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# CISA Correlative Imaging & Surface Analysis

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### **Definition of a surface**

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### "The Surface" is generally regarded to be the outer 10 nm for scientists using XPS



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2D Materials

## **XPS-**Raman analysis of MoS<sub>2</sub>

Elemental quantification with small spot XPS





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## **XPS-**Raman analysis of MoS<sub>2</sub>

Layer thickness with Raman spectroscopy





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### **XPS-Raman analysis of MoS<sub>2</sub>**







- Increased oxidation seen in Area 2 (indicated by arrow)
- Increased separation between two Raman peaks indicates increase in number of layers.

### **Correlation with SEM**



### **Correlation with SEM**





EDS not surface sensitive enough to measure Mo & S signals

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## **XPS-Raman-SEM analysis of MoS<sub>2</sub>**





- Increased oxidation seen in Area 2 (indicated by arrow)
- Increased separation between two Raman peaks indicates increase in number of layers.
- SEM shows varying density of MoS<sub>2</sub> structures in areas 1 & 2



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# **Case study**

Anti-bacterial fabrics

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### Introduction

#### Functionalisation of fabrics

- Lots of examples of processes to impart desirable properties to fabrics
  - Improved fire-retardants
  - Wettability / water repellence
  - Stain resistance
  - Strengthening
  - Anti-bacterial properties
- Coatings
- Nanoparticles

Milošević, Milica, et al. *Journal of Materials Science* 48.16 (2013): 5447-5455 Milošević, Milica, et al. *Cellulose* 21.5 (2014): 3781-3795. Marković, D., et all. (2018). *Carbohydrate polymers*, *200*, 173-182 Marković, Darka, et al. *Fibers and Polymers* 20.11 (2019): 2317-2325.



### **Functionalization of medical textiles**





### Scheme:

- Polypropylene raw material
- Corona discharge processing in air
- Treatment with sodium alginate
- Immersion in CuSO<sub>4</sub> solution
- Reduction step
  - With NaBH<sub>4</sub>
  - With ascorbic acid

## **Sample mounting**



Position	Sample
А	Polypropylene
В	After corona treatment
С	After treatment with Na alginate
D	After reduction with NaBH <sub>4</sub>
E	After reduction with ascorbic acid

### Effects of corona discharge and alginate treatments on PP

#### Neat PP



Significant changes to C1s upon corona discharge and alginate treatments

• Hydrophobic  $\rightarrow$  hydrophilic surface



#### D. Marković, et al., Applied Surface Science 527 (2020) 146829

### **SEM** images of fibres Samples A - C





### **Cu NP + PP samples**



- Sample imaged using SnapMap in the Nexsa G2, identifying variation in Cu concentration
- Data collected at points with high / low Cu
- Same positions imaged in Axia ChemiSEM

# **Sample D – aggressive reduction with NaBH**<sub>4</sub>



Name	Peak BE	Height CPS	FWHM eV	Area (P) CPS.eV	Atomic %
C 1s	285.38	56529.90	1.62	190440.49	87.88
O 1s	532.74	13595.11	3.32	51082.88	9.75
Cu 2p	933.26	11739.93	2.85	76480.98	2.37



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### **Sample E – milder reduction with ascorbic acid**



75621.07

87859.63

10.57

1.99



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532.75

933.27

0 1s

Cu 2p

20850.79

14312.06

3.18

2.86

# Anti-microbial activity of synthesized nanocomposites

Number of microbial colonies (CFU/mI)

Micro-organism	Innoculum	Control PP	CPP + ALG + Cu1	CPP + ALG + Cu2
E. coli (ATCC 25922)	4.1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	1.1 × 10 <sup>6</sup>	<10	<10
S. aureus (ATCC 25923)	8.0 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	5.0 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	<10	<10
C. albicans (ATCC 24433)	6.0 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	1.0 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	<10	<10

- PP + CPP & PP + CPP + ALG showed similar performance to the Control PP fabric
- Both Cu treatments produce excellent antimicrobial activity
- Ascorbic acid route is effective, even though the Cu loading is ~ 50% of NaBH<sub>4</sub> reduced samples

### **CISA workflow**

- Enabling analysis at the same regions of interest on the sample in XPS & SEM instruments
- Surface chemistry identification and quantification
- Surface structure visualisation
- Compare bulk & surface chemistry using XPS, ISS and EDX
- Consolidate sample information using Maps



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See also: Session A10.6 - Thu 4<sup>th</sup> Aug – 4:15pm