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## Semiconducting Nanowires & Nanostructures

### Context

Semiconducting nanowires: nano-objects with a large surface over volume ratio

Remarkable chemical & physical properties opening the way for next generation devices

Understanding their nucleation, growth, and doping fundamental mechanisms is required for monitoring their morphology and controlling their properties

### Objectives

- To develop the spontaneous and selective area growth of semiconducting oxides nanowires by chemical deposition techniques
- To elucidate the nucleation & growth mechanisms by combination with thermodynamic computations
- To explore and control their physical properties: hydrogen, polarity, interface/surface, doping
- To combine nanowires with semiconducting shells to form innovative heterostructures for optoelectronic (self-powered UV photodetectors, LEDs), photovoltaic, and piezoelectric devices

### Skills & know-how

Nanowire growth modeling, doping

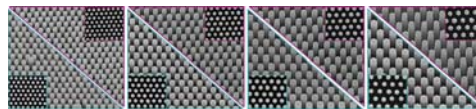
Thermodynamic simulations

Processes: e-beam & nano-imprint lithography

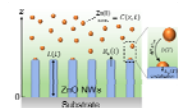
Techniques: sol-gel, chemical bath deposition, SILAR, atomic layer deposition, metal-organic chemical vapour deposition & characterization

### Synthesis and Properties of ZnO Nanowires

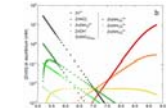
We develop the spontaneous and selective area growth of ZnO nanowires by chemical bath deposition to thoroughly control their morphology and physical properties (hydrogen, polarity, interface/surface, ...).



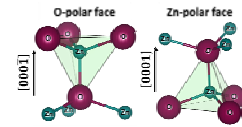
ZnO nanowires selectively grown by chemical bath deposition



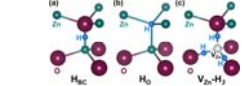
Modeling the nanowire growth



Thermodynamic simulations  
C. Lausecker et al., *J. Phys. Chem. C* in press (2019)

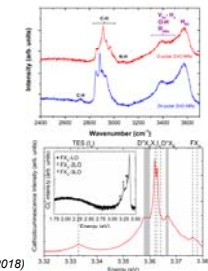


V. Consonni et al., *ACS Nano* 8, 4761 (2014)



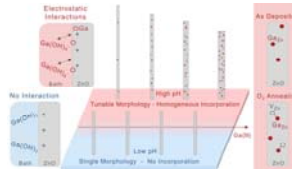
T. Cossuet et al., *J. Phys. Chem. C* 122, 22767 (2018)

Polarity effects on the nucleation & growth, surface, physical & contact properties

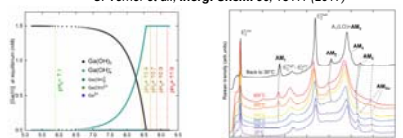


### Intentional Doping

We explore n- and p-type doping: H, Al, Ga, Cu...



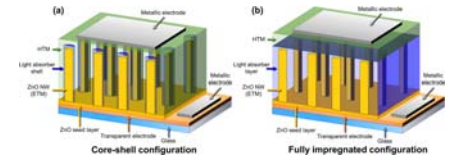
Innovative strategy to make doping in aqueous solution by using attractive electrostatic interactions while monitoring the morphology  
C. Verrier et al., *Inorg. Chem.* 56, 13111 (2017)



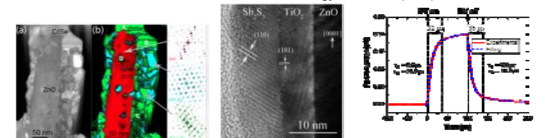
P. Gaffuri et al., *Inorg. Chem.* 58, 10269 (2019)

### Core-shell Heterostructures & Devices

We develop semiconducting shells for optoelectronic and photovoltaic devices : TiO<sub>2</sub>, Sb<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub>, CuSCN, Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>...



Core-shell heterostructures: light trapping, charge carrier management, passivation...  
V. Consonni et al., *Nanotechnology* 30, 362001 (2019)



R. Paize et al., *J. Phys. Chem. C* 121, 9672 (2017)

T. Cossuet et al., *Adv. Funct. Mater.* 28, 1803142 (2018)

## Oxides for Nanoionic Devices

### Context

We study ion conducting and mixed ionic-electronic conducting (MIEC) oxides for their use in several microelectronics applications:

- ✓ Valence change memories (VCMs) and neuromorphic computing systems
- ✓ Micro Solid Oxide Fuel Cells and Electrolysers ( $\mu$ -SOCs)

### Objectives

- Design and optimization of oxide heterostructures for applications in the nanoionics field
- Understanding of the relationship between the structural, physico-chemical and functional properties
- Tuning of the microstructure, ion transport, electrochemical and resistive switching (RS) properties

### Skills & know-how

- Deposition of perovskite and fluorite-type oxides by Metal Organic Chemical Vapour Deposition (MOCVD) and Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)
- Characterization by a large number of chemical, structural and electrochemical techniques

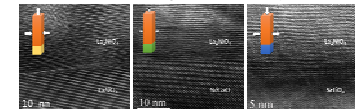
### Chemical Vapour Deposition Techniques: MOCVD and ALD



Pulsed Injection MOCVD reactor

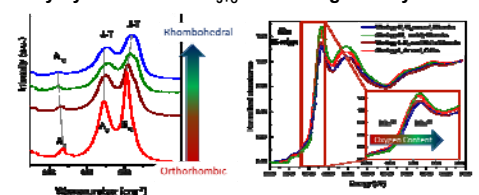
ALD reactor

### Epitaxial La<sub>2</sub>NiO<sub>4+δ</sub> thin films by MOCVD



La<sub>2</sub>NiO<sub>4+δ</sub> epitaxial thin films deposited on 3 different single crystal substrates

### Polycrystalline LaMnO<sub>3+δ</sub> thin films grown by MOCVD

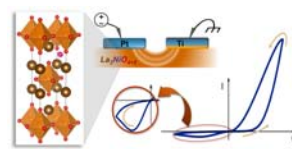


Three growth strategies to:

- ✓ integrate LaMnO<sub>3+δ</sub> on a Si-based substrate
- ✓ tune the oxygen content and Mn oxidation state

R. Rodriguez-Lamas et al., *Beilstein J. Nanotechnol.* 10, 389 (2019)

### Perovskite-Based Resistive Switching Devices



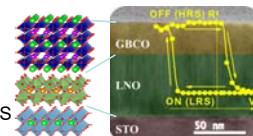
### Pt/La<sub>2</sub>NiO<sub>4+δ</sub>/Ti for Artificial Synapse Applications

- ✓ Analog, highly multilevel
- ✓ Gradual SET and RESET
- ✓ No electroforming required
- ✓ Transience behaviour
- ✓ R is history-dependant

K. Maas et al., *J. Mater. Chem. C* in press (2019)  
DOI: 10.1039/C9TC03972D

### Bipolar RS in epitaxial GdBaCoO<sub>5+δ</sub> heterostructures

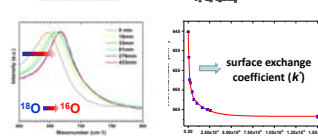
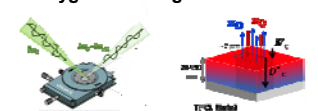
- ✓ Clockwise hysteretic R(V) switching
- ✓ Up to 2 orders of magnitude HRS/LRS



S. Bagdzevicius et al., *J. Mater. Chem. C* 7, 7580 (2019)  
S. Bagdzevicius et al., *Solid State Ionics* 29, 334 (2019)

### Functional Characterization by in-situ Raman Scattering

New methodology for isotopic oxygen exchange measurements



Rapid, cost-efficient non-destructive method to measure the surface exchange coefficient  
D. Pia et al., in preparation