretical analysis of viscous sintering [8]. We have also found that the topological evolution is described by Euler characteristics as a function of relative density [9]. It provides criteria to distinguish the stages of sintering.

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## Shape Controlled Nanostructures for Electrocatalytic Applications

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Polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM) fuel cells have received considerable attention because of their potential application in transportation and portable electronics. The high price and the limited resources of platinum catalysts are among the main challenges that hinder the commercialization of fuel cells. The catalytic properties of nano-materials strongly depend on both the size and shape. The shape plays a more significant role in controlling activity and selectivity, which affect the outcome of the catalysts towards oxidation and reduction reactions in fuel cells. Several conventional wet chemical methods are widely employed for shape controlled nanoparticle synthesis and electrode preparation. These conventional techniques are time consuming, utilize chemicals as reducing agents, and require several post-treatment procedures to remove the unreacted chemicals. In our group, we have employed electrodeposition for electrode preparation, in which catalyst layer is directly formed on carbon coated carbon paper which significantly minimizes the catalyst preparation time and can be directly used as electrodes for fuel cells.

In this talk, an overview of shape controlled nanostructured materials [1] and the recent advances made in our group on controlling the shape of Pt and Pd electrocatalyst on carbon support will be discussed. Pd deposited on an electrochemically functionalized carbon displayed a dendritic morphology with increased electrochemical surface area and showed enhanced catalytic activity for oxygen reduction reaction and formic acid oxidation in comparison to spherical Pd deposit obtained on unfunctionalized carbon [2]. In case of Pt, which was electrodeposited on carbon at three different potentials (viz. 0.2, 0, and  $-0.2$  vs. SHE), the shape of Pt transformed from globular (0.2 V) to dendritic (0 V) and to rosette-like ( $-0.2$  V) structure by increasing the deposition potential in the cathodic direction [3]. Possible reason for the change in shape and the enhanced catalytic activity towards methanol/ formic acid oxidation obtained by the dendritic structure will be presented.

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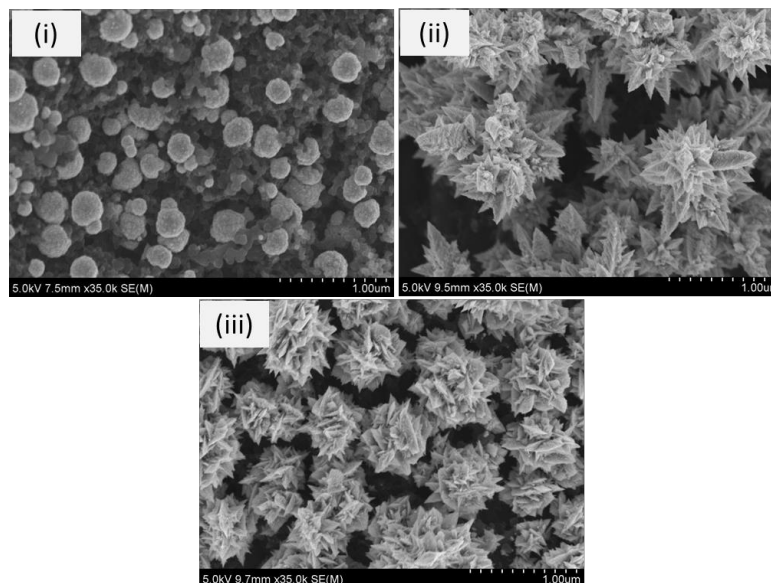


Figure 1. SEM of Pt electrodeposited on carbon black displaying different morphologies namely (i) globular at +0.2 V, (ii) dendritic at 0 V and (iii) rosette at  $-0.2$  V vs. SHE.

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## Machine-learning assisted accurate bandgap predictions of functionalized MXene

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MXene is a recent addition to the ever-growing family of 2D-materials, and are promising for optical/electronic, energy storage and photocatalytic applications. These early-transition metal carbides and/or nitrides are reactive due to presence of surface charges. Passivation of these by functional groups lends unprecedented functionalities to this class of material simultaneously increasing the number of members in this family by many-fold. Accurate estimate of band gaps is essential to characterize functionalized MXenes for targeted applications. Fundamental band gaps predicted through faster density functional theory (DFT) are usually underestimated. Computationally expensive GW calculations are required to achieve experimental accuracies. Characterizing the electronic properties of MXenes using GW, within a reasonable time, would be practically impossible. Computationally cheaper high-throughput approach could be a powerful tool to filter out the materials in an accelerated and efficient way. Here, we applied machine learning techniques to predict the band gaps of MXenes with GW level of accuracy by utilizing simple and intuitive features. We built a statistical learning model by examining the features with linear/non-linear regressions and identify their important combinations, which predicts the band gaps with minimum root-mean squared error (rmse) within a fraction of time.

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Recently,  $\text{Li}^+$  encapsulated fullerene  $\text{Li}^+\text{@C}_{60}$  has attracted considerable interest in the application to thin-film organic solar cells [1], significant enhancement of the Diels-Alder reaction [2], sensor or switch [3], high ionic conductivity [4], and so on. Historically, in 1996, we performed a first-principles molecular dynamics simulation on a Li encapsulation into  $\text{C}_{60}$  through a six-membered ring [5] and, right after this publication, an experimental evidence of the encapsulation of Li into  $\text{C}_{60}$  was reported by Campbell et al. [6,7]. However, the global synthesis of  $\text{Li}^+\text{@C}_{60}$  has only become possible with the plasma shower method since 2010 [3]; its production ratio is 1% when Li hits  $\text{C}_{60}$  with 30 eV kinetic energy. Quite recently we estimated the ideal production ratio of  $\text{Li}^+\text{@C}_{60}$  as a function of the Li kinetic energy and found that its maximum value is 4% in accordance with the  $^7\text{Li}$  solid NMR experiment [8].

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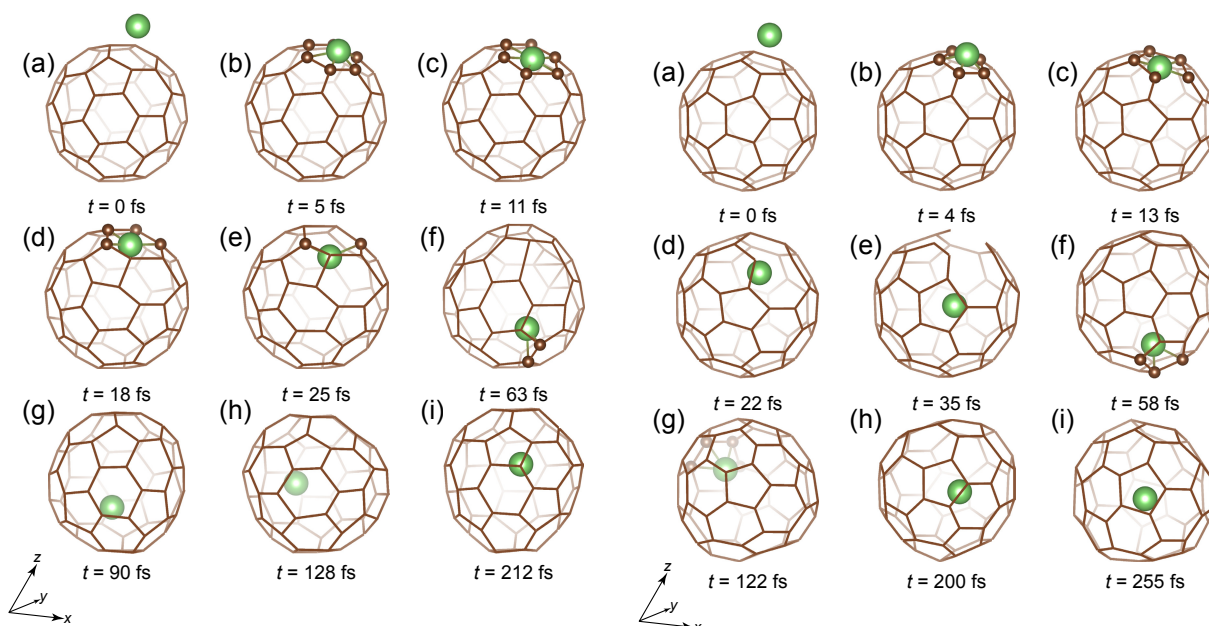


Figure 1. (Left) Snapshots of the simulation, when Li collides at  $(0.8, 0)$  Å of a six-membered ring at a tilt angle of  $36^\circ$  with respect to the vertical plane of the molecule with an initial kinetic energy of 30 eV. (Right) Snapshots of the simulation, when Li collides at  $(0.3, 0)$  Å of a five-membered ring at a tilt angle of  $21^\circ$  with respect to the vertical plane of the molecule with an initial kinetic energy of 30 eV

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## **Biocompatible Ferroelectrics as a New Generation Implants for Biomedical Applications**

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Owing to the fact that living bone possesses significant electrical activities to govern its own metabolic processes such as architectural maintenance, growth and fracture healing, the development of bone-mimicking materials attracted significant attention in recent years. Such electro-active materials are expected to ensure the faster and effective post-operative healing process. Towards this end, the present talk will briefly cover the origin of the fundamental electrical responses of living bone as well as the potentiality of multifunctional perovskites such as barium titanate and sodium potassium niobate (NKN) as appealing electroactive alternates in orthopedics. Considering the living cells as an electrical entity, controlled and directed growth and proliferation of cells is speculated to be possible with the externally applied electrical stimulation. The talk will elaborately discuss the number of possible ways to design the electrical equivalent circuits of a living cell based on the path of ions traversed under an applied potential difference. The most important consequence of these analytical studies is that the electric field stimulated cancer treatment as well as enhanced cell proliferation, diametrically opposite effects, can be described.

Further, the talk will elaborate two different aspects of application of electric field in stimulating the growth/proliferation of bone cells as well as connective tissue cells, firstly via intermittent delivery of extremely low strength pulse electrical stimulation and secondly via surface charge generated by electrical poling of ferroelectric-biocomposite substrate. Towards the end, the development of bioactive functionally graded material (FGM) material using a highly ferroelectric ceramic alongwith a comparative assessment of detailed dielectric and electrical behavior will be made in context of the living bone to demonstrate the potentiality of developed FGM as a new generation bioceramic for orthopedic implant applications.

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## Surface and subsurface studies of worn SiC based composites for green transport engines systems

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Owing to the unique combination of light weight, high hardness, high temperature strength and excellent wear resistance, silicon carbide (SiC) ceramics can be used as revolutionary approach for wear-resistant components in fuel injector systems to achieve reduced emissions, improved fuel efficiency and superior engine performance. The wear by incomplete combustion products can be reduced by microstructural engineering. Moreover, the physics of degradation mechanisms is highly dependent on microstructure and mechanical properties of the engineered ceramic system. In the present talk, salient results obtained from tribological behaviour studies of SiC-(0 to 50 wt%) WC composites in continuous sliding wear conditions against strategically selected counterbodies SiC, WC-Co or steel balls will be discussed. Friction and wear results will be explained as function of material composition and sliding test parameters. The subsurface of worn SiC-WC composites will be particularly elucidated to understand dominant wear mechanisms. Against SiC ball, SiC-WC composites showed mechanical fracture as dominant wear mechanism, while worn surfaces of composites revealed tribochemistry with increased WC content against WC-Co or steel ball. Detailed study of sub-surfaces in cross-section modes (using dual-beam focused ion beam (FIB)/FEG-SEM and TEM) underneath surfaces of monolithic SiC and SiC-50wt.%WC composite worn against SiC ball reveals the presence of dislocations and twins in SiC grains in deformation zone beneath the worn region (as induced by the interactive sliding). The WC particles in the composite, in turn, suppress the wear damage by subduing the sub-surface micro-cracking, which otherwise is extensive primarily due to the build-up of stress at the tip of dislocations/twins in SiC grains.

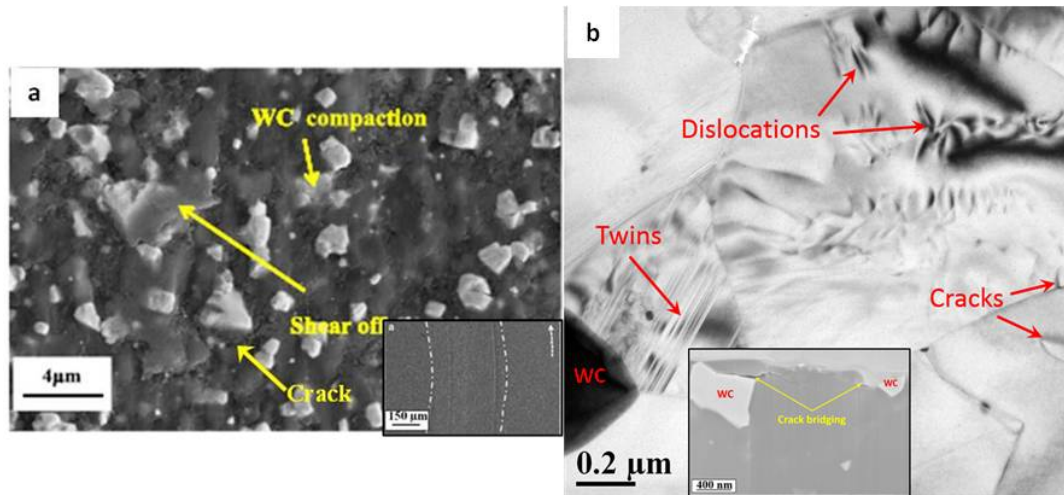
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**Fig.1.** Characteristic features of worn SiC-50 wt% WC composite: (a) cracks in SiC grains and shearing off or compaction of WC particles on surface (b) dislocations, twins and cracks in sub-surface. Inset in (a) shows wear track on worn surface and inset in (b) reveals crack bridging in worn sub-surface.

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## Bubble entrapment during liquid drop impact on liquid pool

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When a drop of a liquid falls through air to impact on the liquid-air interface of a liquid pool, depending on the size and velocity of the drop, it may become partially or completely coalesced in the liquid, or splash. The transition between complete coalescence and splashing proceeds via a number of intermediate steps, such as thick and thin jet formation and air-bubble entrapment and vortex-ring formation. The impact of the drop on the interface can produce a crater in the liquid pool. The crater produced by the drop impact, expands radially and closes at the top to entrap a large bubble. The large bubble entrapment takes place if the prolate shaped drop impacts onto a liquid pool. Researchers have classified different forms of the bubble entrapment scenario on a velocity versus drop-diameter map (V-D map). On the traditional classification map, the large bubble entrapment zone occupies a small region. Wang et al. [1] experimentally observed large bubble entrapment outside heretofore reported small region of the traditional V-D map. This new finding raised two questions in the mind of the researchers. The first question is, “How does the large bubble entrapment take place?”, and second question is, “What is the exact boundary of large bubble entrapment regime on the V-D map?”. Thoroval et al. [2] reported that the entrapment of large bubble is a vortex driven phenomena. The vortex deforms the interface and produces an elongated roll jet, which then collapses on the central axis to entrap the large bubble. However, the exact boundary of large bubble entrapment regime on the V-D map is still unexplored. In this work [3] we have attempted to find out the exact regime of large bubble entrapment on the V-D map. Within the given range of aspect ratio variation of the impacting drop, we have been able to draw a conclusion about the boundary of large bubble entrapment regime.

The entrapment of large bubble is always accompanied by a high speed inward jet which is commonly known as Worthington jet and an outward jet. The inward jet and the outward jet start to emerge as the liquid tongue merges at the top of the crater to entrap the bubble. The inward liquid jet moves downward and penetrates the bubble.

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## Advanced Materials for Membranes for Cleaner Environment

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Depleting water resources and an ever increasing requirement have forced us to realize the paramount importance of water treatment. According to the World Bank estimation, nearly 1.1 billion individuals lack access to safe water, which results in millions of diseases or deaths annually by waste water contaminants especially in developing countries [1]. The main environmental contaminants include *metal ions* from chemical, electroplating, refining industries; *oil emulsions* from produced water, oil spills, car servicing centers etc.; *dyes, chemical solvents* from textile/manufacturing industries and *proteins and biologically active substances* from pharmaceutical industries. Asymmetric polymeric membranes prepared by phase inversion technique produce membranes of varying pore sizes and properties which can be tuned for separation of required contaminant.

Polyamide-imide/TiO<sub>2</sub> [2] Nanofiltration membranes which had exceptional stability to chlorine attack was fabricated for surfactant enhanced removal of divalent salts. Ag nanoparticles [3] were incorporated into PES membranes to prepare NF membranes with enhanced bacterial resistance. Ultrafiltration membranes were employed to break the oil-in-water micro-emulsion and selectively retain oil by employing hydrophilic nano-materials like MWCNTs or amphiphilic polymer Pluronic F127[4] with CaCO<sub>3</sub> as a membrane modifier. The resultant membranes showed enhanced water flux while maintaining the required retention of oil droplets. Poly 6-methyl 2-vinyl pyridinium sulphate (PMVPS) cationic polyelectrolyte was introduced into polysulfone membrane to tailor the pore size to effectively improve water flux and anti-fouling ability.

Carboxylated graphene oxide [5] and TiO<sub>2</sub> were assimilated to prepare PEI ultrafiltration membranes and polysulfone Nanofiltration membranes respectively for efficient removal of humic acid. Attempts have been made to correlate the changes in the performance of the membranes with its structure. It is worth mentioning that low free energy membranes prepared by the incorporation of nanoparticles may be valuable for various industrial separations. Epoxidated polyethersulfone (EPES) incorporated cellulose acetate (CA) ultrafiltration membranes were prepared by diffusion induced precipitation technique were demonstrated to be valuable for chromium ion removal [6].

Advanced materials including nano-materials, functionalized long/short chain polymers are effective in tailoring pore sizes of polymeric membranes. They impart mechanical strength,

hydrophilicity and increase the fouling resistance of the membrane thereby improving performance and lifetime of the membranes.

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## Development of titania nanotubes for drug delivery applications

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Drug-releasing implants (DRIs) based on the invention of nanoengineered surfaces on available medical implants have drawn immense interest. Nanotubes and nanoporous structures formed on Al, Ti and their alloys by electrochemical anodization are main platforms for drug releasing implants due to their unique features. Several therapeutic agents such as antibiotics, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, anticancer drugs, bone proteins, peptides, enzymes, vitamins, hormones, genes, antibodies, neurotransmitters, drug nanocarriers and nanoparticles have been applied in order to employ a wide range of therapies into titanium nanotubes based implants. Several reports have described the beneficial effects of quercetin for anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, anti-cancer activities and osseointegration property. The biodegradable polymers such as chitosan and PLGA have antibacterial and osseointegration properties. Chitosan's haemostatic properties also allow it to reduce pain by blocking nerve endings. Its properties also allow it to be used in transdermal and controlled drug delivery system. In the present work, Titania nanotubes were loaded with quercetin and covered with biopolymer, chitosan to different thicknesses. Drug release profiles from these samples were studied in Hanks' solution for 192 h. The results showed that drug release into the local environment can be controlled by controlling the thickness of the chitosan and tuned to fit into an optimal therapeutic window for the treatment of post operative infection, inflammation and for quick healing with better osseointegration.

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## Zeolite-Based Nanoporous Materials as High-Performance Catalysts

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Bulky and rigid quaternary ammonium cations, such as *N,N,N',N'*-tetraethylbicyclo[2.2.2]oct-7-ene-2,3:5,6-dipyrrolidinium (TEBOP<sup>2+</sup>), as well as less bulky and less rigid cations, such as dimethyldipropylammonium (Pr<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup>), were used as the organic structure-directing agents (OSDAs) for synthesizing zeolites with Si/Al ratios around 10 or lower. Both TEBOP<sup>2+</sup> and Pr<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup> are effective SDAs for the synthesis of **MSE**-type zeolites, which are applicable as catalysts for selective formation of light olefins, especially propylene, through hexane cracking and dimethyl ether-to-olefin (DTO) reactions [1,2]. It is well-known that the small-pore zeolites with large cavities have found applications in methanol-to-olefin (MTO) or DTO reaction and selective catalytic reduction (SCR) of NO<sub>x</sub>. Unlike well-known **CHA**-type zeolites, **AFX**-type zeolites [3,4] with 8-ring channels as well as elongated large-cavity (*aft* cage) and small-cavity (*gme* cage) have not been applied to the DTO and SCR reactions due to the limited Si/Al composition range which arises from a narrow synthesis window. In this work [5], TEBOP<sup>2+</sup> was firstly used to synthesize **AFX**-type zeolites. As a result, the synthesis window successfully became wider. The product Si/Al molar ratios in the range 6–9 and the dihexahedron-based particle morphology are the remarkable features, which have never been observed in conventional **AFX**-type zeolites. This special **AFX**-type zeolite turned out to be a promising catalytic material for both light-olefin formation and SCR.

The Pr<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>N<sup>+</sup> as a simpler OSDA was proven to be effective for production of new zeolite, YNU-5, which is the first zeolite containing interconnected 12-, 12-, and 8-ring pores, as well as independent straight 8-ring channels (Fig. 1) [6]. This material showed promising catalytic performance for dimethyl ether-to-olefin (DTO) reaction.

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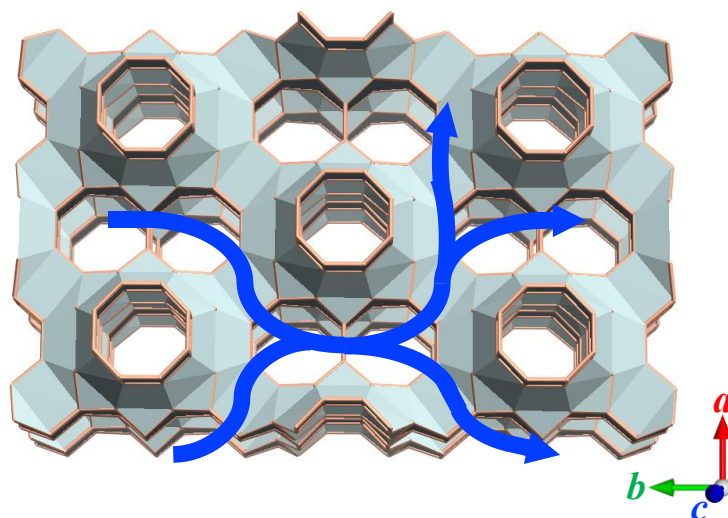


Fig. 1 Schematic illustration of framework and channel architectures of YNU-5 zeolite.

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## Surface Modification by Fine Bubble Low Ozonated Water (Fblow<sup>®</sup>) for Plating on Plastics

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Plating on plastics is widely used in automobile, electronic, decorative and other industries at present. Pretreatment for plastic surfaces conventionally uses chromium acid containing Cr (VI) as surface modification to get strong adhesion between plated layers and plastic surfaces by means of so-called “anchor effect”. The chromium acid causes rough surfaces of  $\mu\text{m}$ -order that are adequate for the anchor effect.

Recently the chromium acid treatment has, however, two serious problems.

- 1) Cr (VI) is unusable due to environmental regulations.
- 2) Smoother modified surfaces on plastics are necessary for electronic circuit boards in preparation for next-generation high speed transmission.

To overcome these problems our research institute has developed new surface modification methods for plastics such as (a) UV or VUV irradiation, (b) radical water treatment and (c) fine bubble low ozonated water (Fblow<sup>®</sup>) treatment. In this paper we report on the Fblow<sup>®</sup> treatment for plating on plastics.

The Fblow<sup>®</sup> treatment uses 1.5-2.0 ppm ozone in fine bubbles for the surface modification of plastics. The low concentration of ozone is sufficient by the combination with fine bubbles. The Fblow<sup>®</sup> system is shown in Fig. 1. The thickness of modified layers on plastics is nm-order as show in Fig. 2 and by these modified layers the plated layer obtains enough adhesion for industrial applications. After modification ozone decomposes into oxygen and waste liquid treatment is unnecessary. The Fblow<sup>®</sup> treatment is an environmental-friendly method for the next-generation plating on plastics.

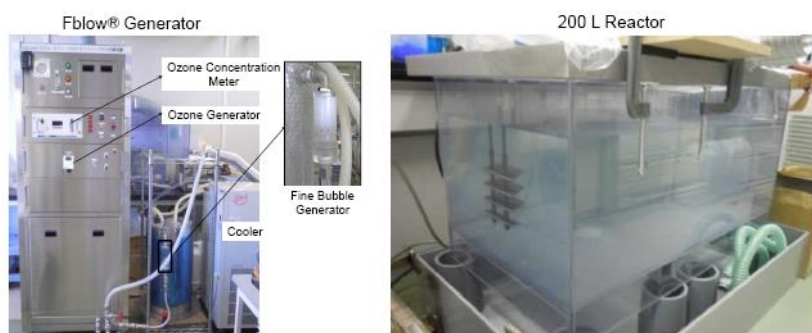


Fig. 1 Fblow<sup>®</sup> system with a 200 L reactor.

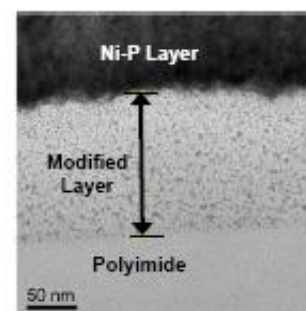


Fig. 2 Cross-sectional TEM image of modified layer for Ni-P plating on polyimide.



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In 1798, Thomas Malthus, predicted that ‘arithmetic’ increase in food grain production and ‘geometric’ increase in human population would lead to **chronic food shortages**. Subsequently, in 1880-1900s, **modern plant breeding** methods were developed and public sector also started to invest in crop improvement. This helped to develop continuous stream of high yielding varieties and hybrids. Concomitantly there was an increase in irrigated area due to construction of dams, and increase in usage of chemical fertilizers. All these developments led to substantial increase in food production, thereby avoiding chronic shortage as predicted by Thomas Malthus (1798).

### **Fall outs of modern agriculture**

The hybrid seeds and usage of chemical fertilizers led to much weaker plants which need higher doses of pesticides and fertilizers. Pesticide consumption is low in non-irrigated area. But, in irrigated conditions indiscriminate pesticide spray is adopted especially in commercial crops. Today we are painfully aware of the effects of hybrid varieties and chemical farming. In many places, the soil is getting hard and unable to renew itself so that more and more chemical fertilizers are needed to grow crops, creating huge debts for the farmers. New pests and diseases, resistant to chemical pesticides, are appearing, as are unknown diseases and disorders affecting animals and human beings. We are facing a global disaster, of which many people are becoming aware.

The biodynamic method of agriculture started very slowly but is becoming increasingly popular in the last few decades, all over the world. Biodynamic method was introduced in Germany during 1924 by Dr Rudolf Steiner, Austrian philosopher and scientist. It focuses on substance and energy, well aerated living soil rich in organic matter like humus and cow manure, intelligent crop rotation, cosmic forces, pepping (biodynamical alternative to use chemical sprays) etc.,

### **Traditional recommendations for implementing Biodynamic farming systems**

- Establish environmental control with plant hedges and trees for wind protection, good drainage, water quality, soil-protecting crop rotations, cover crops, compost, green manuring and mulching for weed control.
- Use other preparations such as the Cowpat Pit Preparation, Panchagavya, or natural liquid fertilizers (equisetum tea, fermented nettle manure) as needed.

### **Recent Eco-friendly Trends**

Seeds are the basic inputs of agriculture. Quality seed can directly contribute up to 15-20 per cent to the total crop productivity depending upon the crop. Poor quality seed results in lower seed germination percent and lower seed vigour which ultimately culminates in lower seed yield. It is categorical that seed vigour is the first and foremost factor which decides the productivity potential of the seeds by way of influencing two aspects viz., 1. Seed germination percent and 2) Seedling vigour. Department of Seed Science and Technology of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in India has developed a series of seed and crop fortification technologies. It includes seed enhancement technologies such as i) upgradation of seeds ii) seed priming, iii) seed coating, iv) seed pelleting v) designer seeds and vi) spraying of secondary animal protein extract (Nutrigold) on crop plants. 'Nutrigold' product was developed with financial support from Nitta Gelatin India Ltd., Cochin (An Indo-Japanese venture).

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## Composite and Functional Silico-aluminophosphate Based Materials: Preparation, Characterization and Its Catalytic Applications

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Aluminophosphate (AlPO) molecular sieves are structurally analogous to zeolites, have better framework flexibility with structural diversity, and are potential catalysts for isomerization, alkylation, and disproportionation reactions.<sup>1</sup> A series of meso-/micro silicoaluminophosphate (Meso-SAPO-*n*) based composite materials and organo-functionalized microporous silicoaluminophosphate (SAPO-*n*-F) materials were prepared from the precursor of microporous silicoaluminophosphate (SAPO-*n*) by hydrothermal method.<sup>2-4</sup> The presence of mesoporosity on Meso-SAPO-*n* material was evident from powder XRD, N<sub>2</sub> sorption and HRTEM analysis.<sup>2</sup> The microporous building unit present on the walls of Meso-SAPO-*n* was confirmed by FT-IR, N<sub>2</sub> sorption studies.<sup>2</sup> The local environment of aluminium and silicon were followed with solid state <sup>27</sup>Al, and <sup>29</sup>Si MAS NMR spectral studies.<sup>2</sup> The successful incorporation of organo-functionalities on the wall of SAPO-*n*-F framework was confirmed by <sup>29</sup>Si and <sup>13</sup>C magic angle spinning (MAS) nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscopy studies.<sup>3</sup> The developed Meso-SAPO-*n* material shown as potential catalyst for hydroisomerization of 1-octene with about 50% branched isomer selectivity. The kinetic model based on the LHHW mechanism showed that the reaction is first order with respect to 1-octene conversion. Functional SAPO-*n*-F materials found to be effective catalyst for the activation and utilization of CO<sub>2</sub> in cyclic carbonate synthesis from epoxides (98 %) conversion of epichlorohydrin with 96% selectivity toward cyclic carbonate.

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## Porous Catalytic Materials for Biodiesel Production

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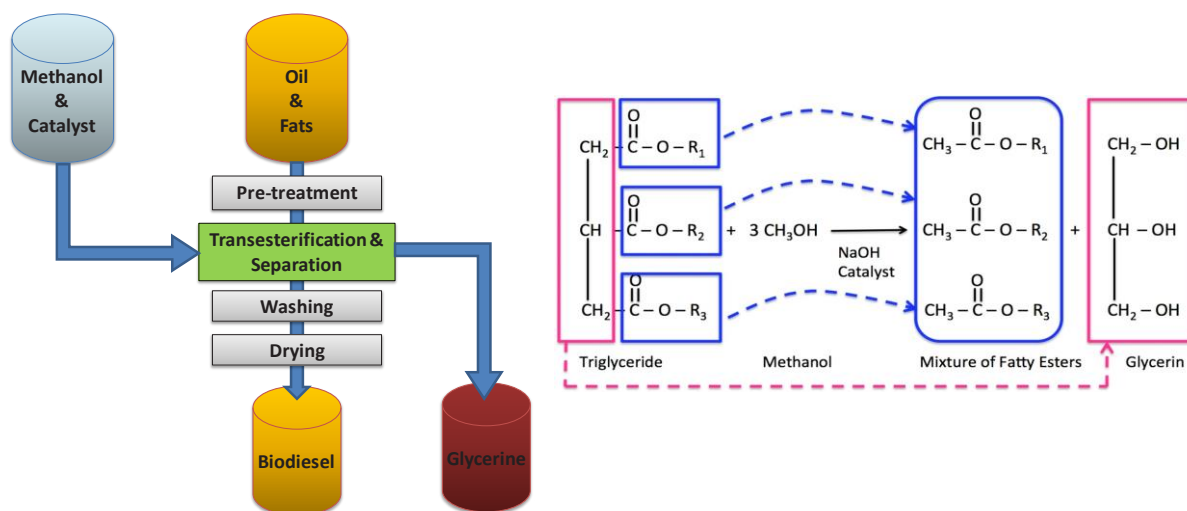
Synthetic porous materials are widely used as catalysts in the chemical processes of petroleum, pharmaceutical, food and polymer industries etc. Biodiesel, composed of mono alkyl esters of fatty acids derived from vegetable oils /animal fats, has cardinal potential as alternative fuels. The present work explores the synthesis and application of acidic and alkaline functionalized solid catalysts for transesterification reaction and thereby development of efficient heterogeneous catalysts for transesterification of triglycerides. Various porous catalytic materials were synthesized, modified and successfully applied for transesterification of model triglyceride (Triacetin) as well as complex triglycerides (Jatropha oil). Modified materials such as metal (K, Li, Cs) impregnated nano-Silicalite-1 zeolites showed excellent alkaline properties with high reactivity in transesterification reaction of both triacetin and Jatropha oil. The order of catalyst reactivity was found in order of KS >LS >CS. 3 % metal loaded catalyst have given maximum conversion in each case. In solid acid category super acidic sulphated zirconia was synthesized and utilized for transesterification of triacetin. It showed 96 % conversion at, 1:15 triacetin to alcohol molar ratio at 70 °C temperature with 10 wt% catalyst loading in 3 h of reaction time. Mesoporous ordered siliceous material MCM-48 was synthesized in present work and modified with organic surfactants with active alkaline (MCM-48NH<sub>2</sub>) and acidic (MCM-48SO<sub>3</sub>H) group. This organic-inorganic hybrid was found to be active catalyst for the transesterification of triacetin. Among the studied and tested catalyst potassium loaded nano-Silicalite-1 was the novel and best catalyst for transesterification of triacetin as well as Jatropha oil. Heterogeneous nature of catalyst was certified by its leaching test. The catalyst is not sensitive to FFA or moisture content of feed stock and reacts at mild process parameters. KS-3 catalyzed process follows first order kinetics and with relatively low activation energy. The catalyst opens a new insight into the field of solid base catalyst with green chemical application in biofuel synthesis.

The present research work directs towards green biofuel technology from sustainable biomass that is eco-friendly in long run. The current studies are helpful for research groups in both work area ‘catalyst development’ as well as ‘biofuel development’.



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## Role of CO<sub>2</sub> as a Soft Oxidant for Oxidative Dehydrogenation Reaction of Lower Hydrocarbons Over Mixed Metal Oxide Catalysts

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The enormous reserves and the low cost of natural gas raised an increasing interest towards the processing of its hydrocarbon components, namely methane and lower amounts of ethane, propane, butanes.<sup>1</sup> Olefins, being an important starting material in petrochemical and polymeric industry increase the demand in the global market and thus lead to the alternative solutions for the production. Current production of olefins is from the high temperature catalytic cracking of paraffins. As a second source the catalytic dehydrogenation of alkanes suffers from thermodynamic limitation which requires high temperature (>600°C) and it can result in the formation of more byproducts and immediate catalyst deactivation.

Oxidative dehydrogenation (ODH), an alternative solution to this problem overcomes these limitations mainly because of its exothermic<sup>2</sup> as well as irreversible nature ( $\Delta H^\circ = -116.7$  kJ/mol,  $\Delta G^\circ = -176.1$  kJ/mol). Introduction of an oxidant into the reaction mixture allows the produced hydrogen to oxidize which makes it exothermic and in turn reduces the side reactions. Carbon deposition which is the main reason for catalyst deactivation can be minimized in ODH by the use of various oxidants thereby improving the catalyst stability.

Many efforts have concentrated on the use of CO<sub>2</sub> as an attractive building block for many chemicals. However it can also be used as an oxygen transfer agent or as a soft oxidant.<sup>3,4</sup> By using CO<sub>2</sub> as a soft oxidant for oxidative dehydrogenation reaction of hydrocarbons, coke deposition can be eliminated and the reduced active phase can be reoxidised. Unlike O<sub>2</sub>, it can effectively prevent the deep oxidation of hydrocarbons and improve the stability of catalysts. But the development of a suitable catalyst to activate CO<sub>2</sub> and to maintain the selectivity of olefins produced is highly desirable and a challenge.

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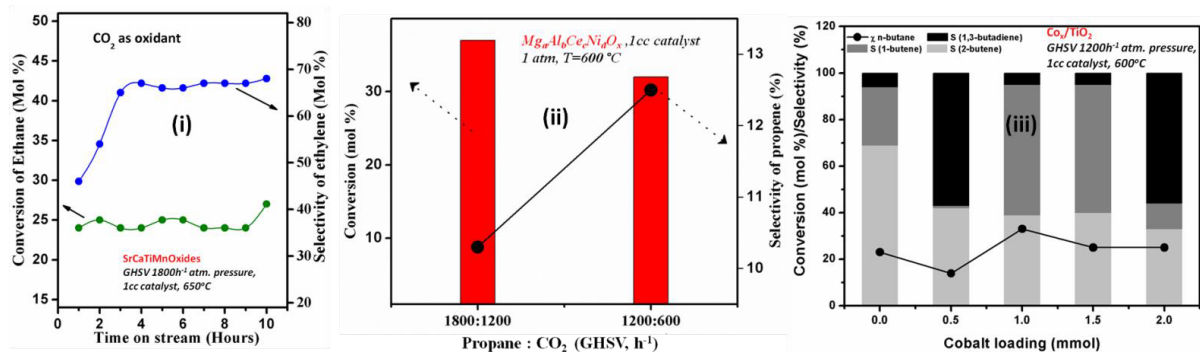


Figure.1. Oxidative dehydrogenation of (i) ethane, (ii) propane and (iii) n-butane using CO<sub>2</sub> as soft oxidant over various mixed metal oxide catalysts

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## Chemical Design of Layered Double Hydroxide Nanoparticles for Water Purification

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Purification of water from toxic elements is one of the most important issues in the world. Although many kinds of inorganic ion exchangers have been proposed to remove toxic elements from water, most of them are cation exchangers; thus, useful inorganic anion exchangers are highly demanded. Layered double hydroxides (abbreviated as LDHs; e.g.,  $Mg_{1-x}Al_x(OH)_2 \cdot A^{n-}_{x/n} \cdot yH_2O$ ; A is an exchangeable anion.) are expected to be used for the removal of anionic species (e.g.,  $AsO_4^{3-}$ ,  $SeO_4^{2-}$ ,  $B(OH)_4^-$ , and  $F^-$ ) from water; however, due to the strong affinity of LDHs with  $CO_3^{2-}$ , their anion exchangeability is deteriorated under ambient conditions. A previous study has suggested the anion exchangeability of small LDH particles under ambient conditions,<sup>[1]</sup> though no useful method for precise control of particle size of LDHNPs (LDHNPs) have been reported. Here, I demonstrate a novel method to control particle size of LDHNPs and its effect on the anion exchangeability under ambient conditions.<sup>[2,3]</sup>

LDHNPs were synthesized by a simple method where an aqueous solution of metal salts ( $MgCl_2$  and  $AlCl_3$ ) was mixed with that of a tripodal ligand (tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane; THAM), followed by heating at 80 °C for 24 h. Uniform LDHNPs with precisely controlled sizes were obtained by this method. The average particle size was 10 and 26 nm when the concentration of THAM was adjusted to 0.50 and 0.25 M, respectively (Fig. 1). THAM was immobilized on the outer surface of each LDHNP; thus, it is suggested that THAM efficiently suppresses the crystal growth of LDHNPs, depending on its concentration. A conventional LDH particle whose average size was 107 nm was also prepared.

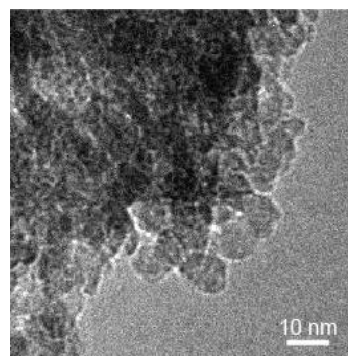


Fig 1. TEM image of the LDHNP ca. 10 nm in size.

To assess the practical anion exchangeabilities of LDHNPs and a conventional LDH,  $CO_2$  was not excluded from the system, no additives (e.g., mineral acids and buffer solutions) were used, and only water was used as a solvent for all the following anion exchanging experiments. The LDHNPs exchanged their interlayer  $CO_3^{2-}$  with  $NO_3^-$  even though they were exchanged with  $CO_3^{2-}$  prior to the experiment (Fig. 2). The conventional LDH could not exchange at all.

Therefore, only LDHNPs could exchange  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  with other anions, which means not only their high performance for anion exchange but also that they can be regenerated by simple anion exchange treatment even if they are deactivated by  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ . The  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  locating at the edge of a particle is thought to be readily exchangeable, and the size reduction can increase the amount of edge sites.

The removal of harmful anions, such as  $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$ ,  $\text{SeO}_4^{2-}$ , and  $\text{B}(\text{OH})_4^-$ , from water was also investigated. The final concentrations of  $\text{AsO}_4^{3-}$  and  $\text{SeO}_4^{2-}$  treated by the LDHNPs satisfied the WHO standard for drinking water. Although  $\text{B}(\text{OH})_4^-$  is known as one of the most difficult anions to be removed from water, the final concentration after double treatment by the LDHNPs satisfied the national effluent standard in Japan. The LDHNPs could be recovered by filtration and reusable at least for 3 times without loss of anion exchangeability.

Consequently, the use of molecular-level interactions between inorganic crystals and organic molecules is key to control the morphologies of LDHNPs. The LDHNPs are found to be useful for purification of water from anionic species under ambient conditions.

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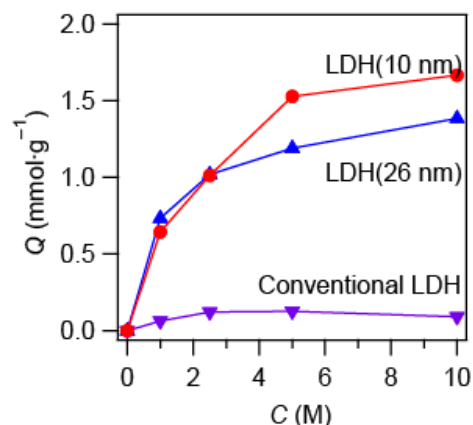


Fig. 2. Exchanged amount of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  ( $Q$ ) plotted against the initial concentration of  $\text{NaNO}_3$  ( $C$ ).

## Selectivities in Adsorptions Induced by Surface Curvature of Functionalized Mesostructured Silica

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The functionalization of silica surface has been extensively studied for several decades, because it is an excellent combination of a stable high-surface-area solid and chemical specificities of organic functional groups. Ordered mesoporous silica has been also widely used for the functionalization for the same reason. [1-5] However, although the uniform concave surface in the nanometre scale is clearly one of the most prominent characteristics of mesoporous silicas, these characteristics have rarely been emphasized in the applications of mesoporous silica. In order to shed light on the uniform surface coverage, we grafted two 3-aminopropylsilane molecules, after being coupled with a benzenedialdehyde, on mesoporous silicas and, after the removal of benzenedialdehyde by hydrolysis, we carried out the adsorption of the isomers of benzenedialdehyde. Furthermore, we prepared several kinds of N-aminoethyl-3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane-coordinated Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Cu<sup>2+</sup> complexes and grafted them on mesoporous silica. These adsorbents were used in the adsorption of for benzenedialdehyde and toxic oxyanions.

We coupled two 3-aminopropylsilane molecules using m- and p-isomers of benzenedialdehyde. A significant heat formation was observed during the coupling reaction at room temperature. These coupled disilanes were analysed by <sup>13</sup>C-CP MAS NMR and FT-IR, in addition to CHN elemental analysis. We confirmed the structures of as-grafted and after-extraction solid. The transition metal complexes were formed by mixing at room temperature. The structures were analysed by the same methods with coupled silanes.

In the adsorption of p-benzenedialdehyde, the Langmuir coefficient is larger on 3-aminopropylsilane-grafted SBA15, whose grafts are coupled with p-benzenedialdehyde, than on the equivalent SBA15 prepared using the grafts coupled with m-benzenedialdehyde. This equilibrium constant for m-benzenedialdehyde adsorption is larger on 3-aminopropyl-SBA15 prepared using the disilane with m-benzenedialdehyde than on 3-aminopropyl-SBA15 prepared with p-benzenedialdehyde. Although the conformational changes of NH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-Si chain provides various orientations of the lone pair on nitrogen, the distinct selectivity change in the adsorption observed on SBA15 substrate implies that the a pair of organic tethers fit to the aldehyde functions of the adsorbate by adjusting their conformations. On the other hand, using Cab-O-sil M7D non-mesoporous silica instead of SBA-15, little change in the Langmuir coefficient was found between the adsorbents. The intensities of IR absorption bands for -C=N-



after the adsorptions were stronger (, in comparison with  $-\text{CH}=\text{O}$  stretching modes,) in the adsorption on 3-aminopropyl-SBA15s than on 3-aminopropyl-M7Ds, when the template isomer is the same as the adsorbate molecule. This result suggests that the difference between two silica substrates is attributed to the orientations of 3-aminopropyl functions, which is likely induced by the concave surface of SBA15.

The adsorption capacity of oxyanion is generally stoichiometric on N-aminoethyl-3-aminopropyl-coordinated transition metal complexes attached on SBA-15. Moreover, the stoichiometry changes according to the coordination number of AeAP functional group. However, these phenomena were not observed the same complexes attached on M7D silica; the adsorption capacity is not stoichiometric and the no significant difference in the adsorption isotherms between the metal complexes with a different coordination number of AeAP group. These adsorption characteristics found only on mesoporous silica substrate are also well explained by the surface curvature.

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Katsunari Yoshioka  
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9:20 35-YEIS-12 ECOLOG: A database of EV energy consumption log acquired by vehicle mounted sensors  
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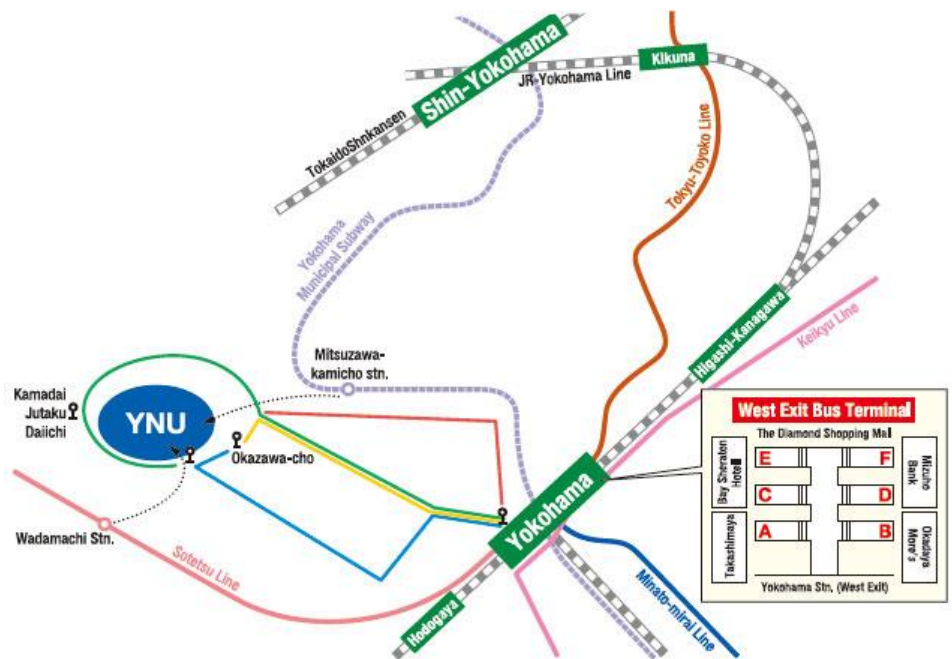
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About a 16 min. walk

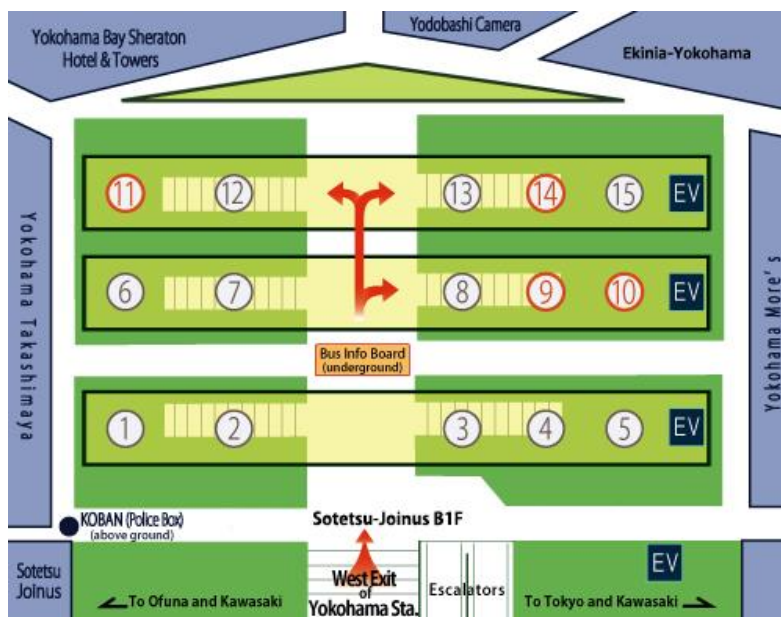


By Bus / Taxi

(The West Exit of

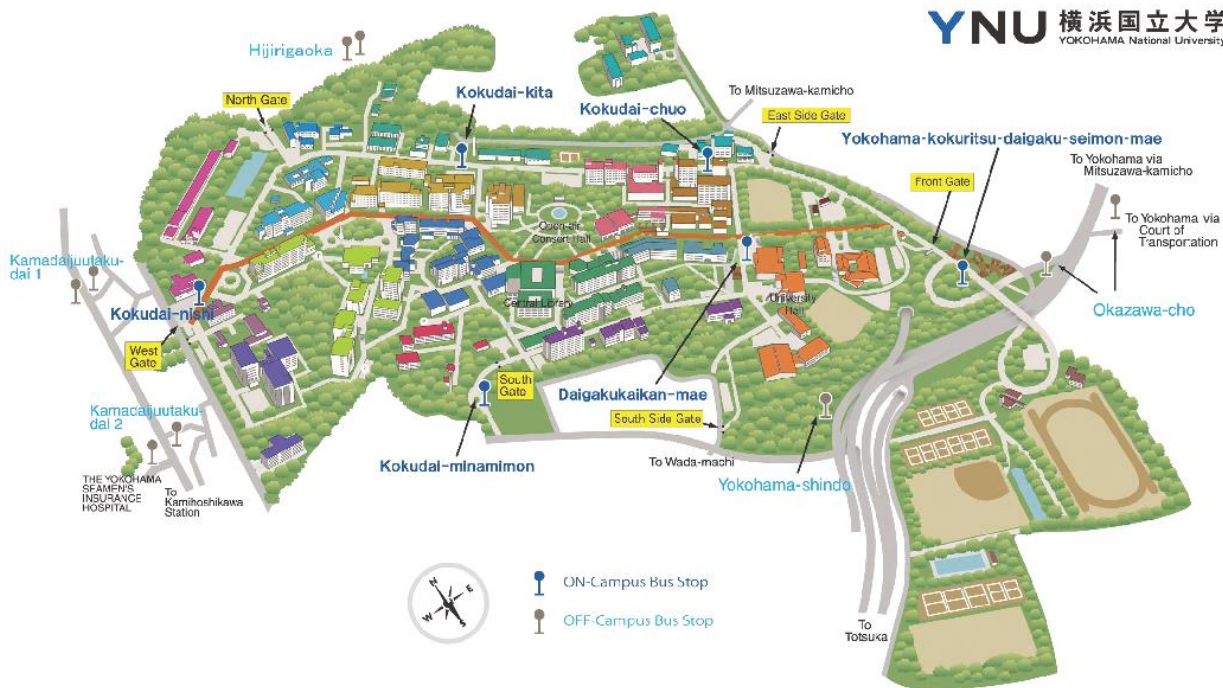
Yokohama Station) .

It takes 15-20 minutes from the bus terminal at the West Exit of Yokohama Station to YNU



<http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/access/index.html>

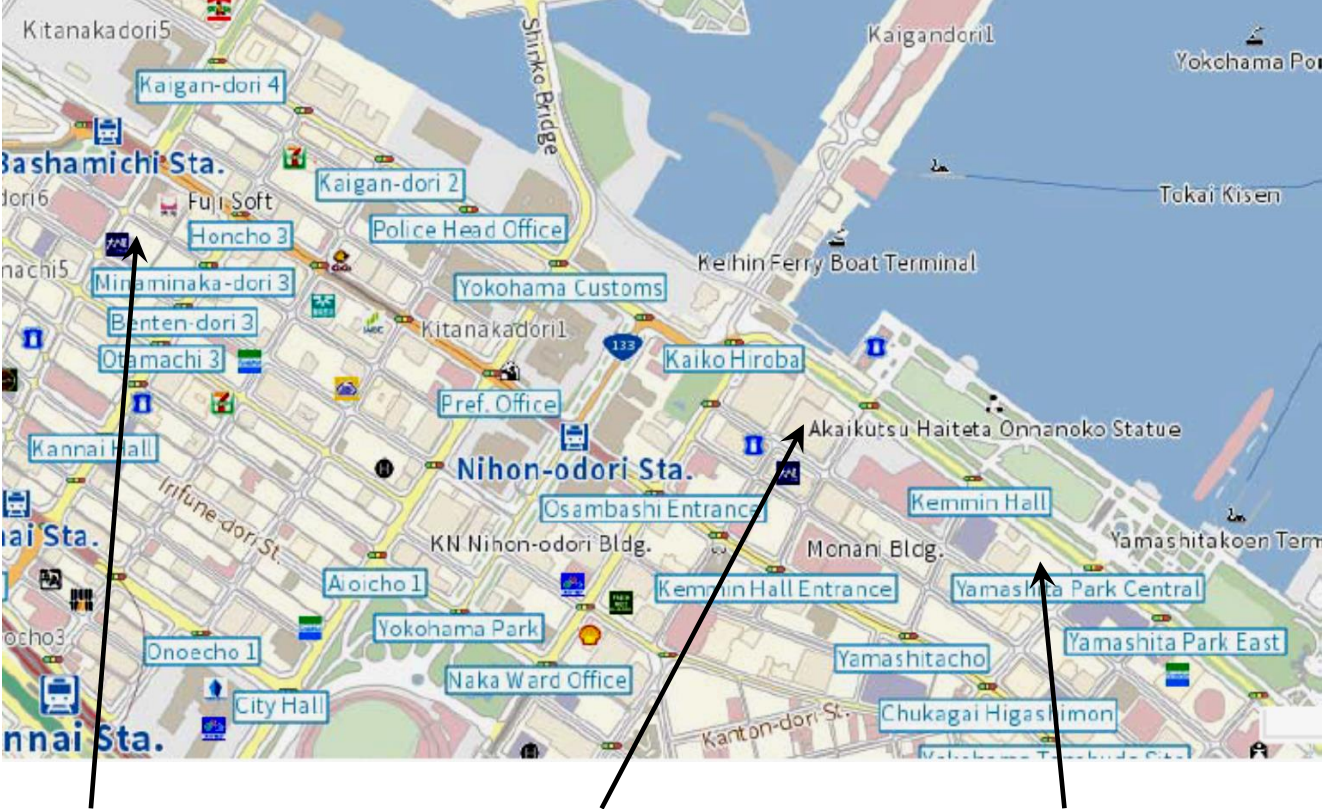
# Campus Map



[http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/access/map\\_campus.html](http://www.ynu.ac.jp/english/access/map_campus.html)



# Hotels and Venue of the Symposium



Hotel Route-Inn  
Yokohama  
Bashamichi

Yokohama Symposia  
(Symposium venue)

Hotel New Grand



# JICA Yokohama

Address: 3-1, Shinko 2-chome, Naka-ku, Yokohama 231-0001

MAP from Yokohama Symposia to JICA Yokohama

**Yokohama International Center**

JICA Yokohama (Party venue)

Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse

Elephant nose Park

Queen

Yokohama Symposia @ Sangyo Boeki Center Building (Symposium venue)

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