







# CERAMIC TECHNOLOGIES FOR FUTURISTIC MOBILITY

Intelligent Design of Ceramics from Electronic Structures to Fabrication

# PROGRESS REPORT





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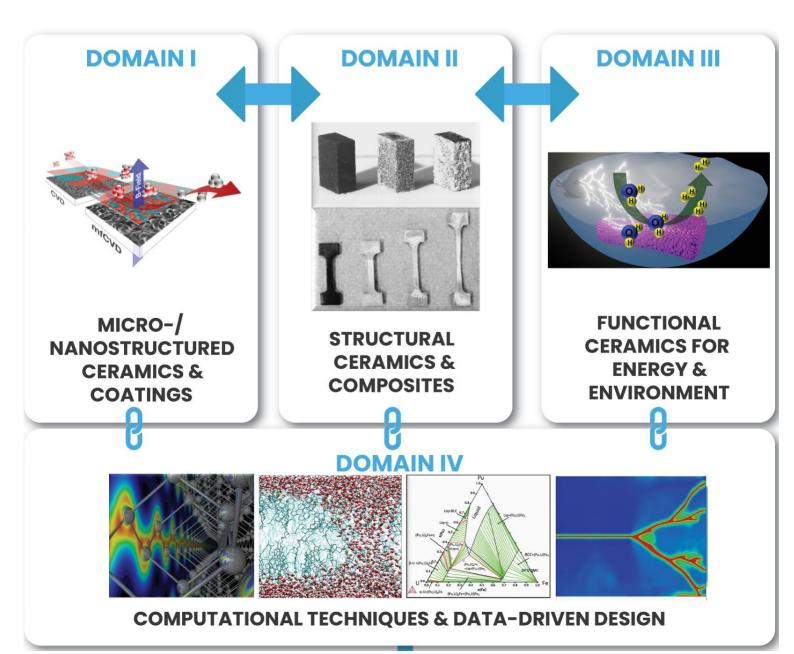
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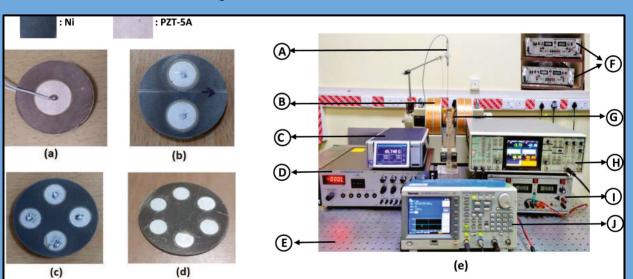
Numerical interpretation and experimental investigation of enhanced magnetoelectric effect in Ni/PZT distributed disc structured composite

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Using prestress for multifold enhancement of ME response in novel DDS composites.
- Ability of in-series DDS configuration to operate as multi ME composite structures.
- Determination of optimum orientation of DDS composites in external magnetic field.
- Numerical modeling of interference fit and magnetic attributes in DDS ME composite.
- Inverse dependency of ME coupling factor on circumferential interface length.



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Fabricated configuration of ME composites (a) Disc/ring (b) DDS2 (c) DDS4 (d) DDS6; (e) Setup used for magnetostriction and ME measurement- A: Hall probe, B: Electromagnet, C: Gaussmeter, D: Strain indicator, E: Vibration isolation table, F: Power supplies, G: Helmholtz coil, H: Lock-in amplifier, I: AC amplifier; J: Function generator.

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#### Composite Structures

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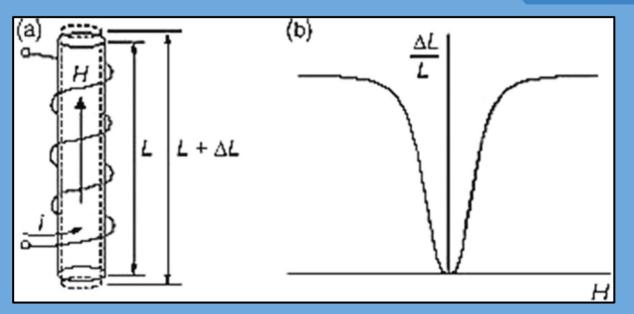
Evolution of nonlinear magneto-elastic constitutive laws in ferromagnetic materials: A comprehensive review

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Anhysteretic and hysteretic nonlinear ferromagnetic constitutive modeling approaches from 1930s to 2020.
- Incorporation of effects of magnetic field, stress, temperature, and plastic deformation in constitutive laws.
- Future directions and further scope for accurately modeling the physics of ferromagnetic phenomena.



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Schematic of the Joule magnetostriction observed in a magnetic rod (a) Change in shape with respect to applied magnetic field (b) Dependence of magnetostriction on

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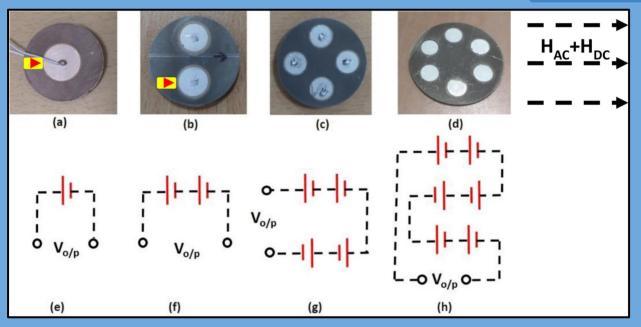
# Enhanced self-biased magnetoelectric response in novel distributed disc structure Ni/PZT composite

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Novel distributed disc structured (DDS) ME composites have been fabricated.
- Epoxy-free fabrication technique in form of press-fit method has been employed.
- Quasi-static ME, resonant ME and magnetostriction studies have been conducted.
- Inherent compressive prestress significantly increases the self-biased ME response.



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(a) Disc/Ring (b) DDS2 (c) DDS4 (d) DDS6 (e-h) Series connectivity of PZT discs in various configurations; (Note: grey-Nickel; white: PZT-5A; Yellow: Strain Gauge; Red Arrow: Direction of strain measurement).

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# Materials Letters

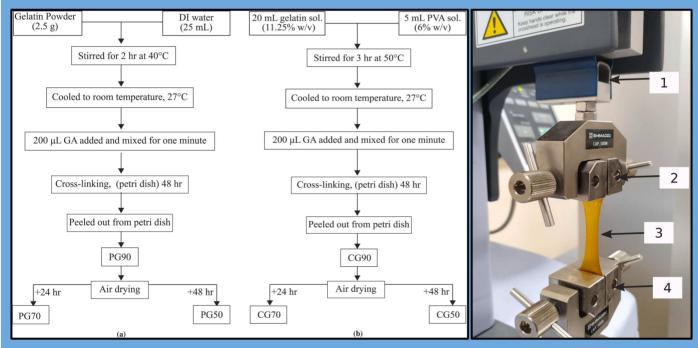
Influence of water content on the mechanical behavior of gelatin based hydrogels: Synthesis, characterization and modeling

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Effect of variation of water content on the mechanical properties of gelatin-based hydrogels is investigated.
- Pure gelatin hydrogels and gelatin/polyvinyl alcohol-based composite hydrogels having 90%, 70%, and 50% water content are prepared using the solvent casting method.
- Simulations based on the multistart optimization are performed to obtain the material parameters using the proposed model.



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Schematic flowchart for the synthesis of (a) pure (PG90, PG70, PG50) and (b) composite (CG90, CG70, CG50) gelatin hydrogels having 90%, 70%, and 50% water content.

Experimental setup for the mechanical characterization using Universal Testing Machine, UTM

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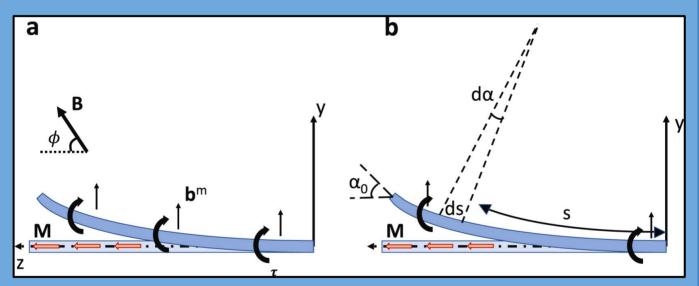
# Bending of hard-magnetic soft beams: A finite elasticity approach with anticlastic bending

### HIGHLIGHTS

- An analytical solution for the bending of hard-magnetic soft beam has been derived.
- Mooney–Rivlin model has been used to capture the non-linearity of the material.
- Coupled anticlastic bending has also been incorporated into the framework.
- Prony series approximation was used to encapsulate the time-dependent response.



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(a) Reference and deformed configuration of a hard-magnetic soft beam under the influence of an applied magnetic field. is the magnetization vector in the reference state. and are the externally applied magnetic field and the angle between the field and .
 is the magnetic body force (as shown in Eq. (9)) and is torque (given in (12)). (b) The deformed configuration of the beam under the applied magnetic field. is the free-end angular displacement. The angle of bending as a function of the beam length is represented by

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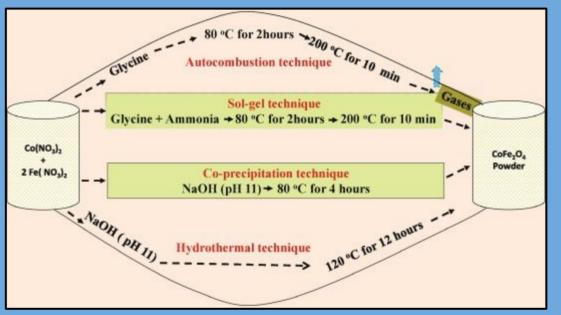
Structural, magnetic and magnetoelectric investigations on CoFe2O4 prepared via various wet chemical synthesis route : A Comparative Study

## HIGHLIGHTS

- CFO prepared by autocombustion, Co-precipitation, Sol-gel and hydrothermal route.
- Structural, magnetic, magnetostrictive, and magnetoelectric characterisation.
- Static, dynamic and prestress effects on the CFO/PZT/CFO composite has been studied.



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#### Flowchart of four wet chemical synthesis route

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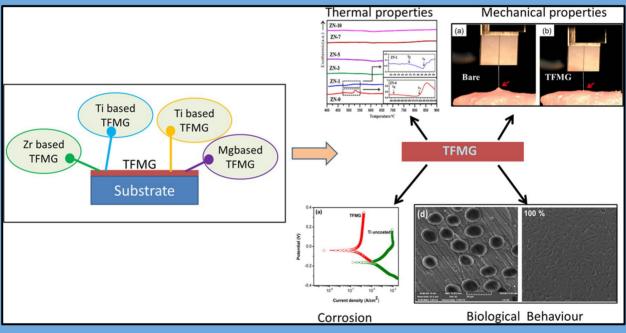
# Thin film metallic glasses for bioimplants and surgical tools: A review

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- The present work reviewed the recent developments and advances of biomedical TFMG systems.
- The TFMGs have gained attention as they exhibit an excellent properties for versatile biomedical implant applications.
- The corrosion behavior of TFMGs is of great importance to understand their chemical and environmental stability.
- The TFMG coated blades improves sharpness.
- Degradable metallic glasses (bulk and thin films) are sparingly reported and opens a new area to be explored further.



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#### **Graphical Abstract**

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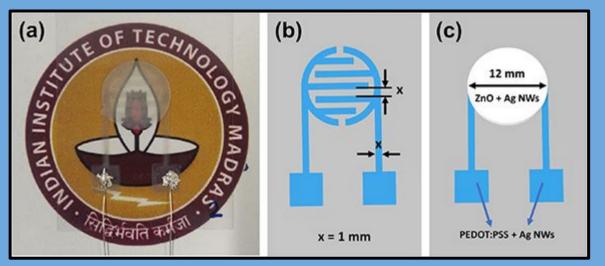
Photoresponse of a printed transparent silver nanowire-zinc oxide nanocomposite

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Demonstrate a printed transparent PD with an absorber layer based on a nanocomposite of ZnO with silver nanowires (Ag NWs).
- The PD exhibits an improved photoresponsivity of  $35 \text{ mA W}^{-1}$ , at a relatively low biasing voltage of 1 V, compared to a pure ZnO absorber layer with a responsivity of 14 mA W<sup>-1</sup> at 5 V bias for an illumination at 365 nm.
- The properties of the nanocomposite make it suitable for single layer, low cost, and large area transparent PDs.



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The structure of the fabricated PD. (a) The PD is placed over the logo of IIT Madras to demonstrate its transparency. (b) The dimensions of the printed electrodes and (c) the dimensions of the absorber layer and the materials used for the absorber and the electrodes.s

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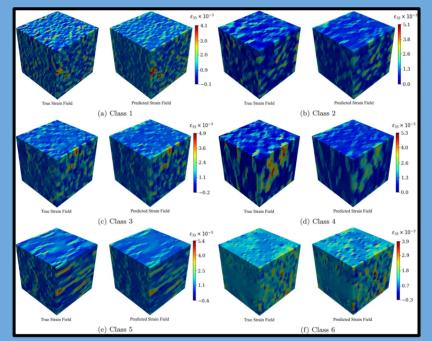
Estimation of Local Strain Fields in Two-Phase Elastic Composite Materials Using UNet-Based Deep Learning

## HIGHLIGHTS

- We use one of the deep learning-based algorithms known as the UNet to predict the local strain fields in a two-phase composite material subjected to uniaxial tensile load.
- The model is trained and tested on 1200 two-phase microstructures comprising two-volume fraction categories and six different morphological classes. An R2 score of 94% is achieved on the test dataset.
- A detailed statistical analysis is performed to understand the role of the volume fraction and the ratio of elastic moduli of the phases in the deep learning model's trainability.



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Comparison of the true strain field (from FEM) and predicted strain field (from UNet) on an arbitrary chosen RVE from each class (volume fraction 30%)

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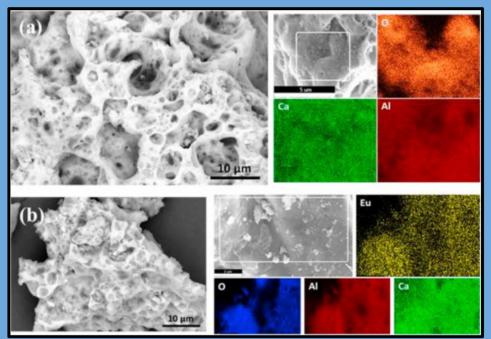
# COMBUSTION SYNTHESIS OF LUMINESCENT EU-DOPED SINGLE PHASE MAYENITE

# HIGHLIGHTS

- Single phase Eu-doped mayenite powders synthesised using low cost, energy efficient combustion synthesis
- Structural analysis of doped samples shows substitution of Ca<sup>2+</sup> ions by Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions on doping
- Photoluminescence emission spectra revealed  $5d^0 \rightarrow 7f^2$  transition and was characterized by the bright red luminescence
- The doping of Eu resulted in a decrease of band gap from 4.8 eV for undoped mayenite to 3.5 eV for 1.5% Eu doped mayenite
- Eu-doped mayenite exhibited excellent fluorescent properties under UV irradiation



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Scanning electron microstructures of the obtained porous Mayenite structures

# Combustion synthesis of luminescent Eu-doped single phase Mayenite

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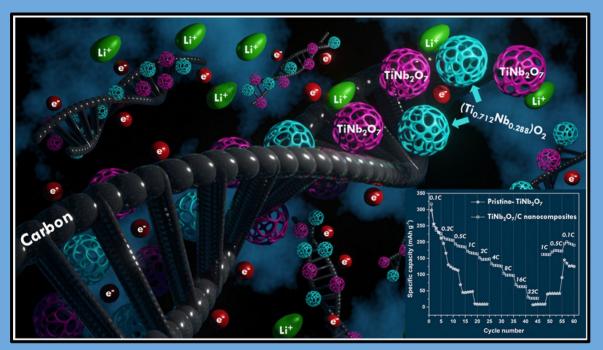
TiNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>-Keratin derived carbon nanocomposites as novel anode materials for high-capacity lithium-ion batteries

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Porous and conductive TNBO/KC nanocomposites anode material for LIBs were synthesized from surfactant assisted precursor route followed by heat-treatment under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.
- Compared to pristine TNBO800, TNBO/KC yielded reduced crystalline (Ti<sub>0.712</sub>Nb<sub>0.288</sub>)O<sub>2</sub> phase and TiNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> phase with higher specific surface area (28 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup> vs. 89 m<sup>2</sup> g<sup>-1</sup>)
- The experimental data attests the potential of TiNb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>/keratin derived carbon nanocomposites as economically and environmentally viable promising anode material for LIBs.



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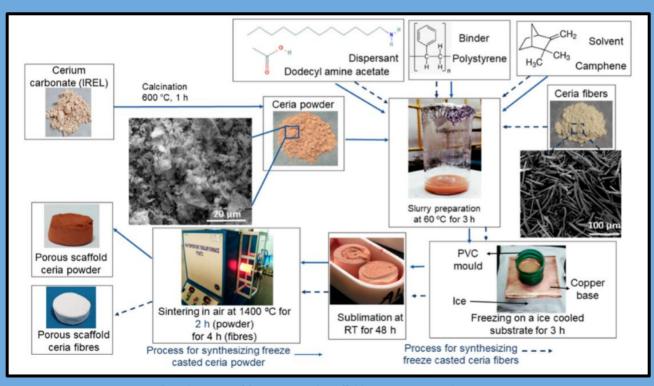
Microstructural transitions in camphene-based freeze casted ceria: effect of primary building blocks

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- We demonstrate porous ceria with an open porosity of 88% developed through camphene assisted freeze casting for the first time.
- Microstructural evolution with different building blocks micrometre-sized particles and short fibres were also studied.
- Preliminary catalytic activity obtained via temperature programmed reduction exemplified similar profiles showing no effect of the initial building blocks on the activity.



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Microstructural transitions in camphene-based freeze casted ceria: effect of primary building blocks

### HIGHLIGHTS

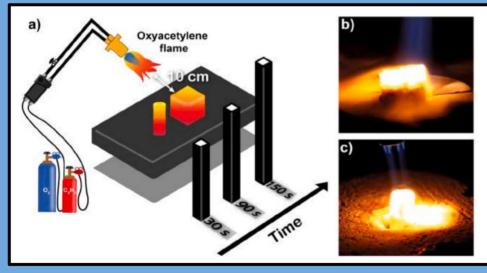
- Ablation behaviour of poly(hydridomethylsiloxane) derived open and closed porous structured SiOC ceramic foams was evaluated using oxy-acetylene flame at 1500° C for various time durations
- X-ray diffraction and scanning electron microscopy analyses of ablated SiOC ceramic foams revealed the formation of a thin protective SiO<sub>2</sub> layer inhibiting further oxidation.
- The closed porous structured SiOC ceramic foams exhibited very low mass ablation rate in contrast to open porous structured SiOC ceramic foams owing to the differences in thermal energy dissipation mechanism.
- The feasibility of the plausible foam reduction reactions pertaining to the ablation mechanism was further investigated by computing the Gibbs energy and HR-TEM analysis



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. a) Schematic representation of the ablation resistance testing. Real-time photographical image of b) SiOC-OpenPF and c) SiOC-ClosedPF during ablation testing.

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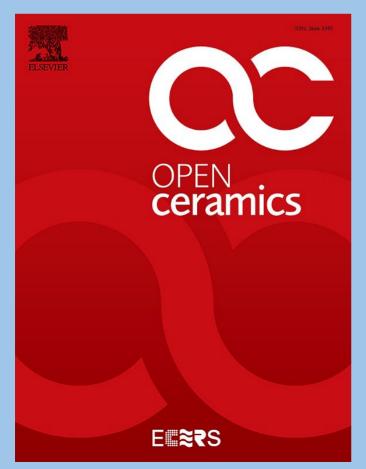
# RECOGNITIONS

# Member of the Expert Review Committee for CoE

**Ravi Kumar N V** as member of the Expert Review Committee for the project on "Establishment of Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Intelligent Internet of Things (IIoT) Sensors at Makers Village, Kochi" for implementation by Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET),

# **Guest Editor in Open Ceramics**

Dr. rer. nat. Ravi Kumar N V has been invited to edit one special edition of the "Open Ceramics." The journal Open Ceramics solicits original high-quality articles for the "Special Issue on Electrospun Fibers"







Dr. rer. nat. Ravi Kumar Laboratory for High Performance Ceramics, IITM

Editorial Board of Scientific Reports

Dr. rer. nat. Ravi Kumar N V has been invited to serve as an Editorial Board Member for the Materials Chemistry Section of 'Scientific Reports', a Nature Research publication.



# RECOGNITIONS



Prof. Dr. Dr. (h.c.) Sanjay Mathur Director, Institute of Inorganic Chemistry University of Cologne, Germany

# MRS Woody White Service Award

MRS Woody White Service Award 2021-The award honors outstanding individuals who have embodied MRS's mission, vision, and values for an egalitarian interdisciplinary community advancing materials science and technologies.

### Foreign Fellow of the NASI

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# Associate Editor of JPED

The Journal of Phase Equilibria and Diffusion (JPED) focuses on the crystallographic, chemical, diffusion, and other kinetic properties of phases.



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# **INDIAN PATENT FILED**

#### UV-LIGHT INTEGRATED ULTRA-SPINNING DEVICE FOR HIGH THROUGHPUT PRODUCTION OF NON-WOVEN POLYMER AND CERAMIC NANOFIBERS/MICROFIBERS

Inventor:	Dr. Ganesh Babu	
	Raghunath Sharma MVSS	
	Dr. rer. nat. Ravi Kumar	
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**Filing Date** 

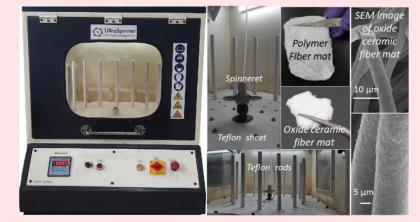
October 22, 2021



Dr. rer. nat. Ravi Kumar Laboratory for High Performance Ceramics, IITM



#### Ultraspinner- In-house developed prototype



#### **Highlights:**

- No usage of high voltages to produce fibers
- Variable collector distance; Fibres can be collected at various distances (5-20 cm) from the spinneret with simultaneous application of UV radiation.
- High rotation speed up to 24,000 rpm are possible
- Flexible UV light intensity up to 325 W to enhance cross linking of the polymer/preceramic fibre mat.

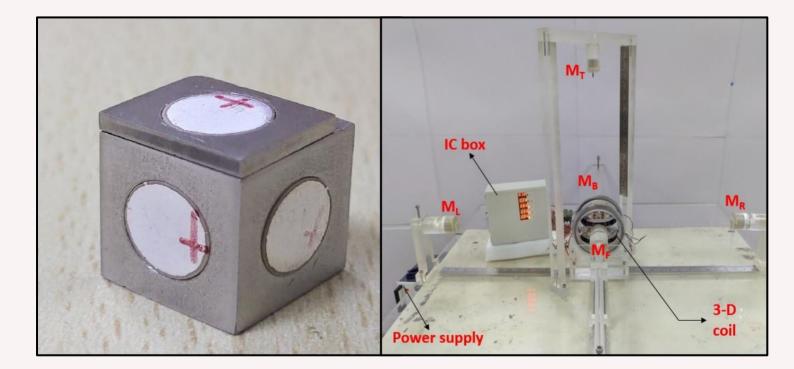
# **INDIAN PATENT FILED**

#### MAGNETO-ELECTRIC BASED MAGNETIC SENSOR AND METHOD THEREOF

Inventor:	Amritesh Kumar S. Veeraraghavan M. Dileesh A. Arockiarajan
Patent application no.	202141055994
Filing Date	December 2, 2021



Prof. A. Arockiarajan Head Smart Material Characterization Lab IIT Madras

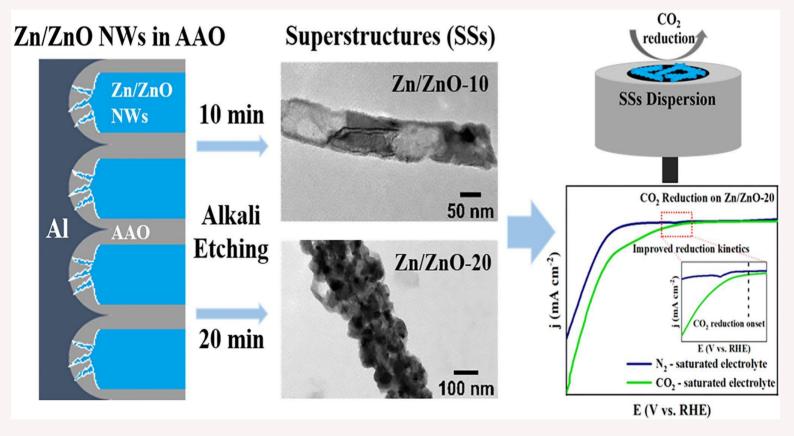


#### Highlights:

- The invention can be used as sensors in the form of magnetometers as well as miniature current sensors.
- Since the proposed novel DDS configurations show a significant ME response at a very low field, they can be used to detect weak magnetic fields, of which one of the most potent application is in detectors.
- Can replace the conventional layered ME composites in Pressure based sensors owing to their high sensitivity.

# INDIAN PATENT FILED AAO TEMPLATE-ASSISTED SYNTHESIS PROCESS COUPLED WITH ALKALI ETCHING TO DEVELOP ZINC OXIDE BRANCHED SUPERSTRUCTURES

Inventor:	Manasa Hari Adavalli Lakshman Neelakantan P. Swaminathan		
Patent application no.	202141048319	Prof. Lakshman Neelakantan	Prof. Parasuraman Swaminathan
Filing Date	December 13, 2021	Head Corrosion Engineering and Materials Electrochemistry Lab IIT Madras	Head Electronic Materials and Thin Films Lab IIT Madras



#### Highlights:

- Anodic aluminium oxide template-assisted synthesis of 1D zinc oxide nanostructures
- Control of morphology by etching to form 3D superstructure with enhanced surface area
- Room temperature CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- Can be extended to other amphoteric single and mixed oxides

# **TECHNICAL TALKS & CONFERENCES**

# Webinar: Advanced Ceramics for Mobility





Centre of Excellence on Materials and Manufacturing for Futuristic Mobility has been formed as part of IIT Madras' Institute of Eminence initiative, with Ceramic Technologies for Futuristic Mobility being one of the center verticals. **Prof. Dr. Alexander Michaelis, Managing Director, Fraunhofer IKTS Institute for Ceramic Technologies and Systems IKTS, Germany,** delivered the first lecture in the series on **September 3, 2021,** at 2.00 PM (CET)/5.30 PM (IST).



**IRIS Webinar: Advanced Manufacturing** 

**On October 25, 2021, at 5 p.m.,** the Office of Global Engagement, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, hosted an IRIS webinar. Prof. Ravi Kumar N V of IIT Madras & Prof. Sanjay Mathur of the University of Cologne, Germany, spoke on Materials and Manufacturing for Future Mobility.



The center will specialize in advanced ceramics that will pioneer the future of energy and mobility. IIT Madras joins hands with the Fraunhofer Institute for Ceramic Technologies and Systems, and the University of Cologne from Germany to lead the center, with the participation of top research institutions from across the world. The center aims to ensure a truly international research environment and build up an innovative global hub dedicated to transformative ceramic science and technology for the future. The research leaders at the center will facilitate to close the gap between lab-scale research indication.

# **TECHNICAL TALKS & CONFERENCES**

# Webinar: Next Generation Material Scientists



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# International conference on sensing technology

Pamula Sreekeerthi, Nitheesh M. Nair, Garikapati Nagasarvari, and Parasuraman Swaminathan, "Planar Capacitive Touch Sensors – A Comparative Study", 14th International Conference on Sensing Technology, IIT Madras, Jan 2022, accepted



# VISITORS

# Visit to Purdue University





Nithin Chandran BS Doctoral Student



Nithin Chandran B S has been selected by India's Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) Overseas Visiting Doctoral Fellowship Program (OVDF). He will spend one year from Jan 2022 in the Layered Materials and Structures Lab (LMSL) of Dr. Babak Anasori at Purdue University.

## Visit to Kansas State University

S S Lokesh Vendra has visited the Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, US as a part of his doctoral thesis for a period of three months (14 Sep- 14 Dec 2021). He worked under the co-supervision of Professor Gurpreet Singh for his doctoral thesis involves research activities in Kansas State University.



SS Lokesh Vendra Doctoral Student

# International Visitor to Centre





Dr. Mina Zare Center for Nanotechnology & Sustainability, National University of Singapore Dr. Mina Zare was hosted by **CoE-Ceramic Technologies For Futuristic Mobility, IIT Madras.** She interacted with faculty members and students of Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering.

# VISITORS

# Visitor to Centre





Dr. Pushkar Mishra Postdoctoral Researcher, MATES lab, HRI

Dr. Pushkar Misra was hosted by CoE-Ceramic Technologies For Futuristic Mobility, IIT Madras. He interacted with faculty members and students of Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering in month of October 2021. His research work focus on chalcogenides doped with non-metal atoms (Carbon, Nitrogen and Phosphorus). He is working with Dr. Sudip Chakraborty at Harish Chandra Research Institute, Allahabad.



#### Visitor to Centre

Dr. Neelesh Gupta was hosted by CoE-Ceramic Technologies For Futuristic Mobility, IIT Madras. He interacted with faculty members and students of Department of Metallurgical & Materials Engineering in month of December 2021. He is working with Dr. Alankar Alankar at Indian Institute of Technology Bombay on Machine Learning based discovery of novel perovoskites for energy storage.



Dr. Neelesh Gupta Postdoctoral Researcher, ICME and Materials Genome Lab, IIT Bombay

# WORKSHOPS

Pamula Sreekeerthi, Nitheesh M. Nair, Garikapati Nagasarvari, P. Swaminathan, "Combined experimental and computational study of printed capacitive touch sensors", XXI International Workshop on Physics of Semiconductor Devices (IWPSD 2021), IIT Delhi, December 2021

Faiz Ali, Lakshman Neelakantan, and P. Swaminathan, "Flexible Electrochromic Displays via Room Temperature Oxidation of Electroless Nickel", XXI International Workshop on Physics of Semiconductor Devices (IWPSD 2021), IIT Delhi, December 2021

A. Sudha, A.M. Koshy, and P. Swaminathan, "Role of sintering temperature on the properties of tungsten oxide for gas sensing applications", XXI International Workshop on Physics of Semiconductor Devices (IWPSD 2021), IIT Delhi, December 2021

Nitheesh M. Nair, Mohammad Mahaboob Jahanara, Debdutta Ray, and P. Swaminathan, "Photoresponse of a printed transparent silver nanowire- zinc oxide nanocomposite", XXI International Workshop on Physics of Semiconductor Devices (IWPSD 2021), IIT Delhi, December 2021

Faiz Ali, Anirban Chakraborty, M. Prahalad, Lakshman Neelakantan, and P. Swaminathan, "Phosphorus Doped Nickel Oxide by Oxidation of Electro-less Nickel Thin Films", International Conference on Thin Films & Nanotechnology: Knowledge, Leadership, & Commercialization, IIT Delhi, August 2021

Aarju M. Koshy, A. Sudha, S.K. Yadav, and P. Swaminathan, "Effect of substrate temperature on the optoelectronic properties of DC magnetron sputtered copper(I) oxide films", International Conference on Thin Films & Nanotechnology: Knowledge, Leadership, & Commercialization, IIT Delhi, August 2021

# FACILITIES

# Impedance Analyzer



Make: Keysight

**Model** : E4990A -20Hz to 20MHz

# Dielectric Measurements of Thin Layers

Model: DAK3.5-TL-P

Frequency range : 200 MHz – 20 GHz

**Make:** Schmid & Partner Engineering AG (SPEAG), Zurich, Switzerland



# FACILITIES

# RRDE system with rotor glass shaft and cell



Make: Pine research Instrumentation

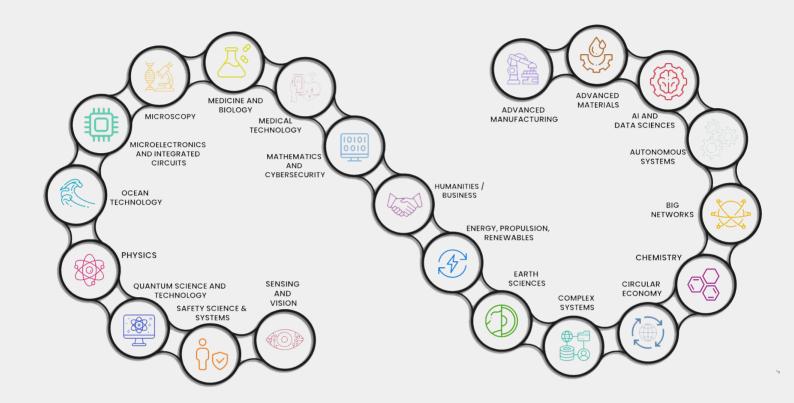
Model: WV10

# Bipotentiostat with EIS facility

Make: Pine research Instrumentation Model: WD200



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