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Jerusalem and the Hebrew University





The <u>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</u> is Israel's oldest (1925) university. The First Board of Governors included Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Martin Buber, and Chaim Weizmann.

Four of Israel's prime ministers are alumni of the Hebrew University. In the last decade, six graduates of the University received the Nobel Prize. In the Academic <u>Ranking of World Universities</u> index, Hebrew University is the top university in Israel and among the world's 100 top universities.

Our Research Activities

Materials (sol-gel, <u>MIPs</u>)

Forensic Chemistry Electroanalytical chemistry (SAMs, CMEs)

Our Activities

Micro and nanoelectrochemistry (SECM, AFM)

Physical electrochemistry (SAMs, electron transfer)

Thin films (mono and multilayers)

Applications: Sensing (selective electrodes) Solar energy conversion Coating medical implants Fingerprint visualization And more... What's the common base between medical implants, selective electrodes and solar energy conversion?

We Live in a World of Coatings















Functional coatings Smart coatings



Modifying and Controlling the Interface: Coatings, Films, Layers...

A monolayer or thicker film will affect and control the physical and chemical properties of the interface without (almost) affecting the bulk





Considerations in Coatings

- \checkmark The application
- \checkmark The material (metallic, inorganic, organic, biological)
- \checkmark The thickness (monolayer (nm) to thick layer (micron))
- ✓ The structure (continuous film, clusters, nano-objects, molecular species)
- ✓ Patterning
- ✓ Control (location, width, thickness...)
- ✓ Cost
- ✓ Equipment
- Complexity of the structure



Coatings



Thin Films-Self-Assembled Monolayers

Ag

Simple to form Different substrates (e.g., metals, metal Au oxides) Cu Can be functionalized HS۰ Fast Diffusion X= CO₂H, NH₂, SO₃H... No accumulation of Undesired products Ox/Red Easy to study in detail

- Require difficult synthesis
- Inert substrates, e.g.,
- Pt, are hardly modified
- Bulky groups introduce disorder
- Not always stable
- Depletion of desired analytes
- We tend to believe that we understand what's going on

Electrochemical Sensors for Heavy Metals Based on Self-Assembled Monolayers





Livorno

The Hydronet Project

http://www.hydronet-project.eu/

Developing and testing a new technological platform for improving the monitoring of water bodies based on a <u>network of sensors</u>, <u>sensorized buoys</u>, and autonomous, floating and sensorized <u>robots</u>.



Our part: Design and development of a series of micro-fabricated stable chemo-, bio-, and optical-sensors for the determination of heavy metals and oil in water.

Sensors Specifications

	Cr(VI)	Cd(II)	Hg(II)
Power Consumption (W)	5	5	5
Power Supply (V)	12	12	12
Weight (Kg)	3	3	3
Sampling Water (I)	10 mL	10 mL	10 mL
Measurement time	30 min	30 min	30 min
Sensor maintenance	1 week	1 week	1 week
Detection limit	< 1µg/L=2·10⁻ ⁸ M	50 ng/L=4.5.10 ⁻¹⁰ M	<10ng/L=5.10-11 M
Accuracy	± 20 %	± 20 %	± 20 %
Range	1-100µg/L	0.05-10µg/L	0.01-1µg/L
Volume	50 mL	50 mL	50 mL
Output Signal	RS232/CAN BUS/Analogic signal		
Oriented (yes/no)	yes	yes	yes
Waste production (for measurement)	10-50 mL	10-50 mL	10-50 mL
Calibration Period (Manual)	every day	every day	every day

From: HydroNet_D2.1_User's needs analysis and HydroNet Platform requirements and specifications_v1.8

Concentrating the Analyte onf the Electrode Surface -Stripping Voltammetry



1. Sensor for Cd(II): The Under Potential Deposition Effect

Cd stripping



The Effect of Time on Cd UPD on a Bare Au Electrode



Self Assembled Monolayers (SAM's)



- Functional Group : -COOH, -SO₃, -NH₂
- Tail : Alkyl Chain
- Head Group : SH



The Effect of a Self-Assembled Monolayer (SAM) on the UPD



Calibration Curve

10 ppb to 150 ppb



The height of the peak obtained from subtractive square wave anodic stripping voltammetry (SASV) of Cd²⁺ in buffer pH 2, E_{dep}=-0.4 V T_{dep} =360 sec



Measuring Cd in Tap Water



The height of the peak obtained from a standard addition experiment using subtractive square wave anodic stripping voltammetry (SASV) of Tap Water acidified to pH 3, E_{dep}=-0.5 V

Designing a Flow System



Development of an Automated Flow System



Complete System



2. Electrochemical Determination of Fe(II) by a Terpyridine-Based Self-Assembled Monolayer





APT = p-anilino-2,2':6',2"-terpyridine



- Positive redox potential ~1.0 V vs. Ag/AgCl
- Formation of an octahedral complex
- Very large complexation constant
- Colorful





Attachment of APT and $Fe(APT)_2^{2+}$ onto ITO



Oxidation of APT (1 mM) on GC in ACN, 0.1M TBATFB





Oxidation of Fe(APT)₂²⁺ (0.5 mM) on GC in ACN, 0.1M TBATFB



Glassy Carbon

Attachment of Fe(APT)₂²⁺ onto ITO







 Γ =4.6.10⁻⁹ mol·cm⁻²



Absorption spectrum of: $A - ITO/Fe(APT)_2^{2+}$ and $B - Fe(APT)_2^{2+}$ in ethanol

CV (50 mV·s⁻¹) of the modified ITO in 0.1 M K_2 SO₄ (pH4.0)

CV (50 mV·s⁻¹) of 1 mM Fe(APT)₂²⁺ in 0.1 M K₂SO₄ (pH4.0)





 $\Gamma = 3.10^{-9} \text{ mol} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$

CV of $ITO/Fe(APT)_2^{2+}$ in 0.1 M K_2SO_4 (pH4.0) at different scan rates and the dependence of the peak current on scan rate

Observations:

- Trying to extract Fe²⁺ by the APT (aniline-tpy) monolayer was not successful
- Extracting Fe^{2+} by the $Fe(APT)_2^{2+}$ was also not successful
- Extracting Fe(tpy)₂²⁺ was questionable
- The monolayers were studied by XPS, capacity, contact angle and other surface techniques suggesting that the monolayers are not highly organized <u>Conclusions</u>:
- APT can be covalently attached onto the surface, however, is not sufficient flexible to allow complexation by two adjacent ligands

 $Fe(tpy)_{2}^{2+}$

 \cdot Probably a ligand substitution reaction can take place on the surface (



Solution:

Synthesize a more flexible arm



Attachment of APOTPY onto ITO



CV (50 mV s⁻¹) of ITO APOTPY 1 mM and 0.1 M TBATFB in ACN



APOTPY/ITO

Extraction of Fe²⁺ by an ITO/APOTPY



CV (50 mV·s⁻¹) of ITO/APOTPY after extraction of Fe²⁺ (1 mM)



XPS of an ITO/APOTPY electrode after extraction of Fe²⁺





Effect of time of preconcentration (SWV, 0.1 mM Fe^{2+})

3. SAM for Increasing the Adhesion



Coating medical implants

Metoki et al, Langmuir, 2014, 30, 6791

Orthopedic Implants

Arthroplasty is an operative procedure of orthopedic surgery, in which the hip joint is replaced.¹



According to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS), in 2008, there were a total of 277,399 total hip replacements performed in the US.²











Preparations of Alkyl Phosphonic Acid SAM on Titanium Surface



Chemically prepared



Electrochemically prepared







Preparations of Alkyl Phosphonic Acid SAM on Titanium Surface



Preparations of Alkyl Phosphonic Acid SAM on Titanium Surface

Sample	Chemisorbed	Electrochemically
		prepared
	Mean Capacitance [µF/cm²]	Mean Capacitance [µF/cm²]
Control	39.25±8.14	39.89±1.06
6C	4.66±1.60	5.42±1.35
10C	2.98±0.81	2.70±0.27
13C	1.41±0.22	-
16C	1.05±0.09	-



 $C_{dl} = rac{\epsilon \epsilon_0 A}{d}$
Controlling the Deposition of Hydroxyapatite $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2$ $2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2 + 2OH^ HPO_4^{2-} + OH^- \rightarrow PO_4^{3-}$ $10Ca^{2+} + 6PO_4^{3-} + 2OH^- \rightarrow Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2$

OPO₂H₂

- Length of chain: $x \not{T}$ PO₃H₂-(CH₂)_n-PO₃H₂, n=3,6,12
- End group charge:
 PO₃H₂-(CH₂)₃-x, x= PO₃H₂, NH₂, CH₃
- Anchoring group:
 x-(CH₂)₃-x, x= PO₃H₂, COOH, OH

Calcium Phosphate Coatings and SAMs



The Effect of the SAM on Stress Failure Test

Sample	Stress to failure [MPa] (GB)	Stress to failure [MPa] (NaOH)
No SAM	8.08±0.52	26.18±6.60
$PO_{3}H_{2}$ -(CH_{2}) ₃ - $PO_{3}H_{2}$	48.45±6.12	22.6±4.48
$PO_{3}H_{2}-(CH_{2})_{6}-PO_{3}H_{2}$	37.26±6.86	45.52±16.36







4. Molecularly Imprinted Polymers (MIP)

Supramolecular interactions such as hydrogen bonding, p-p interactions, hydrophobic-hydrophilic and electrostatic interactions are used

Cyclic Voltammetry of Parathion

Recycling of the electrode

Selectivity in Binding Parathion vs. Derivatives

TEP

parathion-Me

fenitrothion

Selectivity for Parathion

5. Nanoparticles Imprinted Polymers (NIP): Can We Recognized Nanoparticles Based on their Shape?

The Concept: imprinting a nanoparticles followed by its removal to form a hole that will selectively recognize the same nanoparticles

Surface

S. Kraus-Ophir, Angew. Chem. 2014, 53, 294-298

Why NIPs?

Nanotoxicology:

Due to their nm size NPs can exhibit high toxicity independent of the material they are made of. Their toxicity depends on size, structure and shell.

Semiconductor nanoparticle of PbS coated by oleic acid, oleyl and hydroxyl (size ~5nm)

There is a need for simple analytical methods for differentiation between nano-objects: Nanoobject Speciation

Nanocomposites - LB films of PANI/Au Nanoparticles

Tanami G. Langmuir 2010, 26, 4239

Nanoparticles Imprinted Polymers: The System

Electrostatic interaction between positively charged PANI and negatively charged AuNPs to form nanocomposite at the water-air interface enabling its transfer onto ITO

SEM images before and after removal

(d)

SEM images of two LB layers of 33 nm diameter AuNPs@PANI nanocomposite deposited at 28 mN·m⁻¹ before (a) and after (b-d) electrochemical dissolution of gold

LSV of oxidation the Au NPs

LSV of 1-3 deposited NIP (33 nm AuNPs) layers recorded in 0.1 M KCl with a scan rate of 50 mV·s⁻¹: (a) removal of the initially imprinted AuNPs; (b) removal of the reuptaken AuNPs LSV after reuptake of 33 and 15 nm AuNPs by 1 and 3 layers of NIPs imprinted by 33 (33-1 and 33-3) (a) and 15 nm (15-1 and 15-3) (b) NPs

Summary of the reuptake experiments

(a) Log of 15 and 33 nm AuNPs reuptaken by 1-3 LB layers of NIPs imprinted by either 15 or 33 nm AuNPs. (b)-(c) Schematics of the reuptake process by the various NIPs as a function of number of layers and imprinted AuNPs

Golf with Au NPs...

A Few Words About Electroplating...

Indirect Deposition Nano Deposition

Electrochemical Deposition

Direct electrochemical deposition:

$$Ox_{(aq)} + ne^{-} \rightarrow Re d_{(s)}$$

$$Fe_{(aq)}^{2+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow Cu_{(s)}$$

$$Fe_{(aq)}^{2+} \rightarrow Fe_{(aq)}^{3+} + e^{-}$$

$$Fe_{(aq)}^{3+} \rightarrow Fe_{(aq)}^{-} \rightarrow Fe(OH)_{3(s)}$$

Electrochemical polymerization:

Indirect electrochemical deposition:

$$Ox_{(aq)} + ne^- \rightarrow Re d_{(aq)}$$

Re $d_{(aq)} + A_{(aq)} \rightarrow P_{(s)}$

 $2H_2O + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2 + 2OH^ Fe^{3+}_{(aq)} + 3OH^- \rightarrow Fe(OH)_{3(s)}$

Advantages of Indirect Electrochemical Deposition

- Deposition of electrochemically inactive materials
- Codeposition of more than one substance
- Deposition is not limited to electron transfer region

Electrochemical Deposition of Polymer Films: Sol-Gel Deposition

Coating complex geometries

Conventional dip coating of TiO₂ SEM AI Si O TI O

Bare Au grid

Ti dip-coated Au grid

Ti electrodeposited Au grid

6. Biomedical Engineering Coating of Medical Implants-Stents

Problems

- Short term:
 - Hemorrhagic complications
 - Thrombus formation
- Long term:
 - Restenosis
 - SMC proliferation

An expanded stent remains in a previously blocked artery to help support the artery and keep it open over time. Possible solution: coating by electrodeposition of polymers

Synthesis of PEG-Sol-Gel Precursor

Okner et al. New J. Chem., 2009, 33, 1596-1604

Stent Coated with PEG-Sol-Gel

Platelet Adhesion to Coated and Uncoated Stainless Steel Substrates

X500

X2000

Uncoated surface

Coated surface

Applications of Electroassisted Deposition of Sol-Gel Films

- Deposition
- Formation of controllable thin films of silica, zirconia and titania
- Coating complex geometries
- Corrosion inhibition

Codeposition

- Encapsulation of dyes in the course of the deposition process
- Codeposition of metals
- Codeposition of nanoparticles
- Codeposition of conducting and non-conducting polymers
- · Deposition of hybrid materials, e.g., silica and zirconia

7. Sol-Gel/CNT Electrochemical Codeposition

Liu et al., Electrochem. Commun., 2014, 48, 56

Characterization of Sol-Gel/CNT Electrodeposition

Cross-Section of the Film

(B) Film

-1.2 V

Cross-section SEM images of the sol-gel/CNT composite films electrodeposited at -0.75 V (A) and -1.2 V (B) for 2 min (C): EDX mapping of carbon for (B).

Applications of CNT/Sol-Gel Films

Ag grid printed on PET before (A) and after (B) electrodeposition of sol-gel/CNT composite films at -0.9 V for 2 min

Non-linear optical performance of sol-gel/CNT composite films electrodeposited on ITO at -0.9 V for 2 min.

Specular reflectance of sol-gel/CNT composite films

Indirect Deposition Nano Deposition
Deposition of Nanometric vs. Molecular Species

Molecular deposition:

Pro:

- Monolayer formation
- Complex assemblies (multilayers)

Con:

- Limited to molecular structures or requires further treatment
- Limited mostly to organic and biological species

Nano-objects deposition:

Pro:

- Allows manipulation of nanometric structures
- Allows deposition of final structures with well-defined properties

Con:

- Requires dispersions
- Limited mostly to metallic and inorganic structures
- Not simple to construct complex (3D) structures





From Nano (in Solution) to Nano (on Surface)

The challenge:



Foreseen problems:

- Deposition is not a redox reaction
- Presence of electrolyte
- Control of the process
- Other parallel reactions

Electrochemical Control of the Interparticle Forces



Electrochemical Control of the Interparticle Forces



How can electrochemistry diminish the repulsion?

1. Changing the pH!

8. Functionalized Nanoparticles Deposition Potential-Induced Protonation



for latex nanoparticles solution

I. Levy et al. Electrochim. Acta, 2010, 55, 8590

Characterization of the Coating



HR-SEM images of electrochemically deposited latex films on an ITO plate. The films were deposited at a constant voltage of 2.0 V for 5 min: (A) and (B) the film as deposited under different magnification; (C) the film after heating to 110 °C for 15 min



Film thickness of nanoparticles on ITO as a function of the deposition potential. Time of deposition was 5 min and nanoparticles concentration was 0.27% (w/w)

Controlling the Thickness



The change in film thickness with time of applied potential. The applied potential was 2.0 V and the nanoparticles concentration 0.27% (w/w) Film thickness as a function of weight percentage of latex nanoparticles in the deposition solution. Potential and time of deposition are 2 V and 5 min, respectively

Electrochemical Coating of a Stent



HR-SEM images of a latex film electrochemically deposited on a stainless steel stent under a constant potential of 1.3 V for 10 min: (A) The stent after deposition (B) higher magnification of the deposited film

Electrochemical Deposition of Hydroxyapatite (HA) Nanoparticles



Orthopedic implants

Coating the surface with HA has shown to improve osseointegration

 $HA=Ca_5(PO_4)_3(OH)$

Methods: Electrospraying at high temp Electrochemical deposition

Geuli et al., Adv. Funct. Mater. 2016, 26, 8003



The Concept





Formation and Characterization of HA NPs





Element	at. %	
	EDS	XPS
Oxygen	68.3±2.	60.2
	5	
Calcium	19.1±1.	17.9
	5	
Phosphor	12.5±0.	11.3
us	1	
Carbon		10.6



SEM image of HAp NPs









(A) ζ -potential, and (B) particle size distribution of HAp NPs dispersed by Cit (red dots) and PAA (black squares) as a function of pH. (C, D) Images of Cit and PAA (respectively)-stabilized HAp nanoparticle suspensions as a function of pH



Electrochemically Deposited HA NPs







(A, B, C) XHR-SEM images at different magnifications of HAp NPs stabilized with Cit (10 mM) and electrochemically deposited at 2 V for 25 min. D) Thickness of the HAp NPs coating as a function of the applied potential for both dispersions (*t* = 25 min). Black dots: PAA-stabilized HAp NPs, red dots: Cit-stabilized HAp NPs.

Does it Work?



dental implant electrodeposited with HAp NPs stabilized by Cit at 2 V for 25 min



Commercial dental implant coated with HAp NPs after 30 days soaking in SBF at 37 °C



Electrochemical Control of the Interparticle Forces



How can electrochemistry diminish the repulsion?

2. Changing the ionic strength

9. Ionic Strength Induced Electrodeposition



Effect of Ionic Strength on Aggregation



DLS results show the ionic concentration (or ionic strength) effect on the average particle size of VO_2 -NP. The inset is the zoom-in image for c_i in the region of 0-0.3 mM.

Applicability of the Approach Before After



Performance of the VO₂-NP on the Cu Grid



Performance and characterization of VO_2 -NP deposits: (a) transmittance spectra for the simulation of the continuous film and the best performing experimental results of the electrodeposited VO_2 -NP micro-grid samples; (b) EDX of VO_2 -NP deposits before and after immersing in 0.01 M HCl for different durations; (c) TEM image of VO_2 -NP deposits; (d) high-angle annular dark-field (HAADF) image of mapping area; (e) EDX mapping of vanadium (in blue color); (f) EDX mapping of copper (in orange color).

10. Inorganic Thin Films – Solar Thermal Conversion

- In one hour, an energy of 4.6·10²⁰ J is delivered by the sun to earth, estimated to be humans annual consumption.
- Solar energy is environment friendly- without pollutant residues.
- Less then 0.1% of world electricity is solar power*.
- The temperature at the surface of the sun is ca. 6000 K. At that temperature, the sun behaves similarly to a black body.
- * N.S. Lewis *Basic Research needs for Solar Energy Utilization* 2005, p. 276



Solar Energy Conversion Approaches

Photovoltaic

Solar fuel





Photothermal



Photothermal Conversion Methods

- A Parabolic Trough

- Linear Fresnel Reflectors

- Parabolic Dish Systems

- Power Tower Systems



Parabolic trough





Functionalized Coatings: Photothermal Conversion of Solar Energy

Developing a photothermal coating for high temperatures (stable at 750°C):

- □ High absorptance (95%).
- □ Corrosion resistance.

Metal

□ Good adhesion to substrate.

□ Inexpensive and easily applied.



Cermet - Ceramic Metals



Pigment

Binder

Formulation: Preparation of the Coating Dispersion

Typical Formulation	%
Solvent/ water	60-90
Matrix former	2-30
Dispersant	2
Wetting agent	1
Black pigment	2-20

Application methodology:

- Substrate: Inconel (625,718, 740) stainless steel (non-sand blasted)
- Coating method: hand roll, brush and spray coating
- Curing profile: 5 or 10 °C/min up to 750 °C 2 hours

Goals

- 1. Very high absorptance (>95%)
- 2. High thermal stability (>1000 hr at 750 °C)
- 3. Excellent adhesion
- 4. No corrosion

SEM of the coatings after curing





The Ivenpah CSP in California http://www.brightsourceenergy.com/ivanpah-solar-project





11. Forensic Science: Fingerprint Visualization

The challenge: visualizing fingerprints on wet papers The reason: the amino acids dissolve



The inorganic and organic constituents present in glandular secretions that may contribute to fingermark residues*

Gland type	Inorganic substituents	Organic substituents
Eccrine	Chlorides	Amino acids
	Sodium	Urea
	Potassium	Lactic acid
	Ammonia	Proteins
	Sulfates	Sugars
		Creatinine
Apocrine	Iron	Proteins
		Carbohydrates
		Cholesterol
Sebaceous		Fatty acids
		Hydrocarbons
		Alcohols
		Glycerides

* J. Almog, Visualization, in: J.A. Siegel, P.J. Saukko, G.C. Knupfer (Eds.), Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences, Oxford, 2000, pp. 890–900



Targeting the Ridges





In both cases visualization is limited by the active sites

The catalytic (non-stoichiometric) approach





Applying Nanoparticles for Visualizing Latent Fingerprints



 $Ag^++Fe^{2+}\rightarrow Ag^+Fe^{3+}$



Sametband et al. Chem. Comm. 2007, 1142-1144

Comparison between different chain lengths - silicon surfaces



*C*₁₀

 C_{14}

The reverse approach

Reaction with the substrate





Advantages:

- Generic nature
- Insensitive to the nature of the fingermark
- Should be more sensitive due to higher concentration of active sites

Designing the Catalyst...

- What should be X?
- What should we target?
- What should be the nature of interactions?
- What should be the size of the NPs?x



Substrate (paper, wood, fabric)
Designing the Catalyst



Conclusions and Take Home Lessons...

 ✓ Interfaces can be designed and structured by thin films ranging from monomolecular layers to polymers

 \checkmark The physical and chemical properties of the surfaces can be tailored by these films

 ✓ Electrochemistry is an excellent approach for modification, characterization and controlling the deposition as well as the release of a wide variety of materials

 \checkmark The future... advanced, smart multifunctional thin films

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