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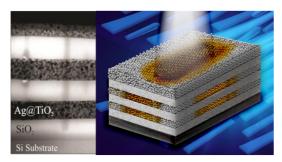
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Architecture and Decoration at the Nanoscale: programmable plasmonic and photonic thin film nanosystems through soft chemistry

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In the last years, soft chemical synthetic methods opened the path to create highly tunable thin film architectures, with complex yet controlled structure at different length scales. Optical nanosystems "decorated" with molecular, biological or nanoscale functions precisely located in space can be pre-designed and produced through the production and controlled assembly of nanobuilding blocks. In particular, Mesoporous Thin Films (MTF) are interesting for their tailorable optical, electronic or catalytic properties, and their compatibility with the requirements of electronics and optics industry. Each MTF is in turn a building block for more complex architectures with synergic properties derived from the control of the spatial location of well-controlled components.



Photonic-plasmonic multilayer architecture for improved SERS signals

We will present MTF architectures with programmable optical properties, in particular Mesoporous Photonic Crystals (MPC) and Nanoparticle-Mesoporous Nanocomposites (NMNC). These materials permit to harness and couple chemical and surface properties with photonic and plasmonic features of the ensemble. We can design and build stimuli-responsive autonomous systems that transduce chemical signals to optical response through information encoded in their structure at the molecular,

mesoscopic or microscopic levels. The combination of the photonic and plasmonic properties of MPC and NMNC permits to exploit light confinement or amplification. These responsive nanosystems present applications in SERS, Tamm-based sensors, optical waveguides or photocatalysts.



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