

## Formulating Functional Films and Coatings IV

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# Smart ceramic coatings for corrosion protection

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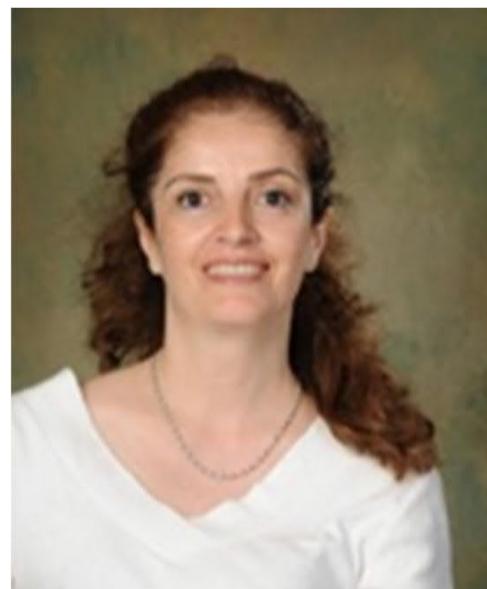
# Plasma Electrolysis Research Lab



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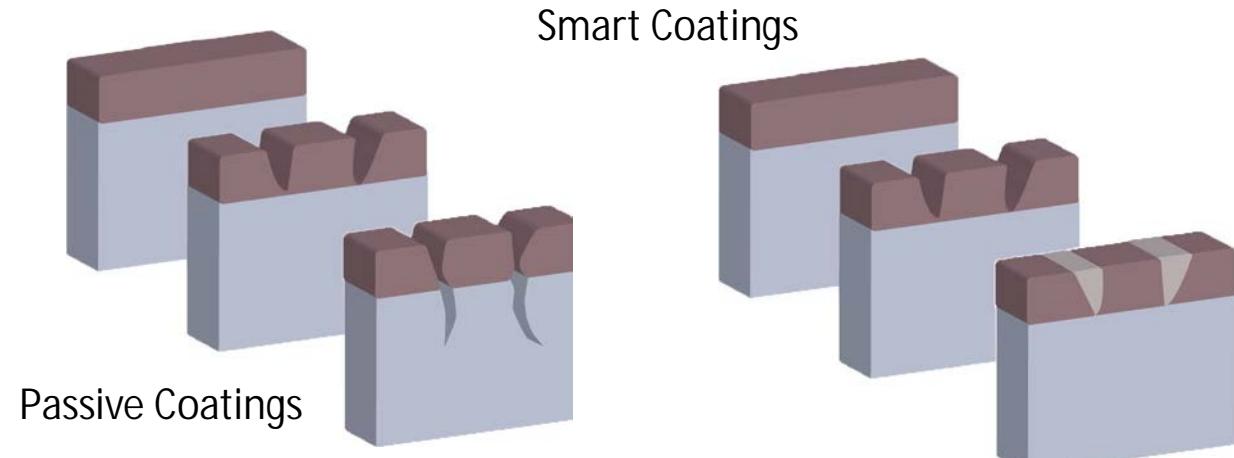


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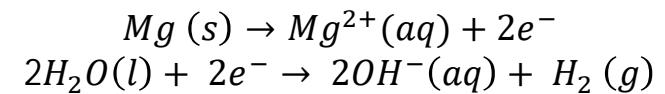
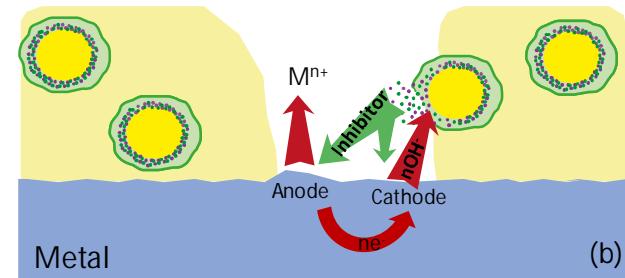
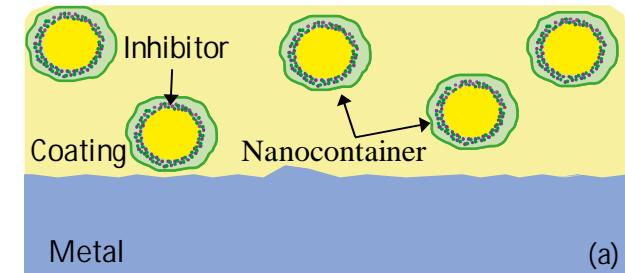
# Aims and Objectives

Develop an environmentally friendly coating technology capable of improving the long-term performance of lightweight components used in the transport industry



Passive Coatings

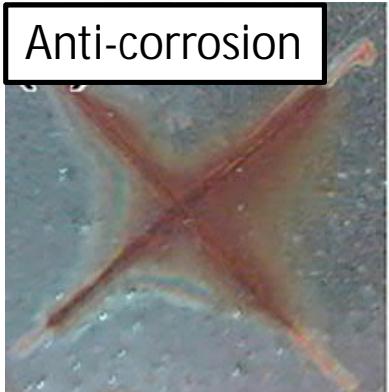
Achieve the active multi-functionalisation of ceramic coatings by incorporating encapsulated active species to provide corrosion protection and self-healing properties on-demand



# Active functionalization

## Organic coatings

Anti-corrosion



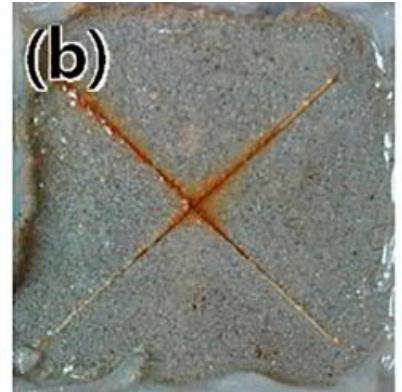
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Self-healing

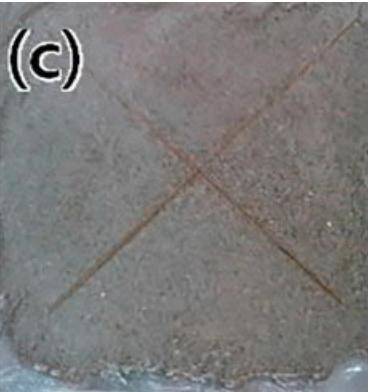


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(b)



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## Ceramic coatings

Thermal stability

Mechanical performance

Rigid and inert

Plasma Electrolytic Oxidation  
(PEO)

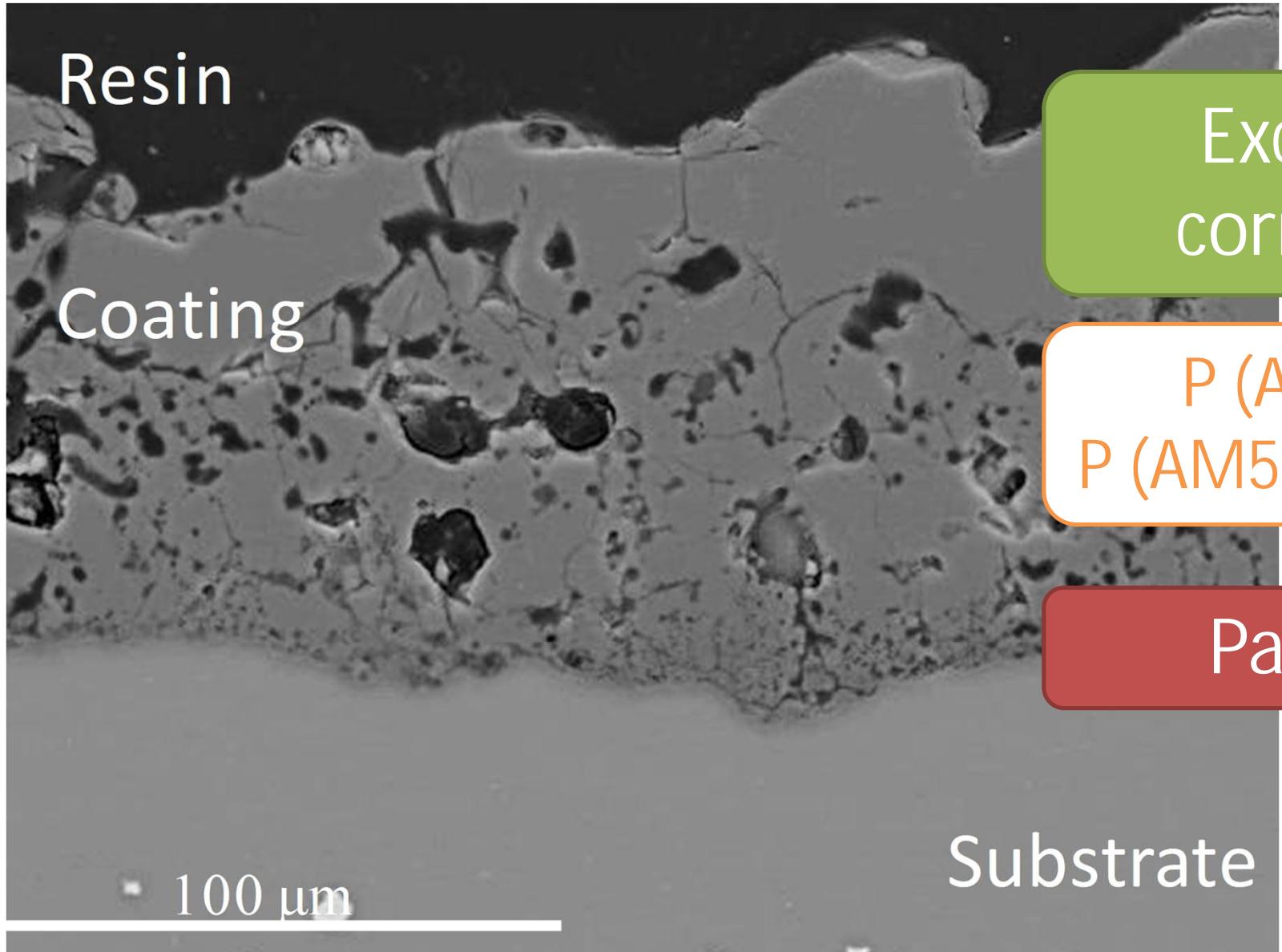
<sup>1</sup> Hanze Ying/Nature Communications 5, 3218 (2014)

<sup>2</sup> Boura/ Prog. Org. Coat., 75 (2012), pp. 292-300

<sup>3</sup> Super hydrophobic coating (UltraTech International, Inc.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPM8OR6W6WE>

# Plasma Electrolytic Oxidation (PEO)

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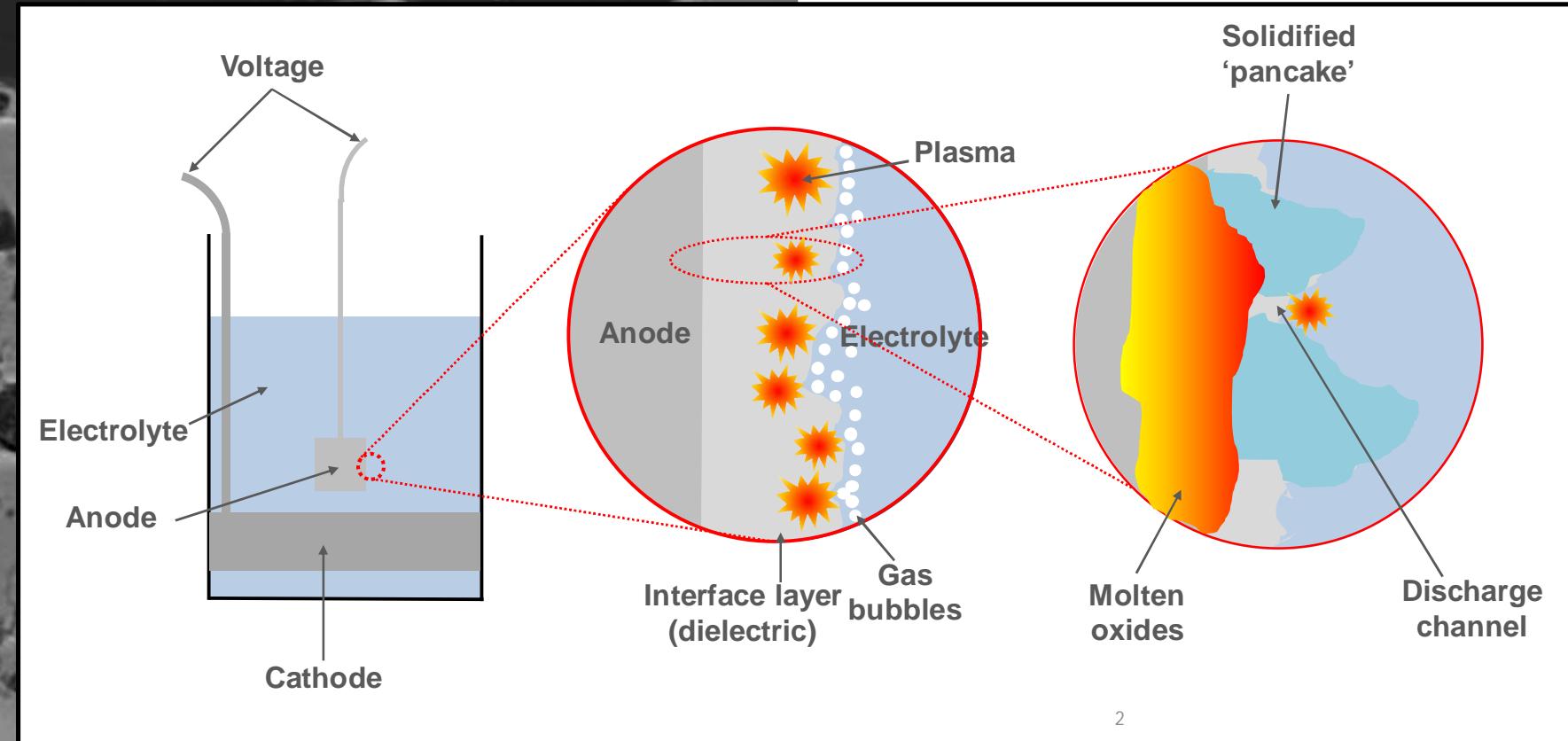
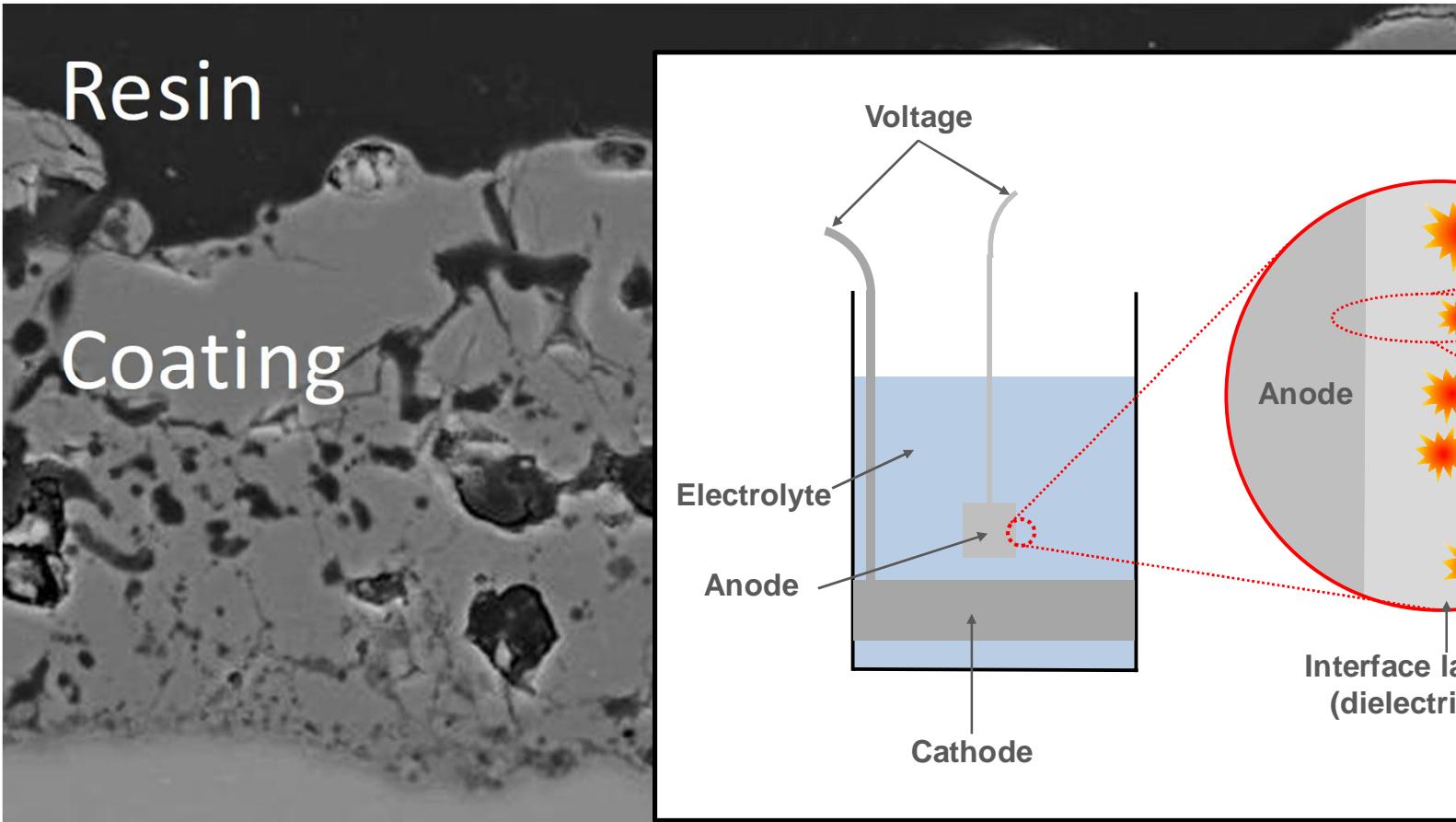
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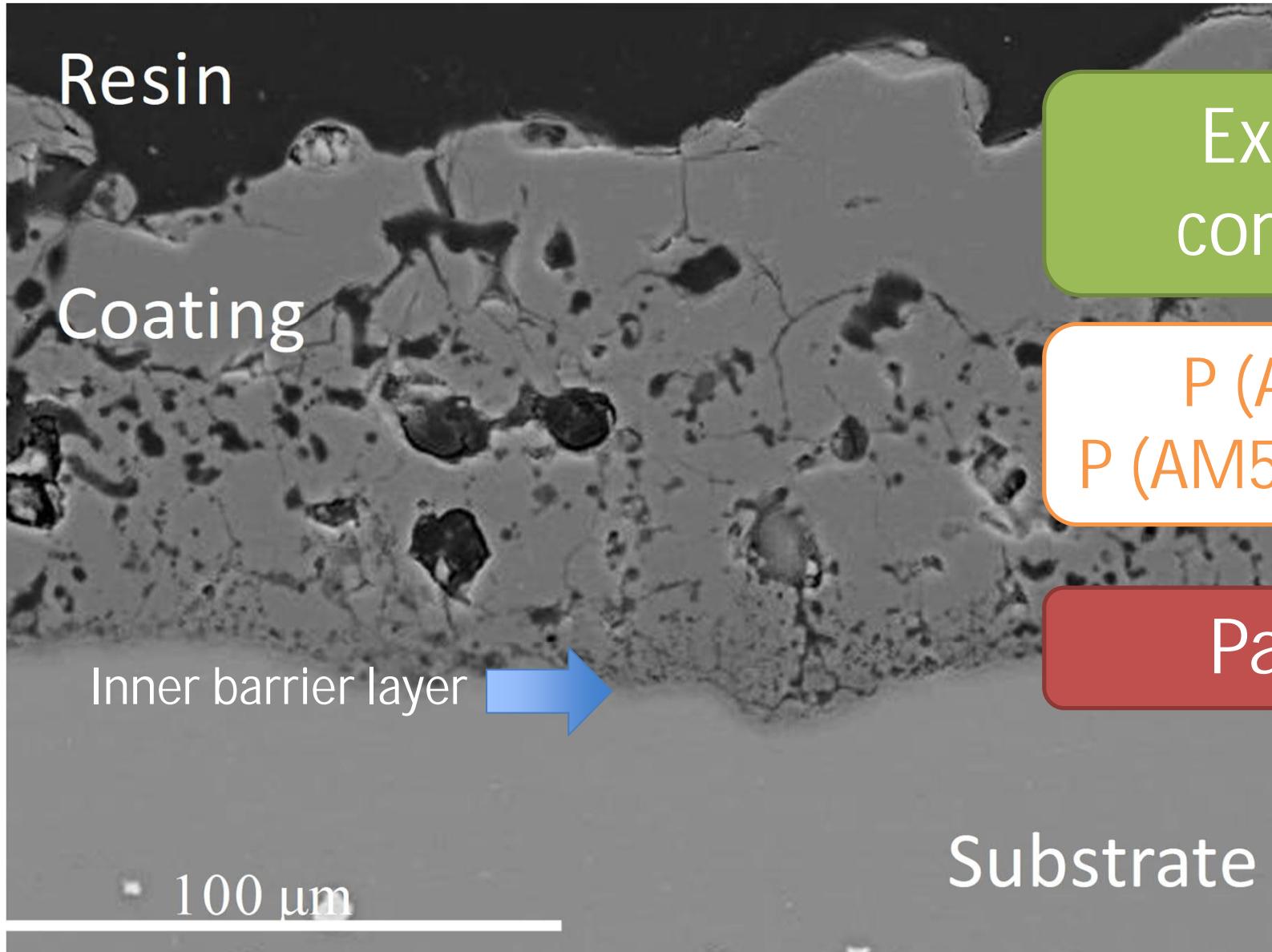
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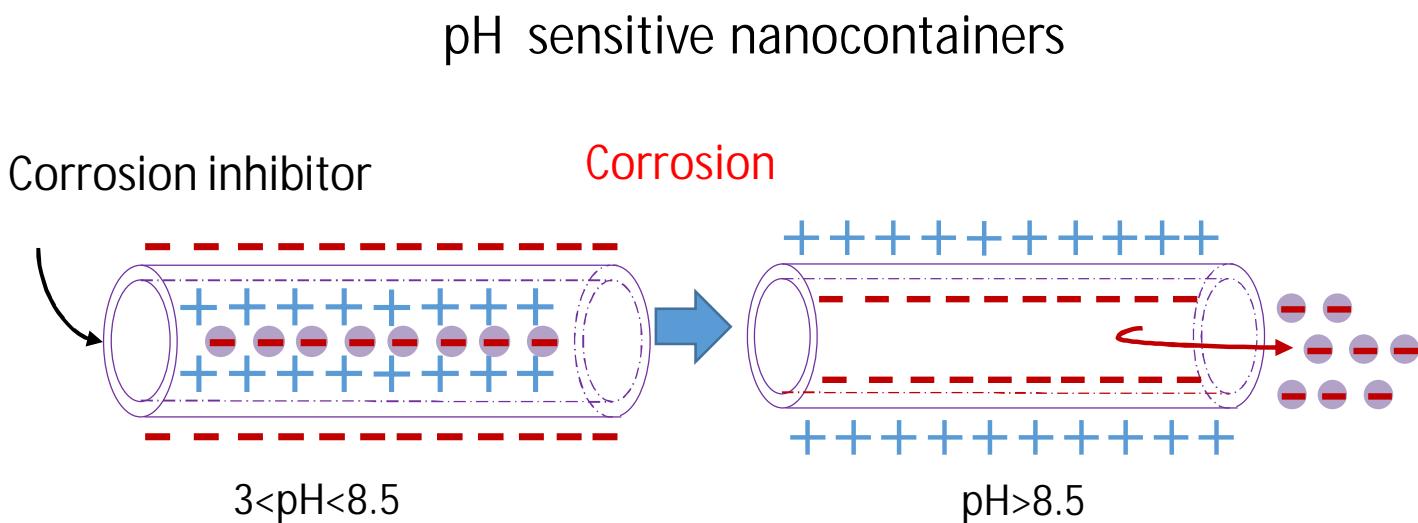
Passive protection

# Specific Objective

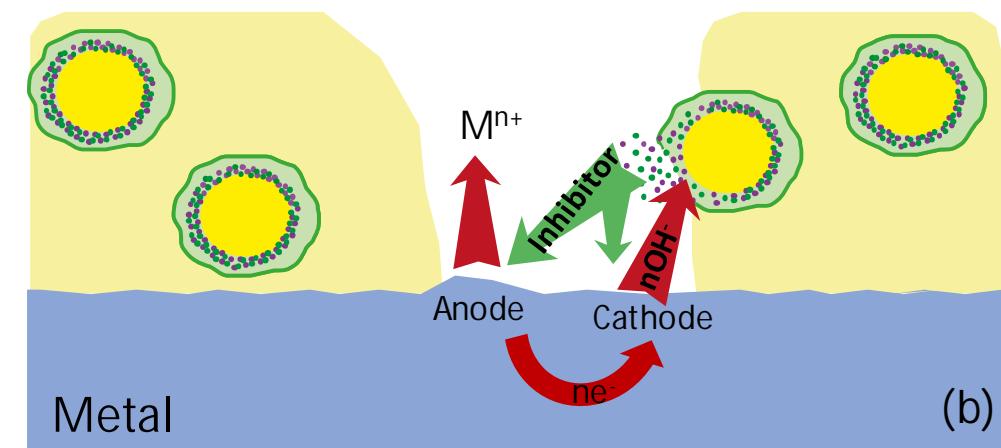
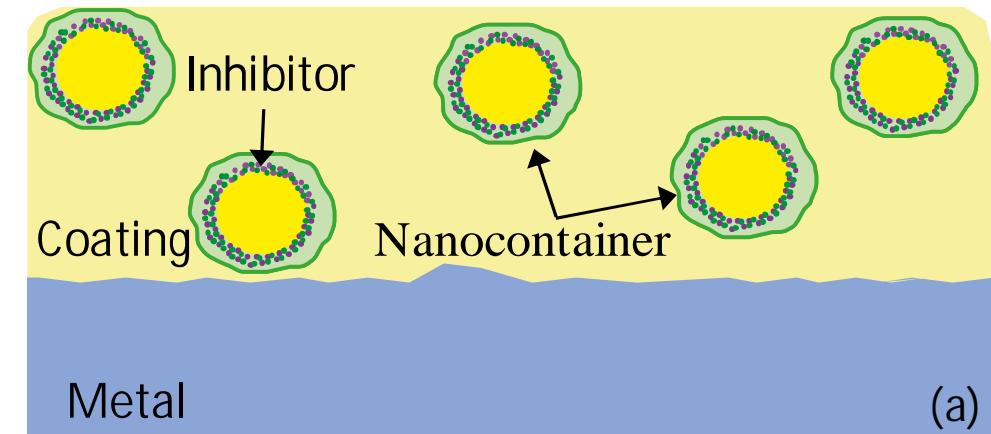
Functionalization of PEO coatings

Encapsulation of corrosion inhibitors

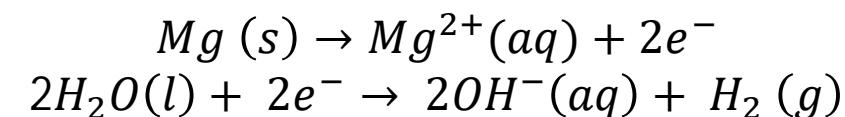
Corrosion protection on-demand



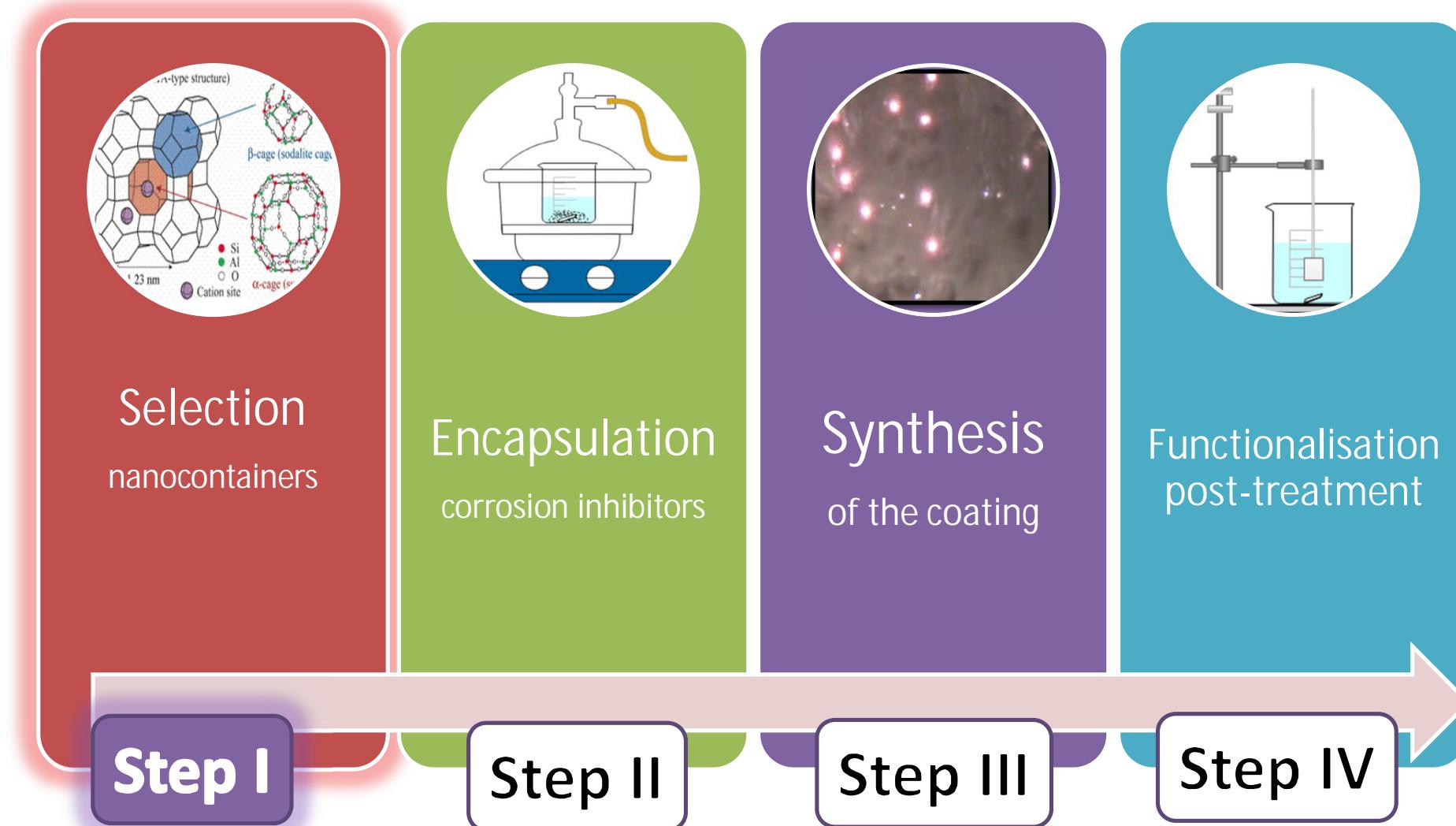
Magnesium alloy



Based on Zheludkevich/Chemistry of Materials, 19 (2007) 402-411

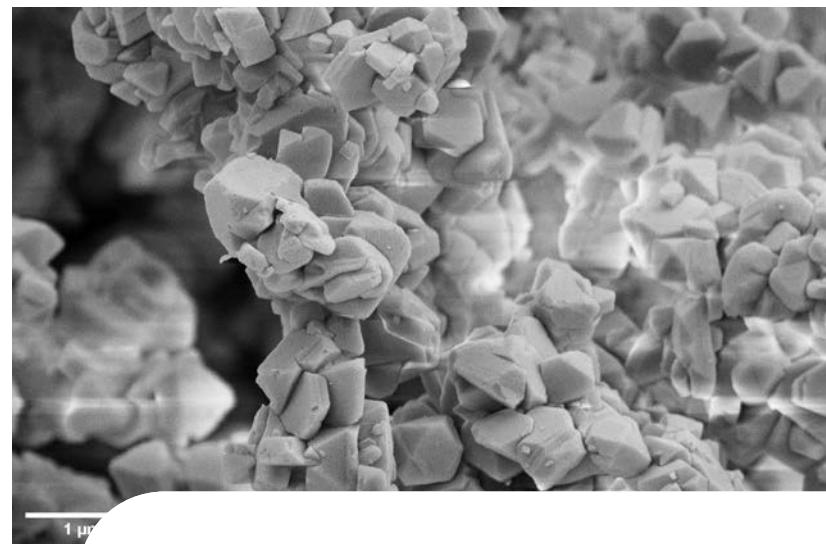


## Active functionalization of PEO coatings

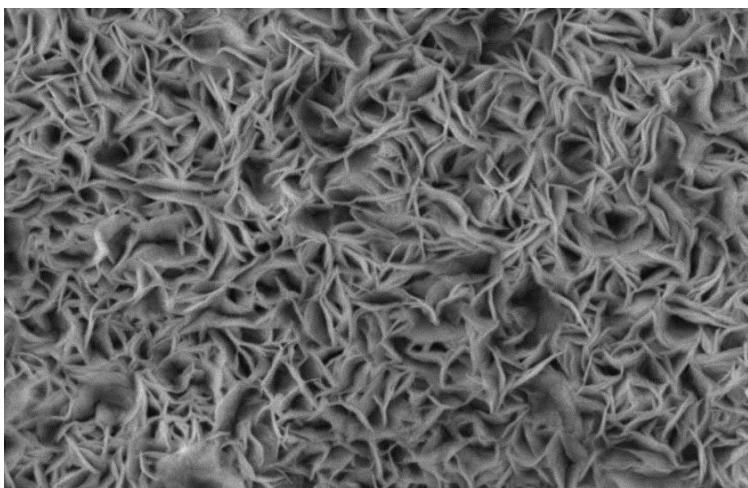


# Step I: Selection of the nanocontainer

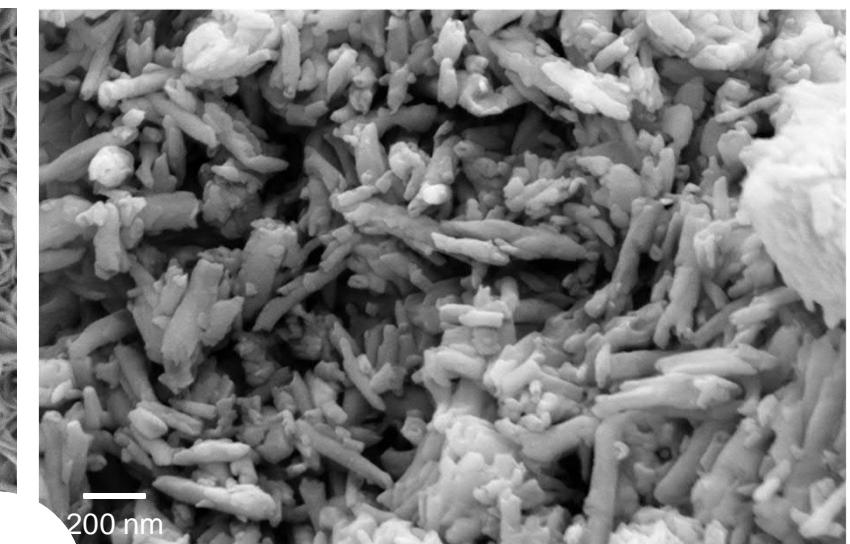
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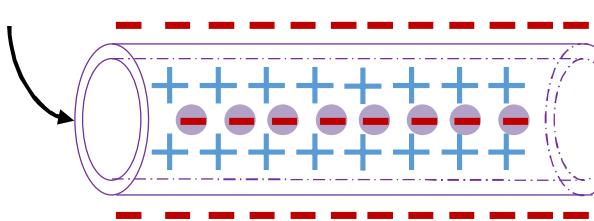
Layered Double Hydroxides (LDH)



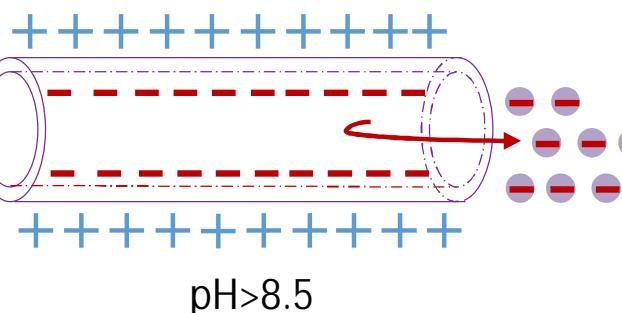
Halloysite Nanotubes (HNT)



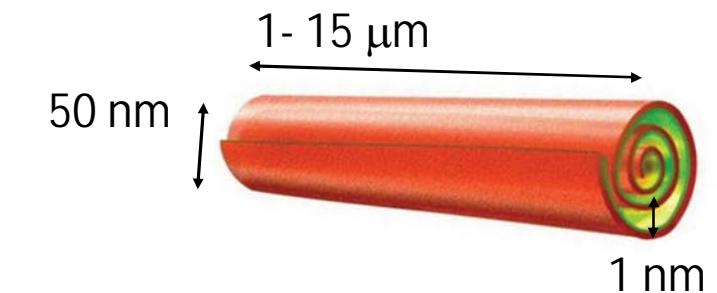
Corrosion inhibitor



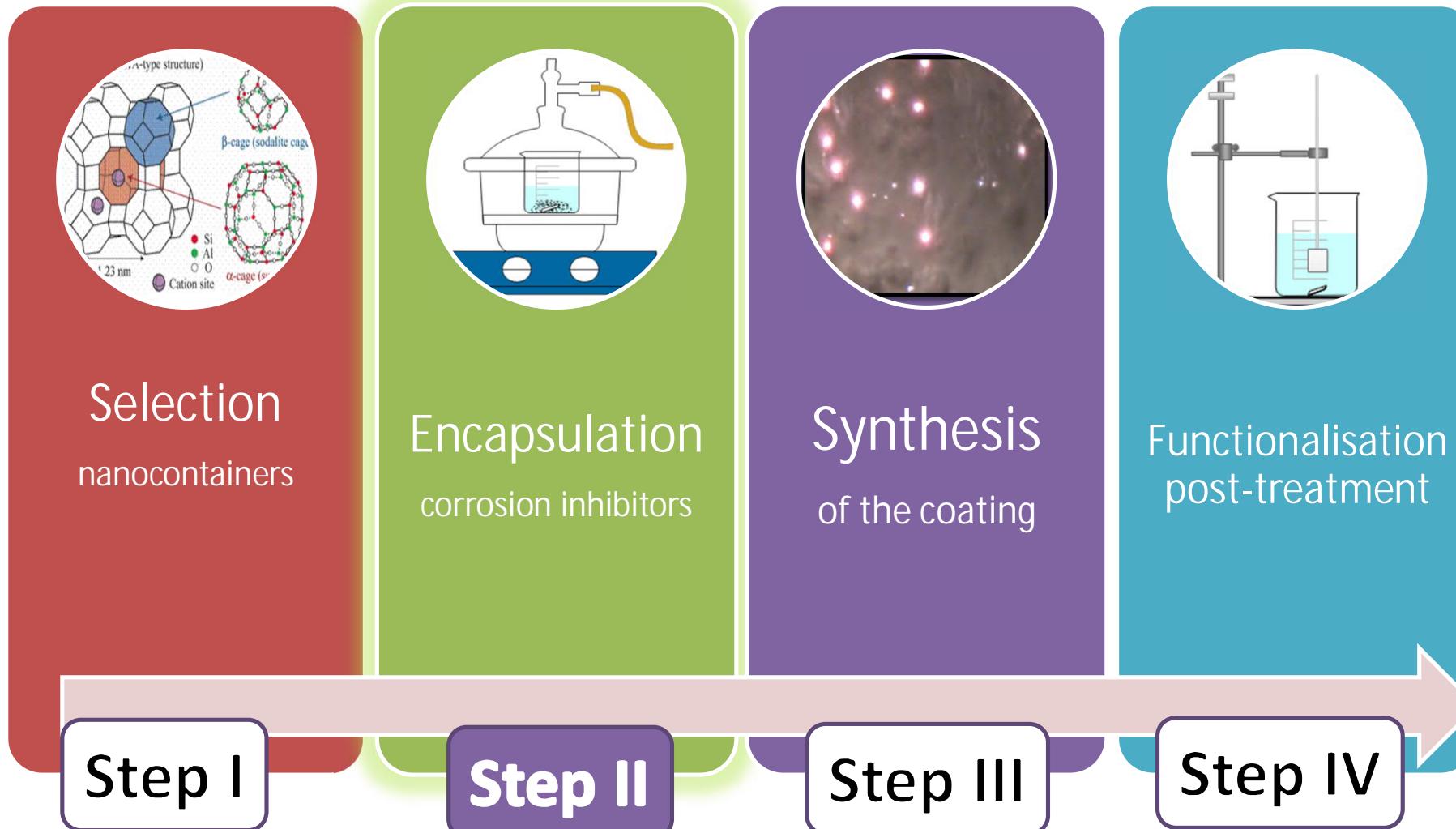
Corrosion



$3 < \text{pH} < 8.5$



# Active functionalization of PEO coatings



# Step II: Encapsulation

## Corrosion inhibitors

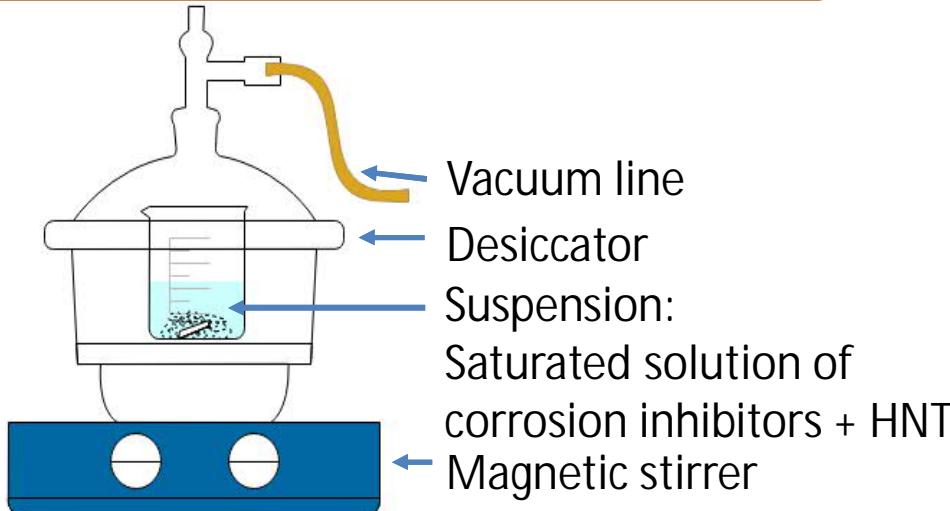
Vanadate salt ( $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$ )

Molybdate salt ( $(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

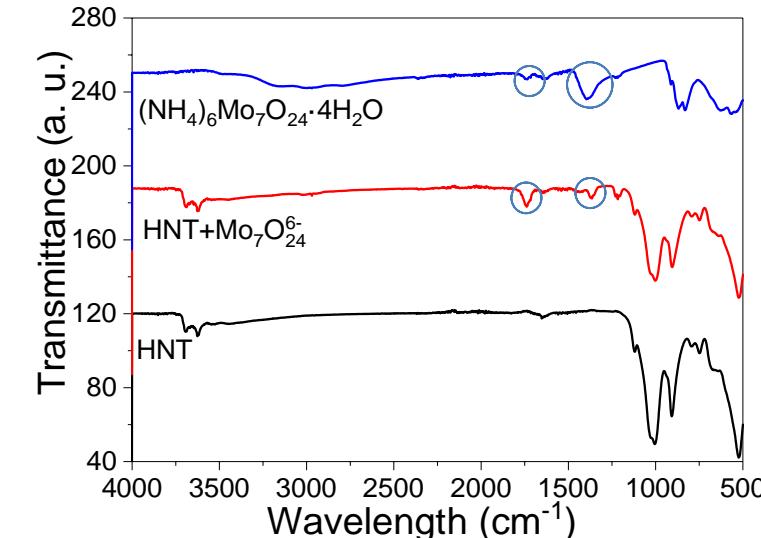
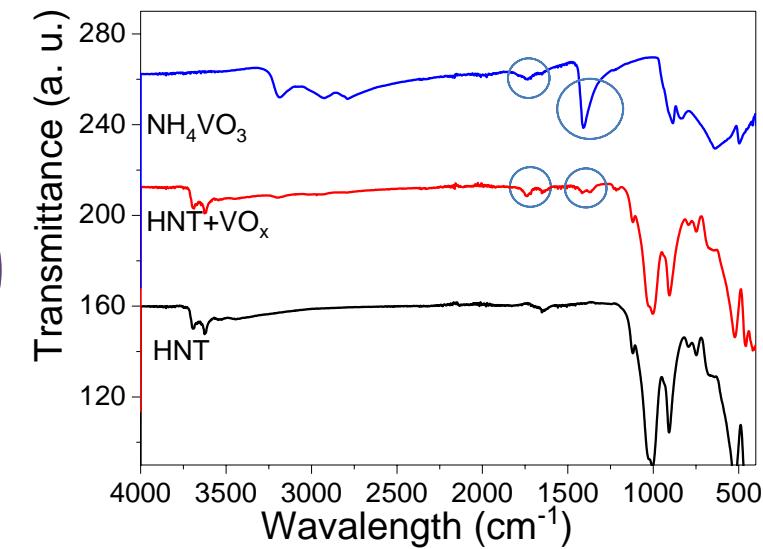
8-Hydroxyquinoline

pH  
Time

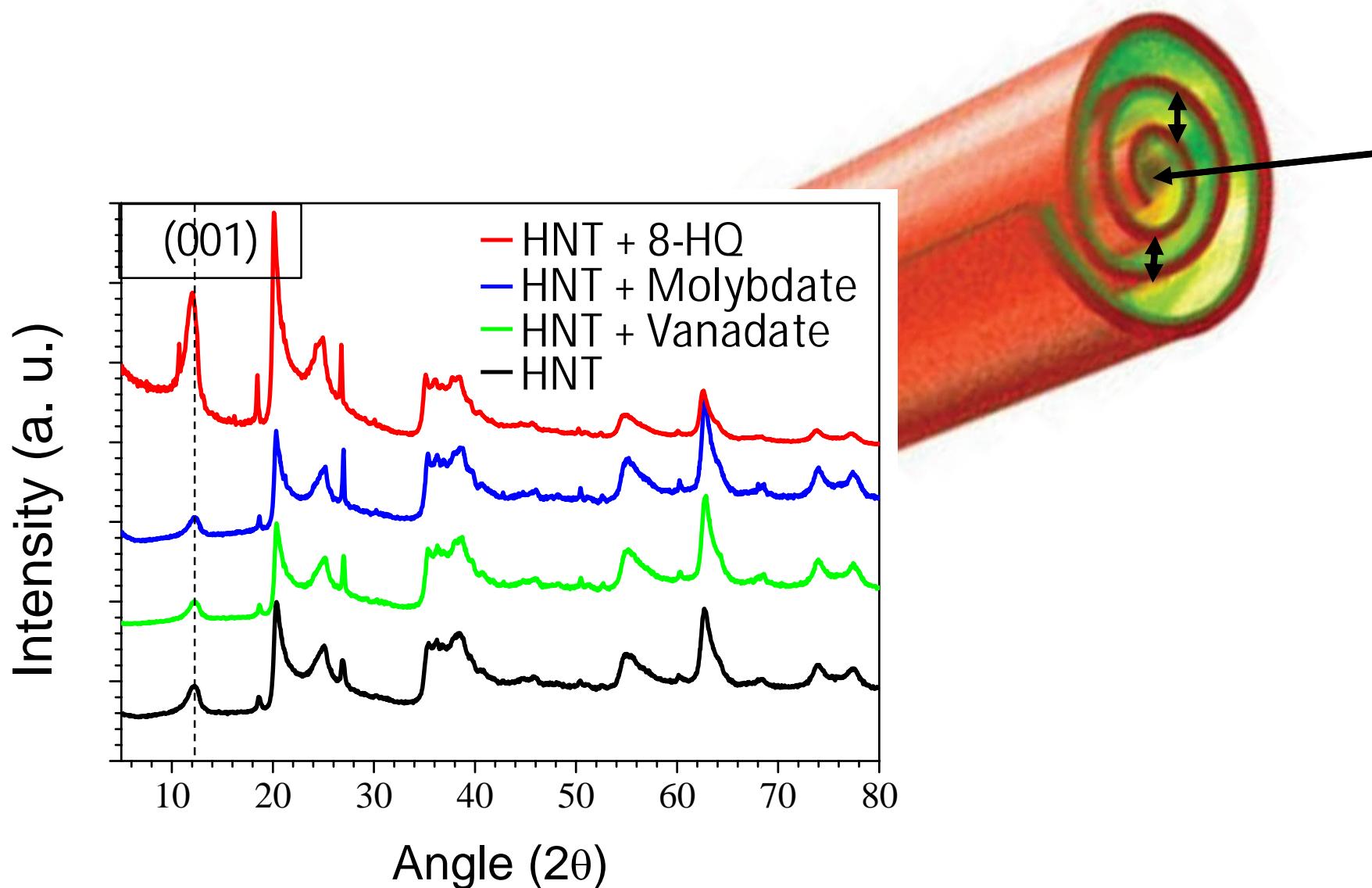
## Vacuum-induced capillarity



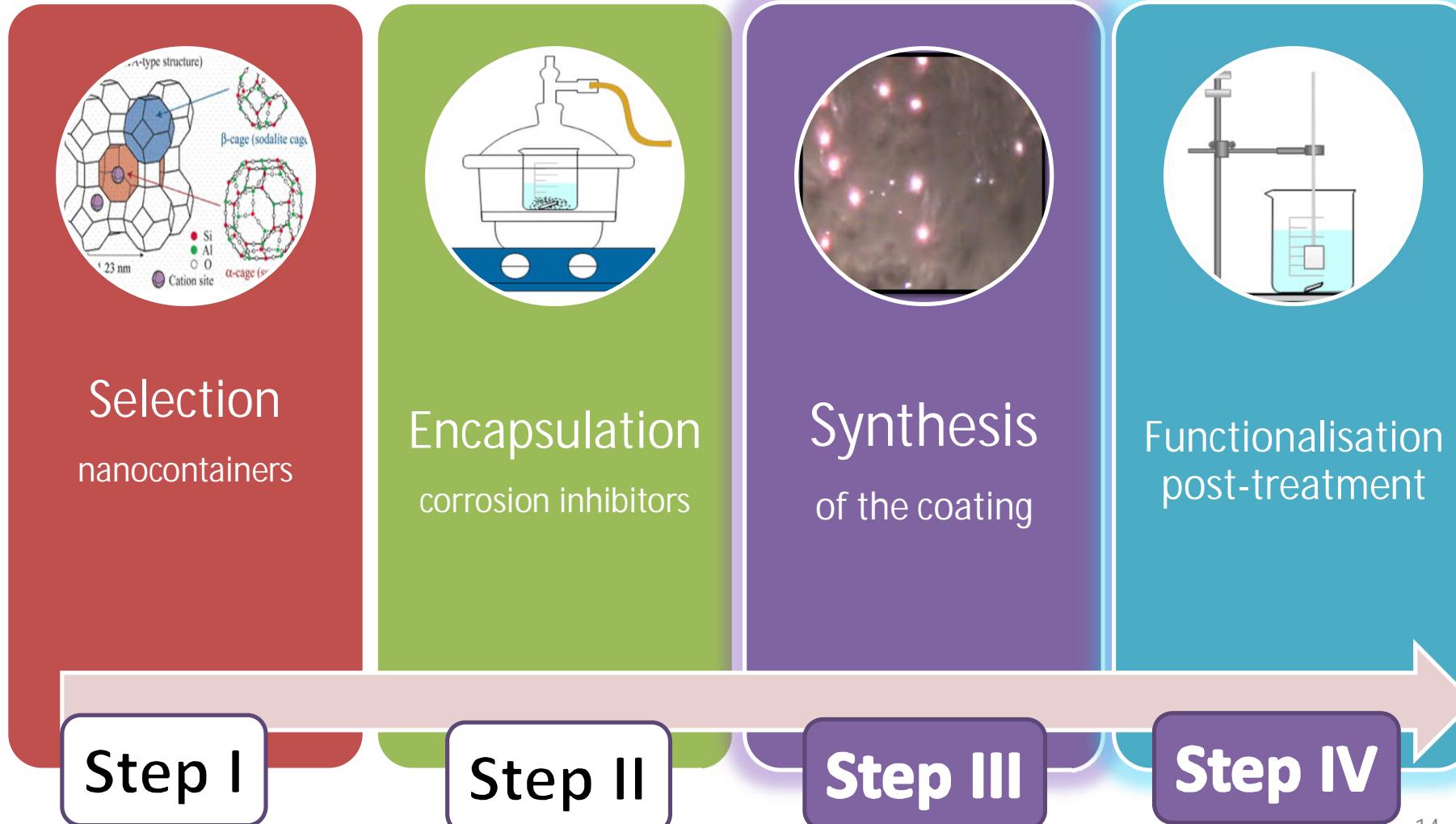
## ATR-FTIR



# Step II: Encapsulation



# Active functionalization of PEO coatings



# Step III: Synthesis of PEO coating

Single-step process

Direct functionalisation during PEO synthesis

Double-step process

Synthesis of the coating followed by functionalisation treatment

# Step III: Synthesis of PEO coating

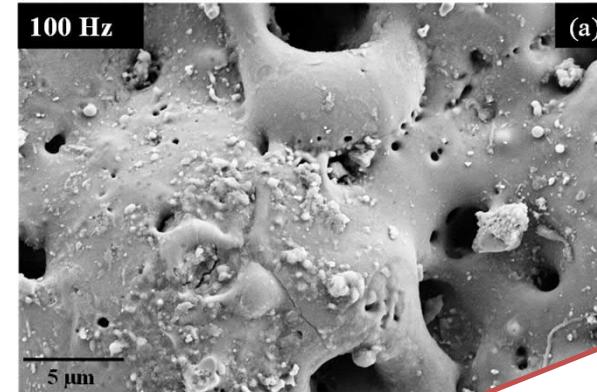
## Single-step process

AM50

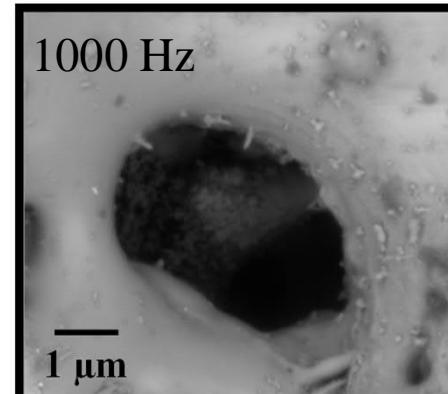
12 g/L  $\text{Na}_2\text{SiO}_3$   
2 g/L KOH  
4 g/L NaF  
10 g/L HNT

$i = 40 \text{ mA/cm}^2$   
 $t = 5 \text{ min}$   
 $\delta = 10 \%$   
 $f = 100\text{-}5000 \text{ Hz}$

Reactive



Partially Reactive



Unsuccessful



Partially Reactive

Non Reactive

↑ Frequency ↑ Number of ↓ intense micro-discharges

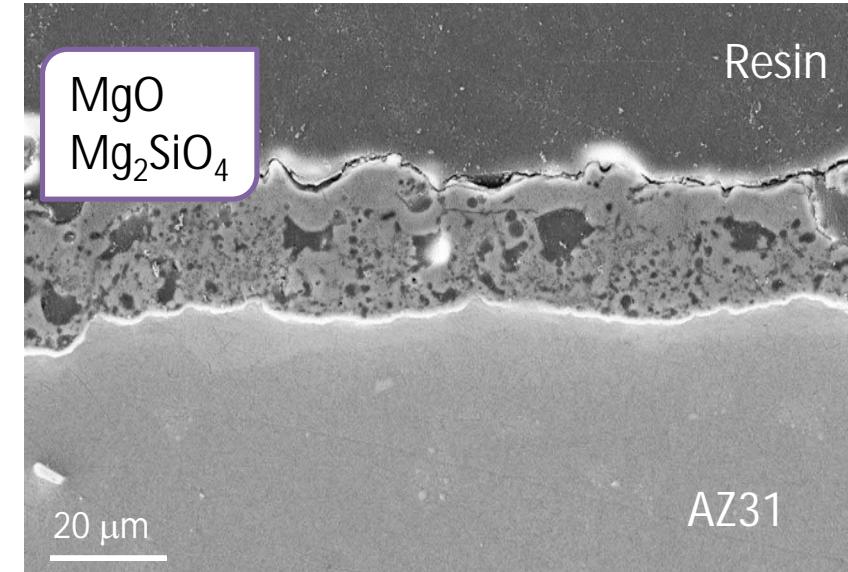
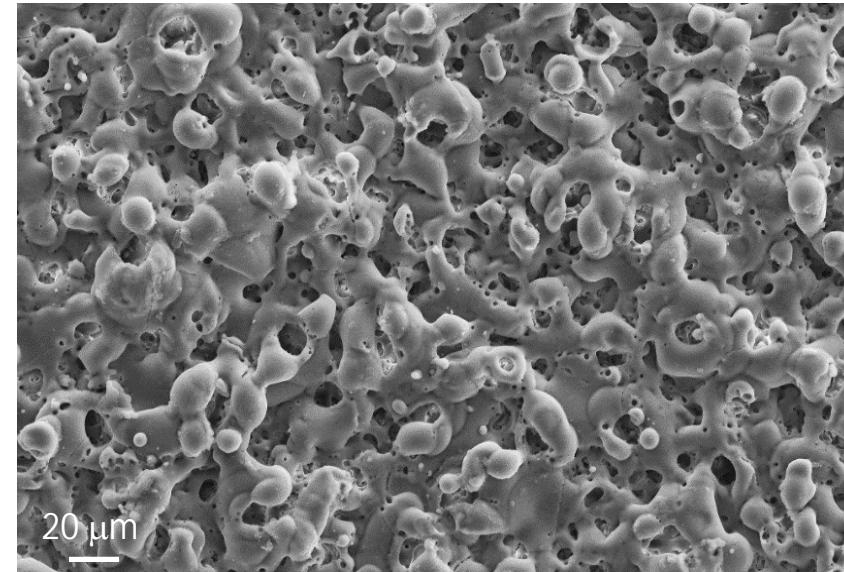
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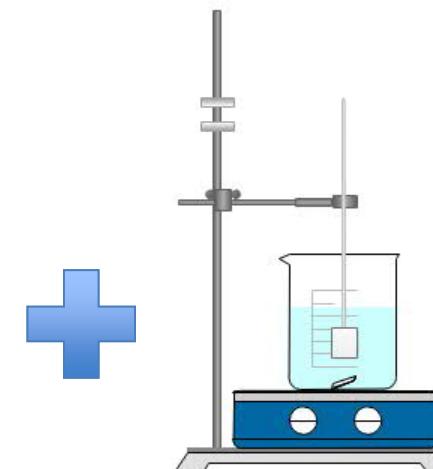
## Electrolyte

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4 g/L NaF

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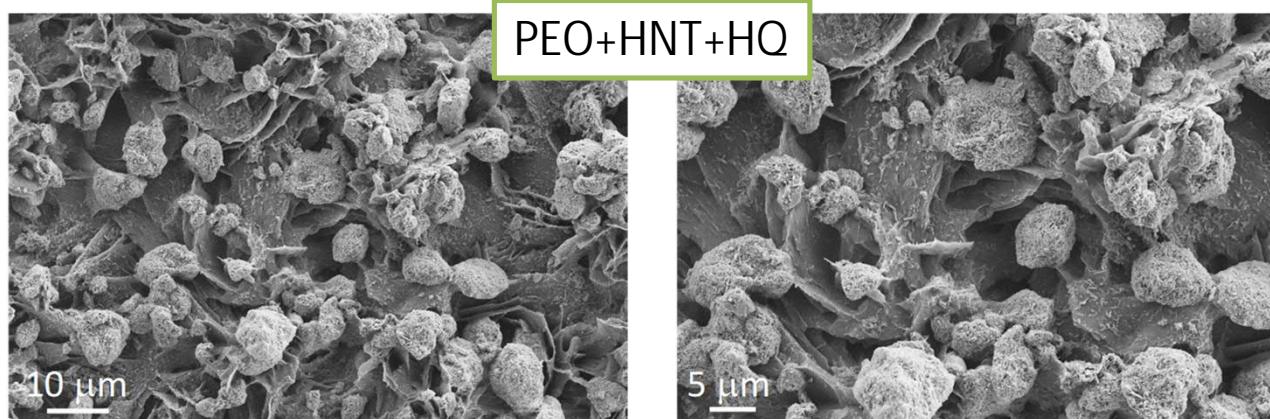
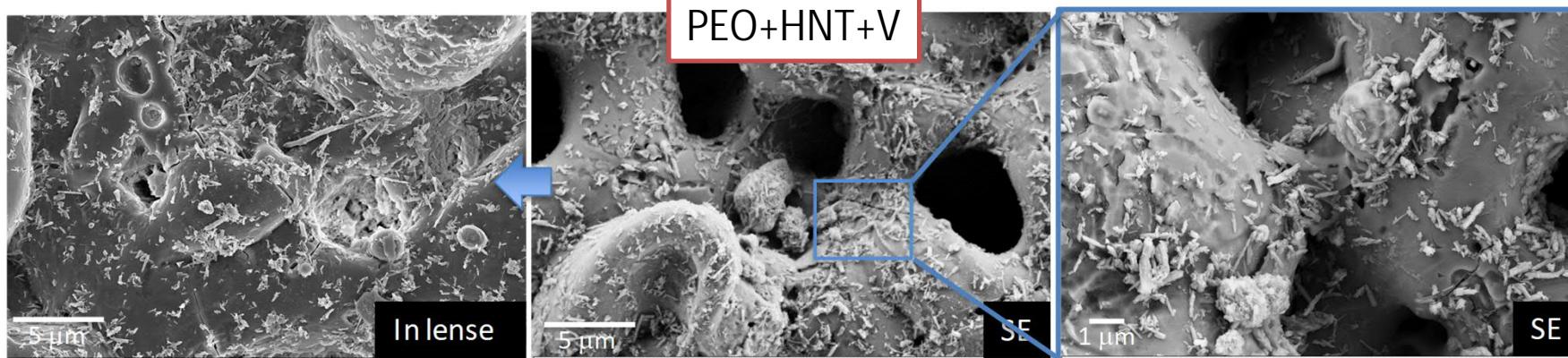
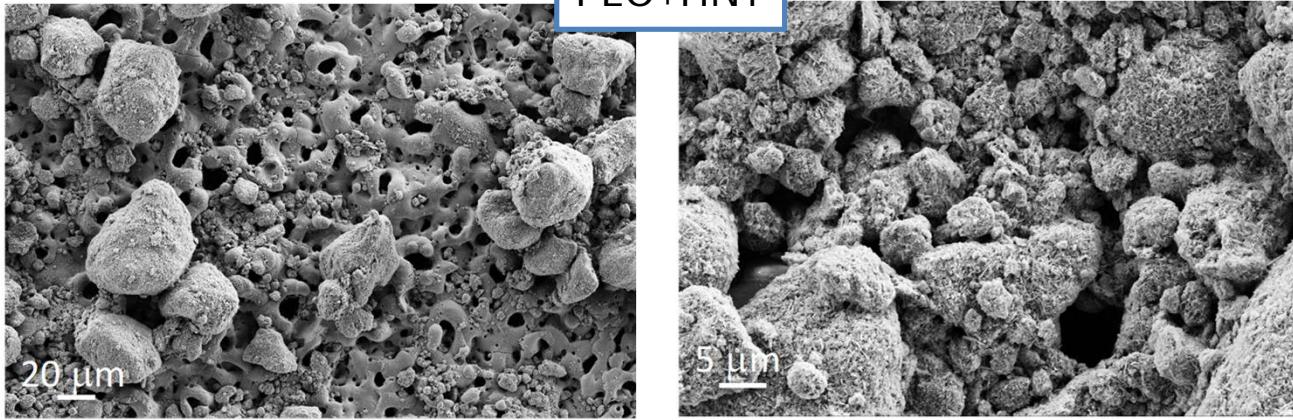
# Step IV: Functionalisation post-treatment



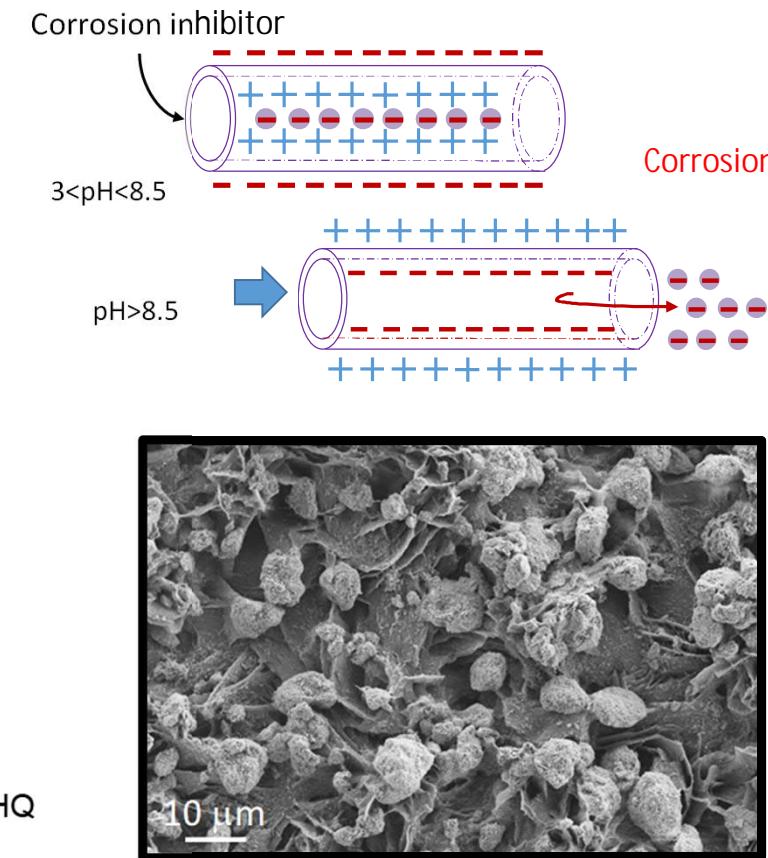
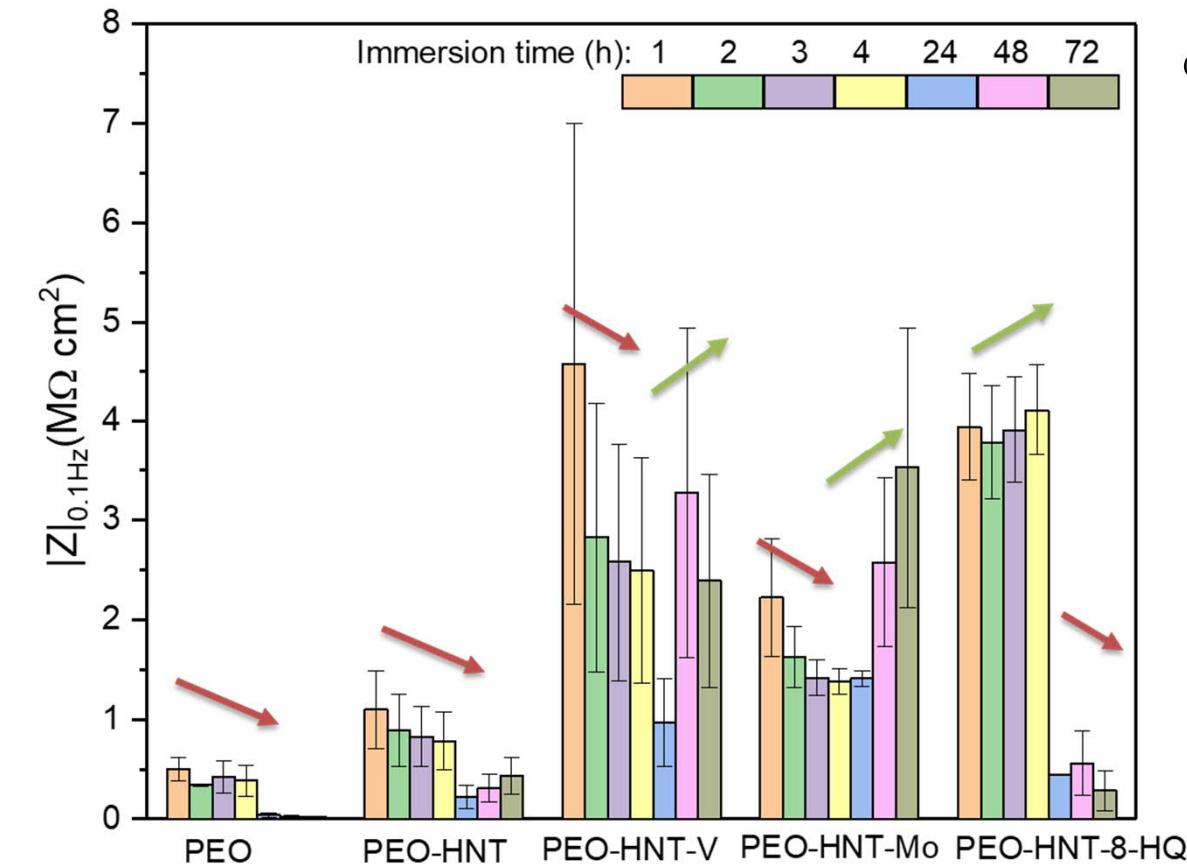
## Immersion

20 g/L corrosion inhibitor-loaded HNT  
10 min  
pH 7-7.5

# Characterisation



# Evaluation of the Corrosion Resistance: Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS)

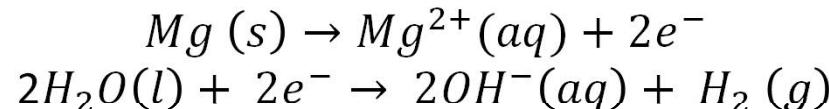


**Vanadates**  
 $\text{HVO}_4^{2-}$  (tetrahedral)  
 Anodic type inhibitor  
 Adsorption/precipitation

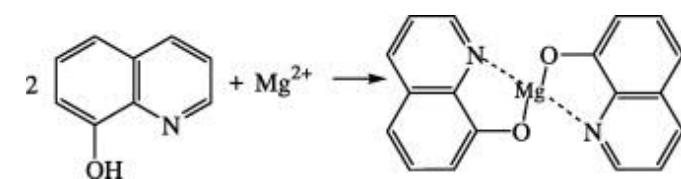
pH dependant

**Molybdate**  
 $\text{HMnO}_4^-/\text{MoO}_4^{2-}$   
 Cathodic type inhibitor  
 Adsorption/precipitation

**8-HQ**  
 Mixed type inhibitor  
 Precipitation



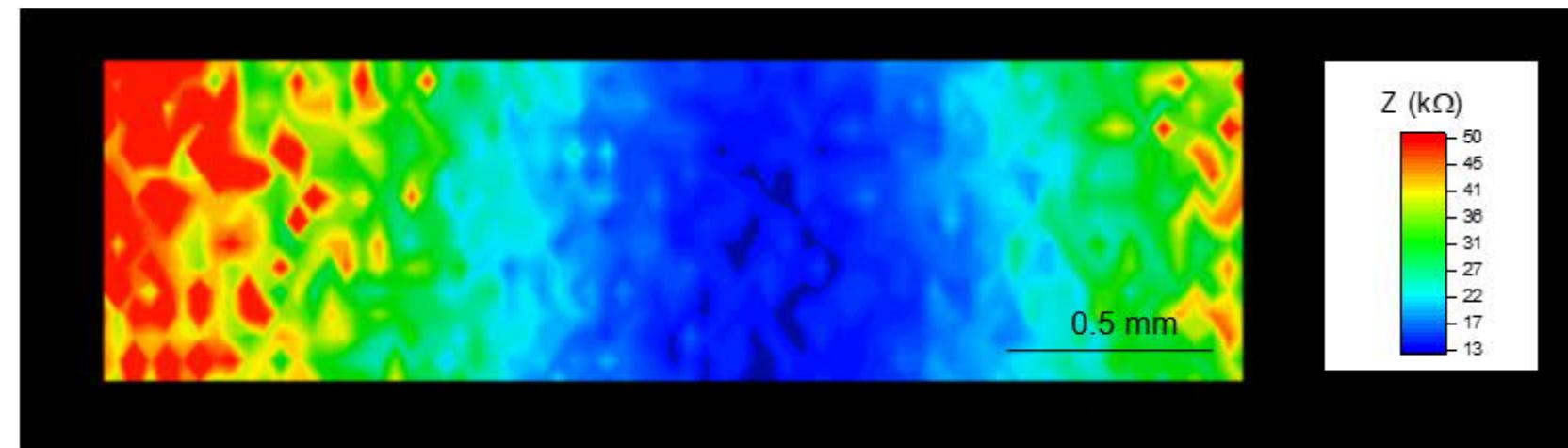
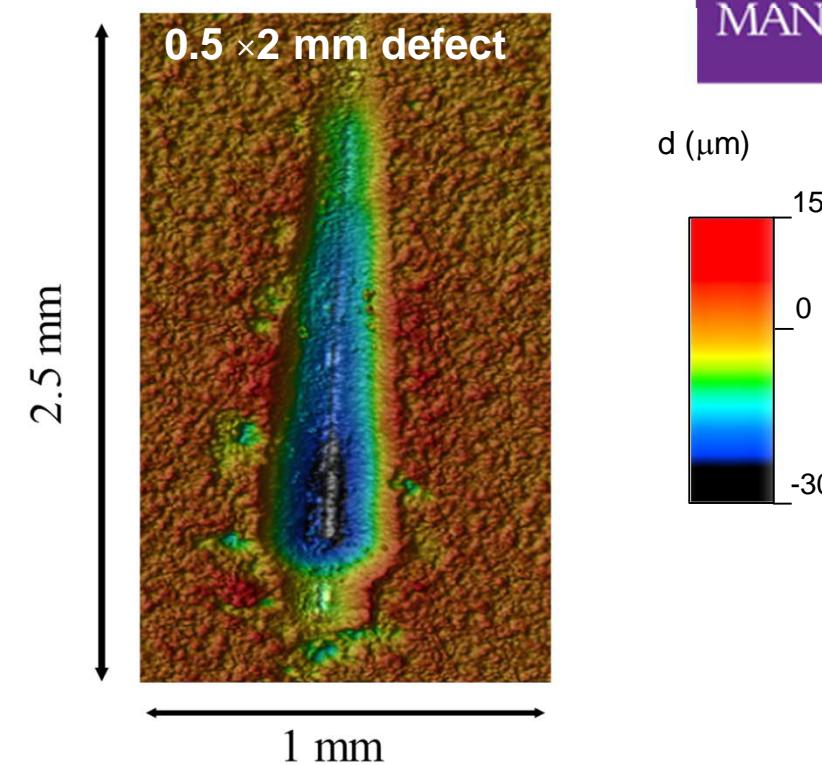
NaCl 0.5 wt. %



# Localised Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (LEIS)

ARTIFICIALLY DAMAGED PEO  
COATING WITH INHIBITORS

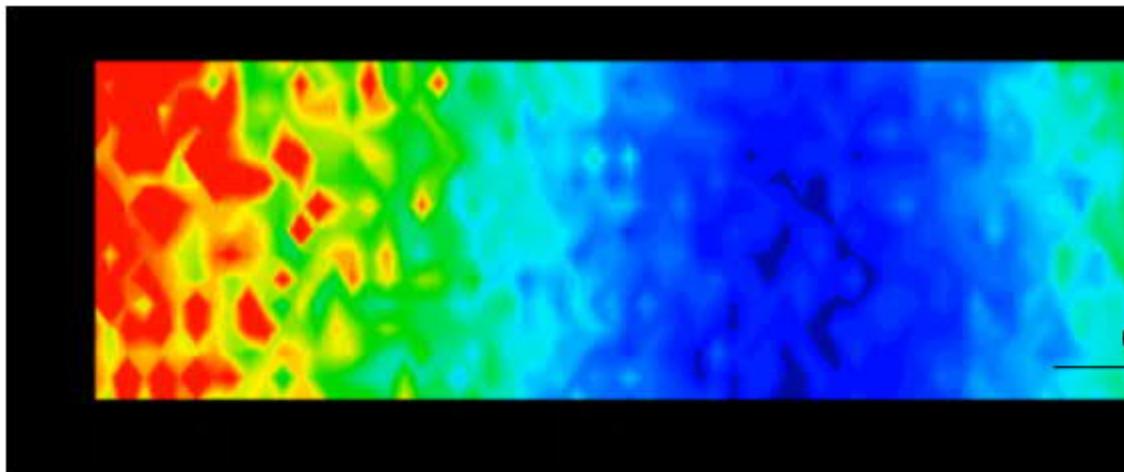
0-35 h



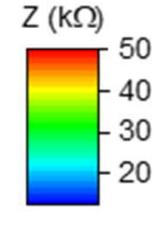
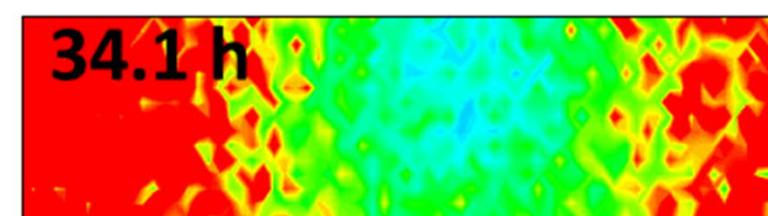
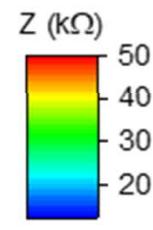
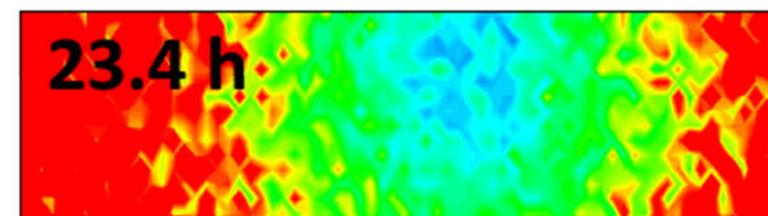
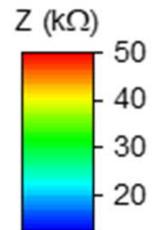
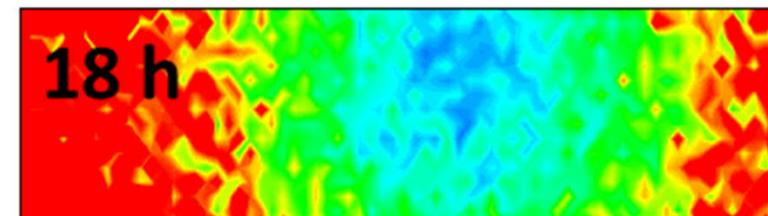
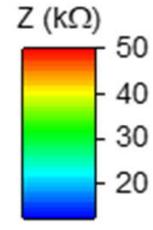
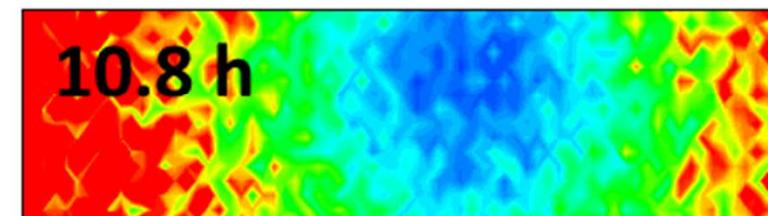
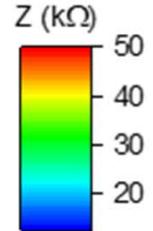
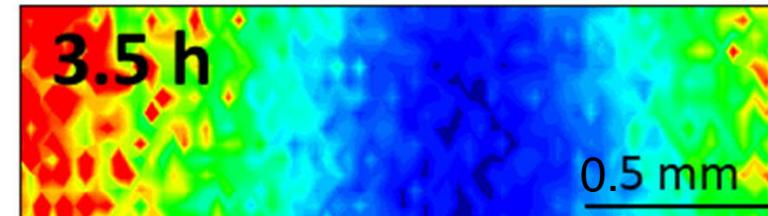
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ARTIFICIALLY DAMAGED PEO COATING WITH INHIBITORS

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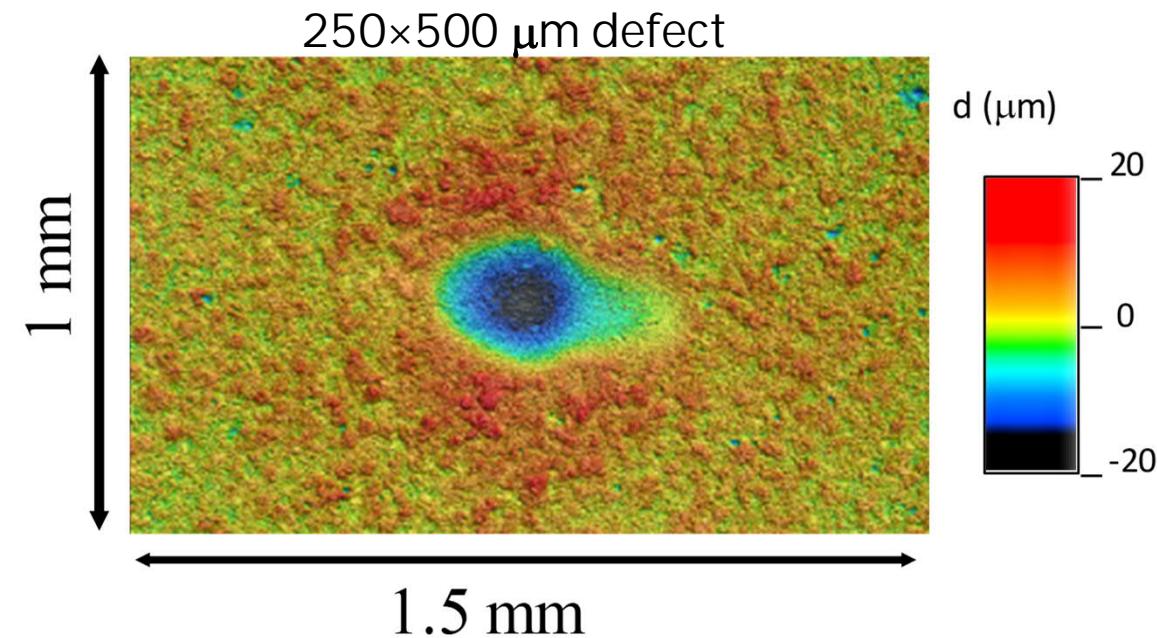


PEO-HNT-V

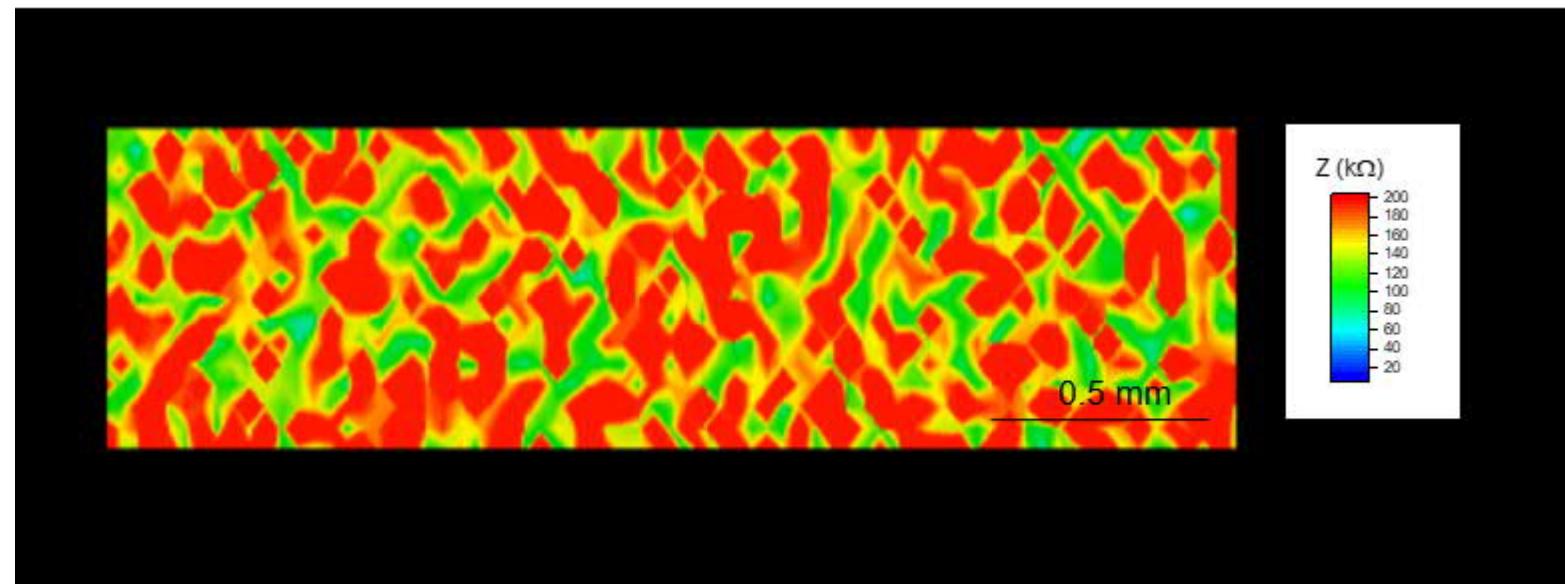


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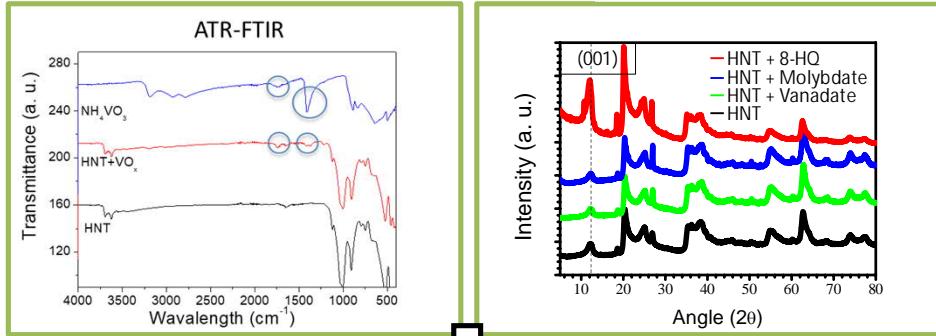


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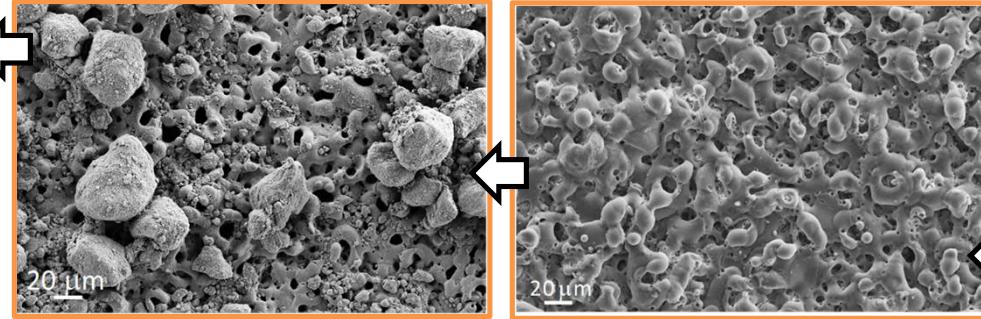
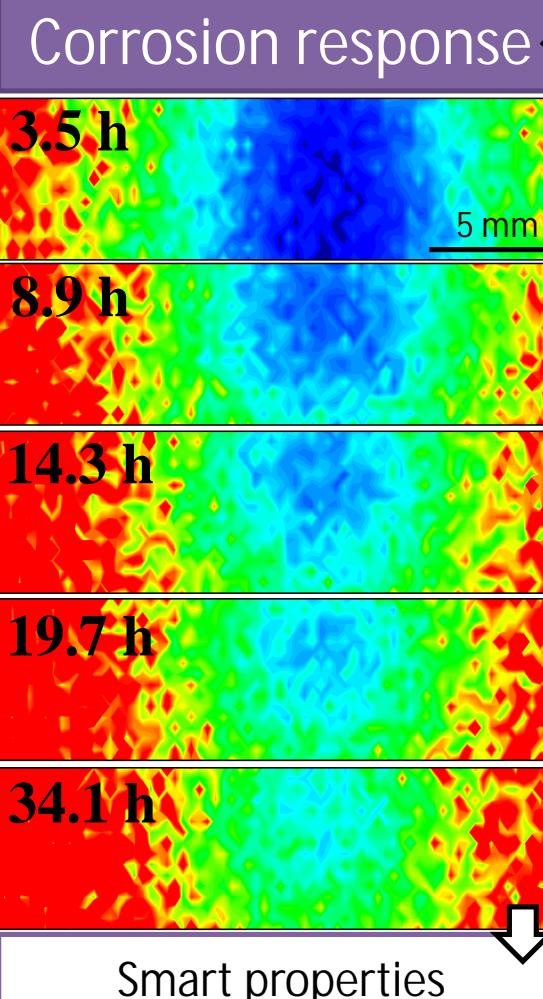
# Summary

HNT were successfully loaded with three corrosion inhibitors

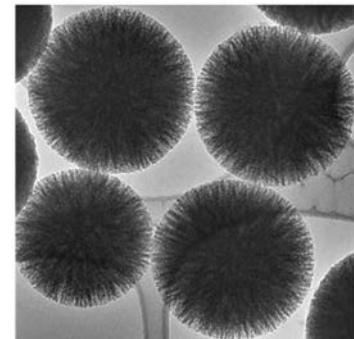


Synthesis and Functionalisation of PEO coatings

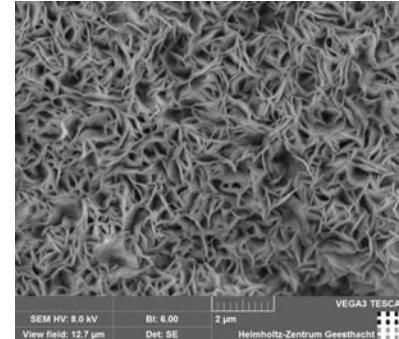
Future work



Nano-containers



Fibrous Silica

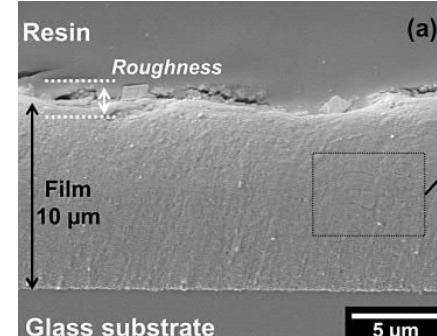


LDH

Deposition techniques

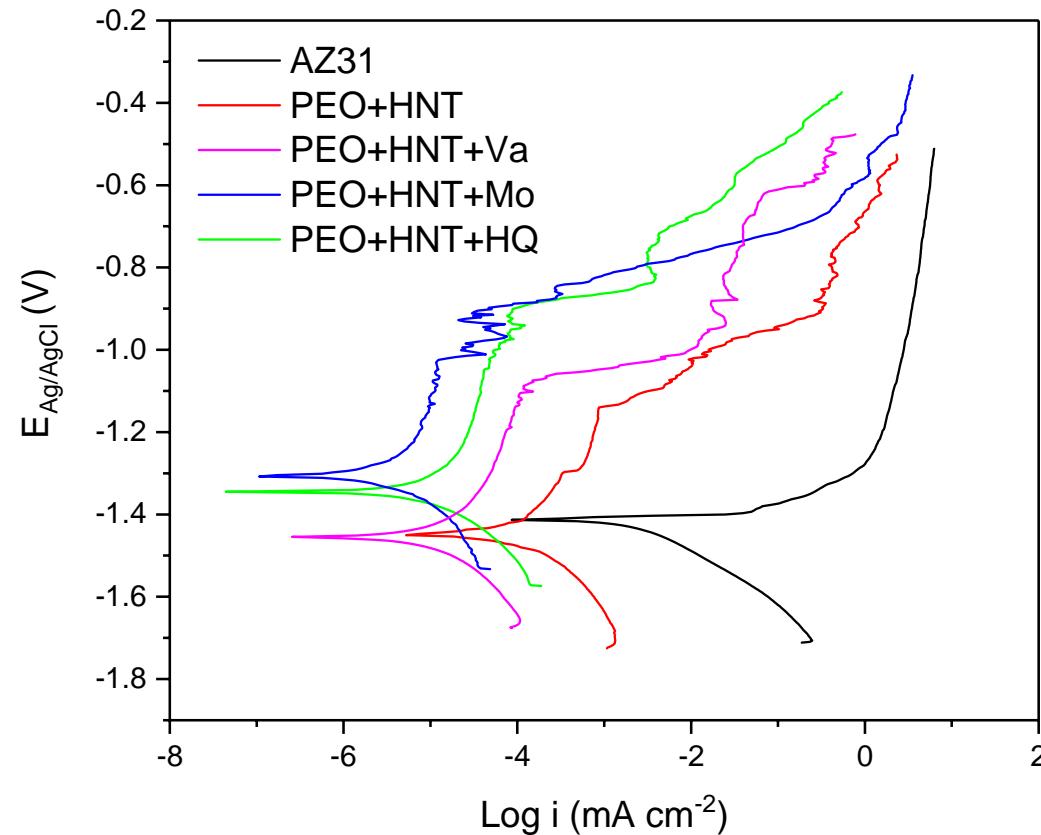
Aerosol Deposition Method

- Room temperature
- Spraying technique
- Powder precursor
- Uniform functionalisation



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# Evaluation of the Corrosion Resistance: Potentiodynamic polarisation



	$E_{\text{corr}} (\text{mV}_{\text{Ag}/\text{AgCl}})$	$E_{\text{bd}} (\text{mV}_{\text{Ag}/\text{AgCl}})$	$E_{\text{bd}} - E_{\text{corr}} (\text{mV}_{\text{Ag}/\text{AgCl}})$
AZ31	-1432 ± 25	-1432 ± 25	0
PEO-HNT	-1302 ± 11	-1262 ± 42	40 ± 53
PEO-HNT	-1401 ± 66	-1181 ± 52	220 ± 118
PEO-HNT-V	-1454 ± 1	-1075 ± 5	379 ± 6
PEO-HNT-Mo	-1306 ± 1	-926 ± 2	381 ± 1
PEO-HNT-HQ	-1350 ± 8	-900 ± 12	450 ± 20

pH dependant

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