



# Hybrid ZnO-based nanostructured materials with photoluminescent and antimicrobial properties

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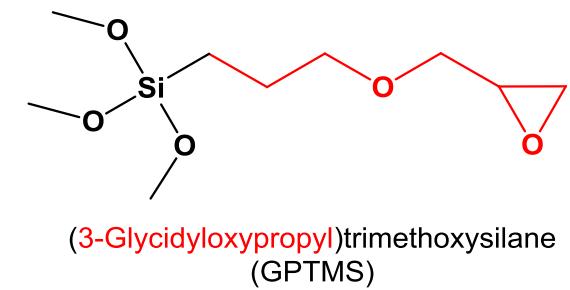
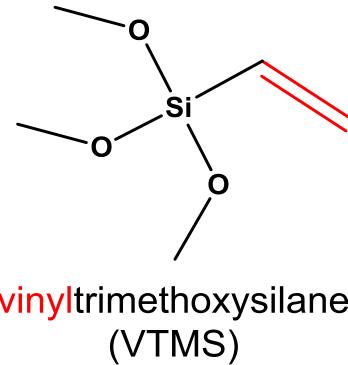
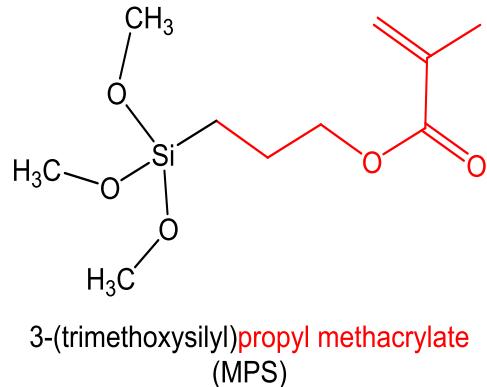
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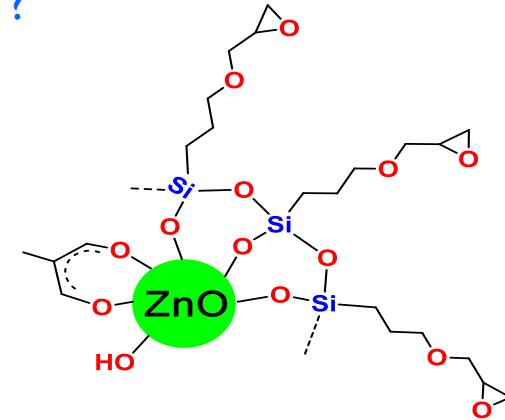
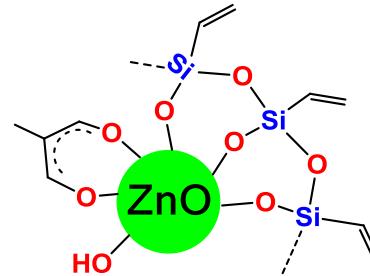
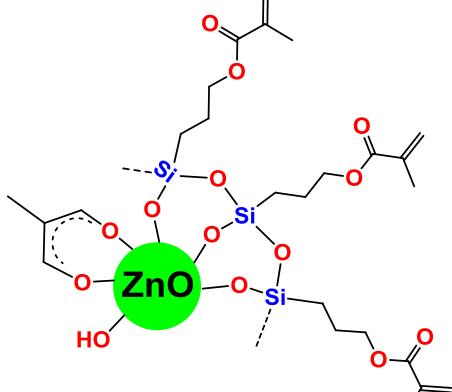
- Based on the great potentiality of organosilane species to establish stable covalent bonds by ZnO surface grafting, with direct influence on its particle size, morphology and electronic features, the choice of organosilane surfactant was part of our strategy to explore the tuning of ZnO optical properties taking into consideration the nature of end group bound to silicon. No, or very few similar data were found in literature.
- We investigated the effect of several representatives of organosilanes class, as 3-(trimethoxysilyl)propylmethacrylate(MPS), 3-glycidyloxypropyl trimethoxysilane (GPTMS) and vinyltrimethoxysilane (VTMS), also in addition with chitosan, for building new hybrid nanostructured materials and biocompatible materials with high potential applicability in optoelectronics (HLED) and photocatalysis, as well as for antimicrobial (functional textile), intelligent food packaging and fluorescent probes in biomedical applications.
- The syntheses of organosilane-based hybrid nanomaterials were conducted through a simple and non-expensive modified precipitation method, in some cases associated with sol-gel method.

## II. ZnO QDs functionalized with organosilane surfactants

Tuning optical properties by QDs size control

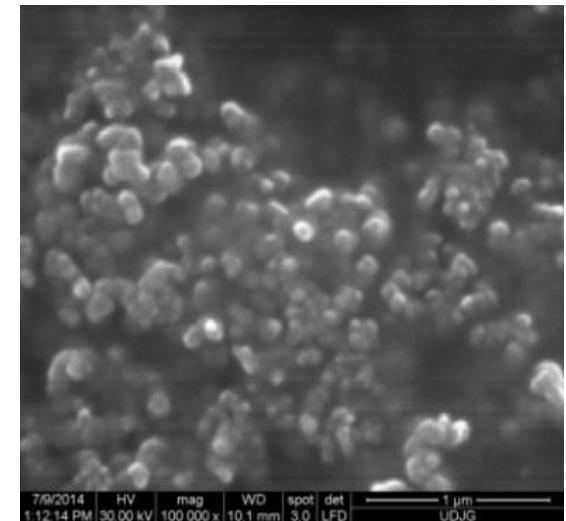
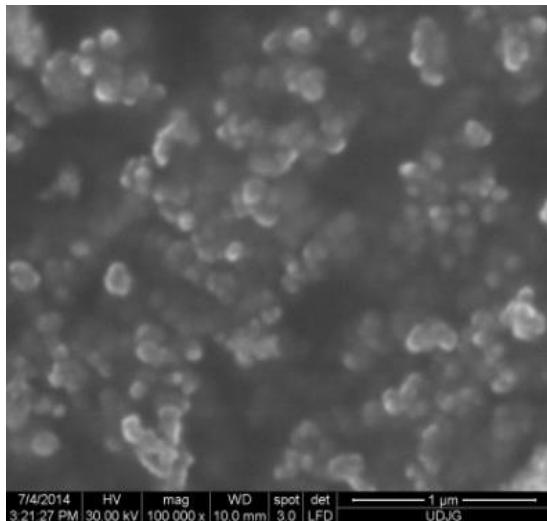
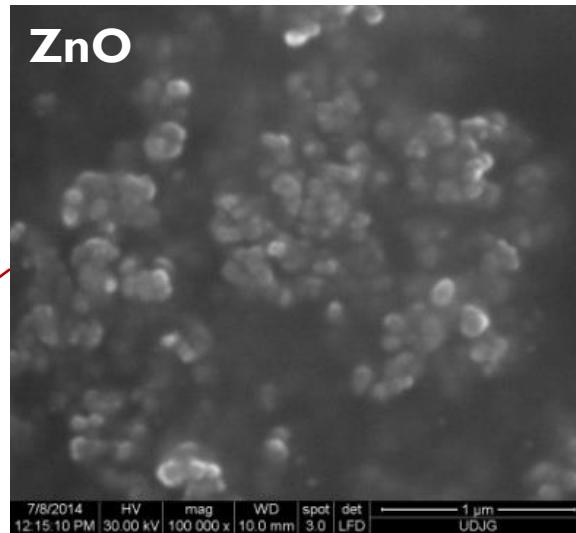


- Size controlling agents
- Cross-linking agents
- Optical properties modifiers ?



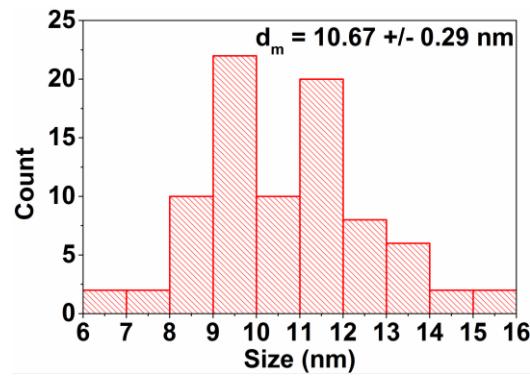
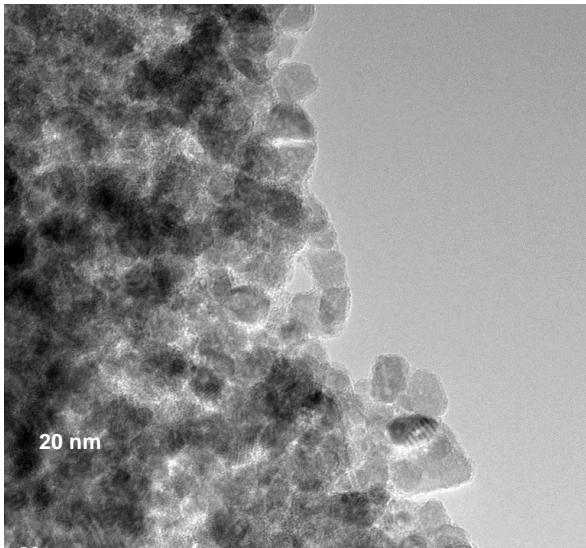
### III. Morphology&structure of organosilane-functionalized ZnO hybridNPs

SEM images of organosilane-ZnO QDs

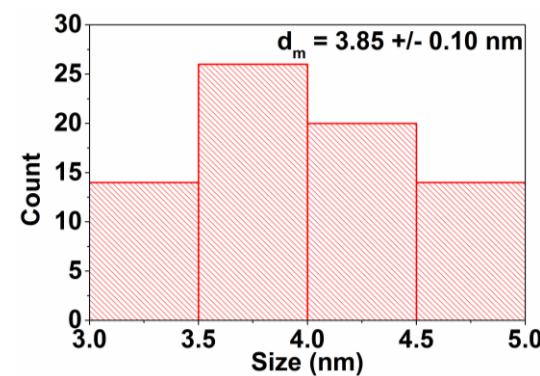
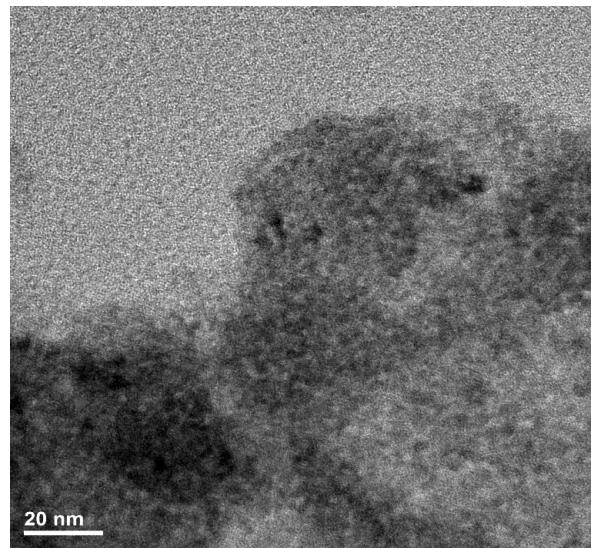


# HRTEM images of organosilane-ZnO NPs

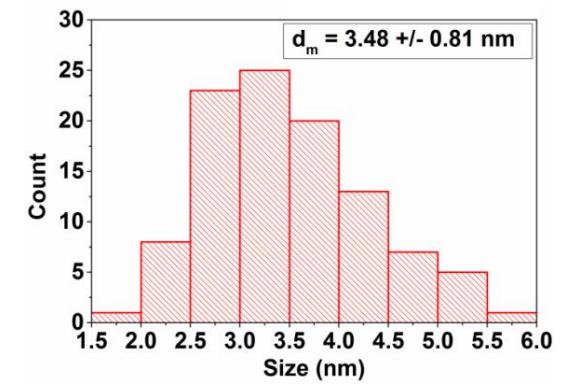
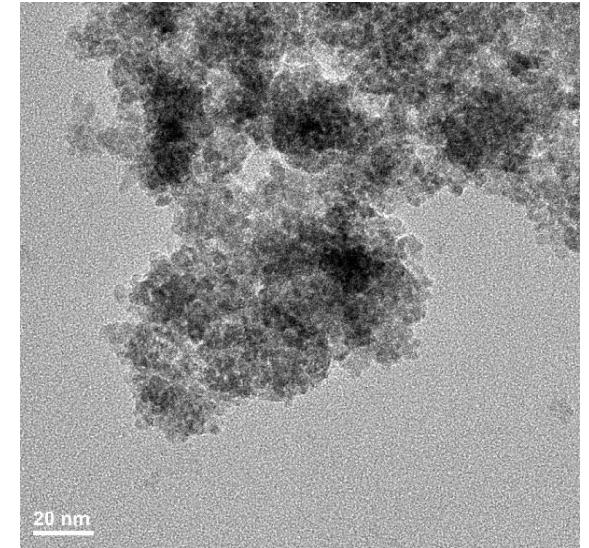
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**ZnO-MPS (10%)\***



**ZnO-VTMS (10%)\*\***

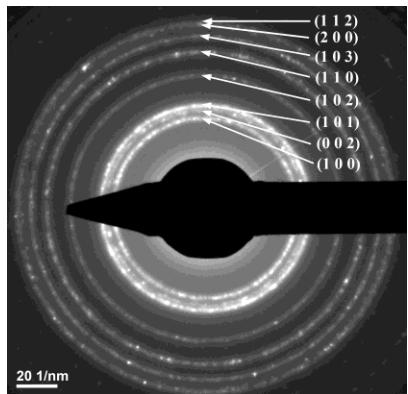


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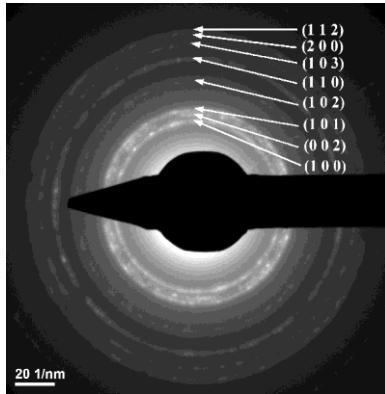
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## SAED patterns and lattice fringes ( $d$ -spacing)

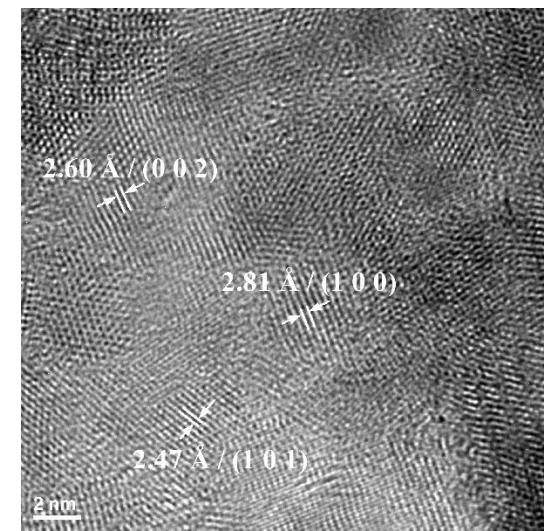
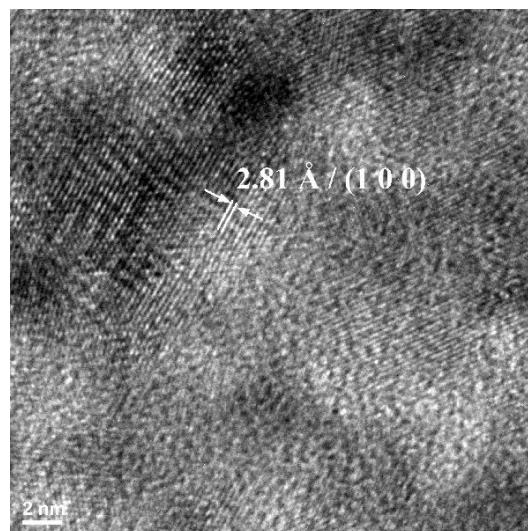
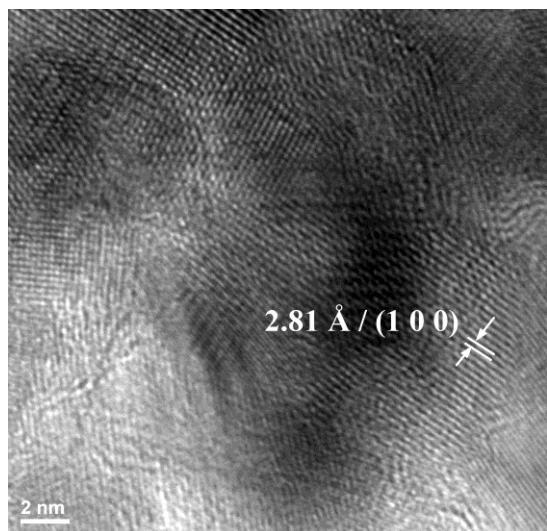
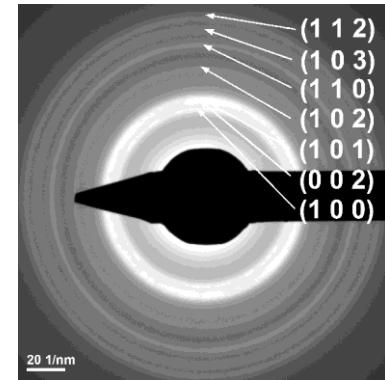
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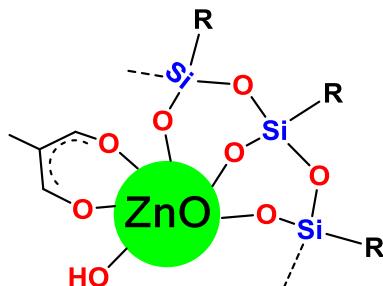
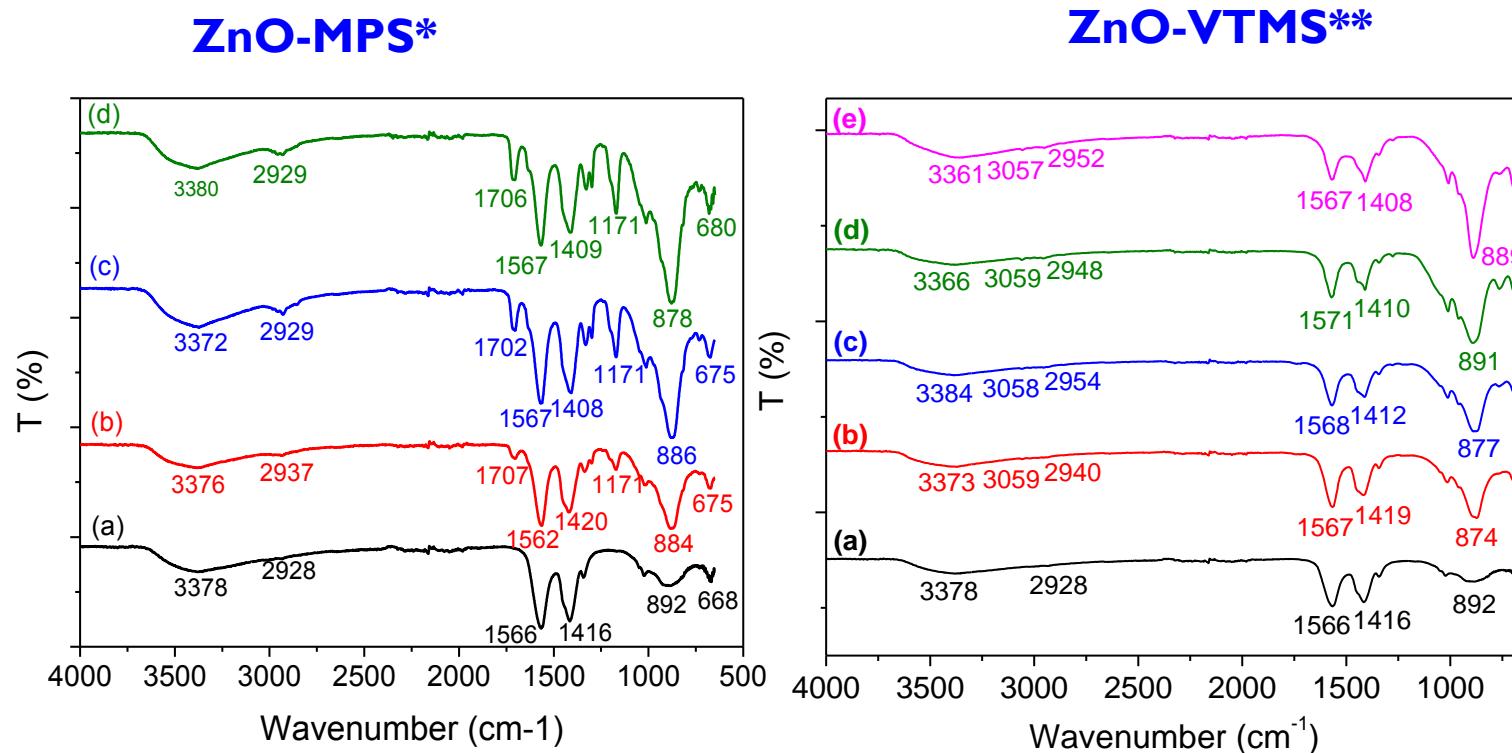
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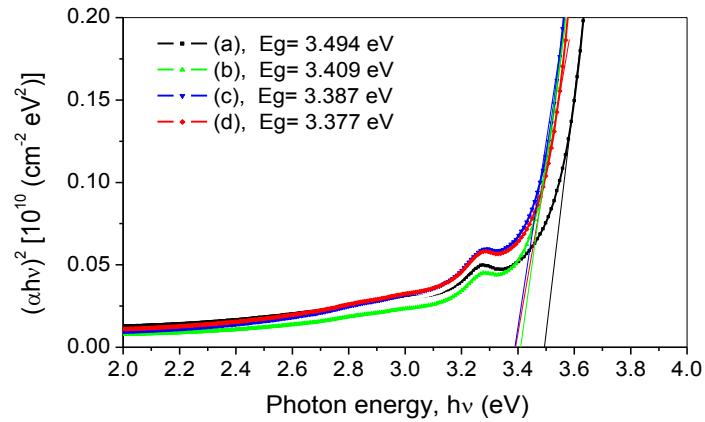
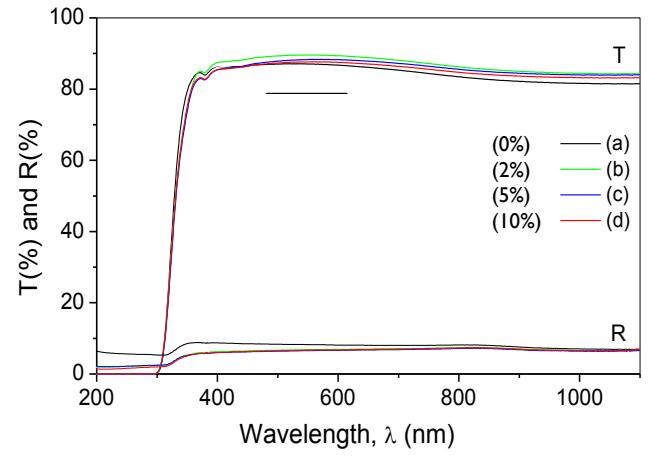
# FTIR spectra of organosilane-ZnO NPs



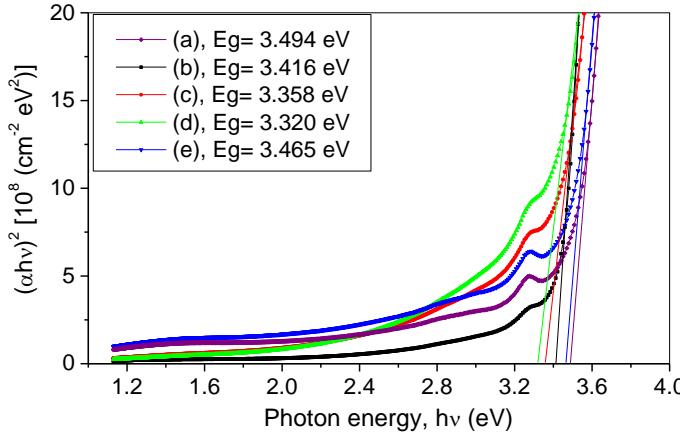
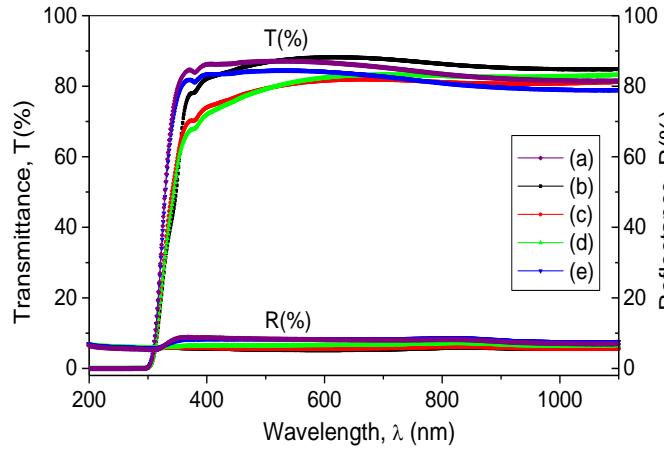
- Zn—O—Si and Si—O—Si :  $870\text{--}890\text{ cm}^{-1}$
- C=O group ( $1560$  and  $1410\text{ cm}^{-1}$ )
- OH group ( $3380\text{ cm}^{-1}$ )

## IV. Optical properties of organosilane-functionalized ZnO NPs

ZnO-MPS\*



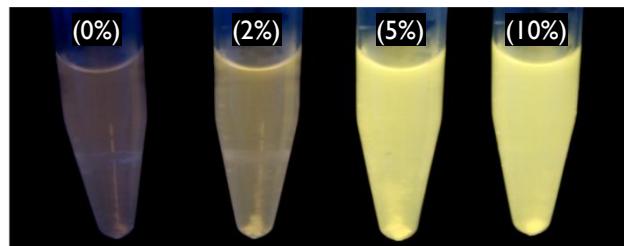
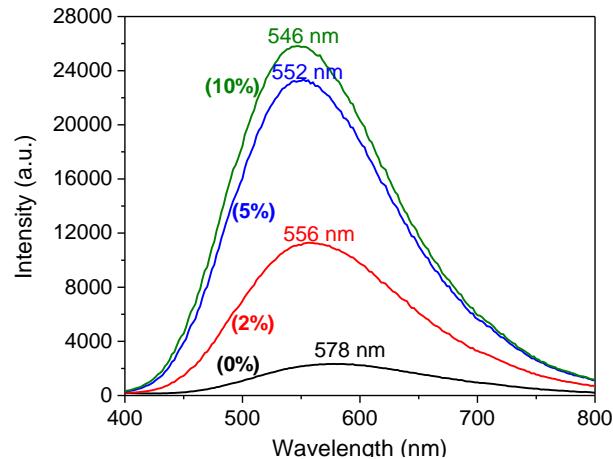
ZnO-VTMS\*\*



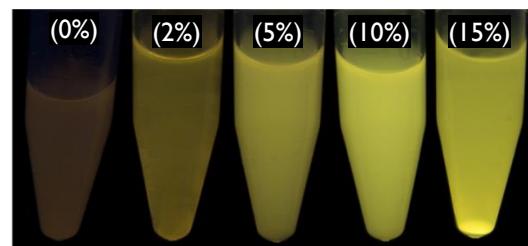
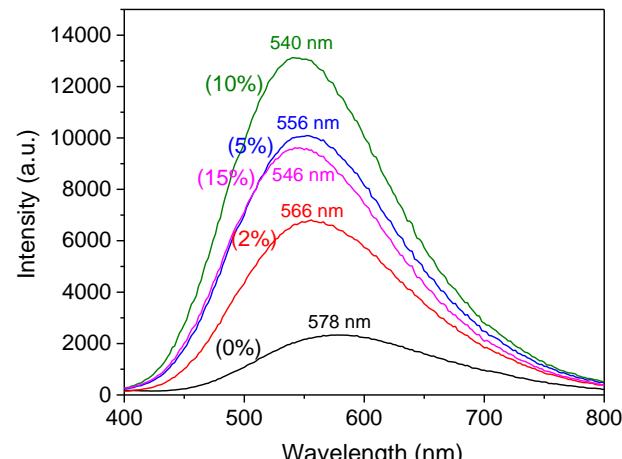
- Optical transmittances between 85 and 90% and low reflectance between 0 and 5%, in the visible domain.
- $E_g$  decreases from 3.494 eV (ZnO NPs) to 3.32-3.28 eV surfactant-doped ZnONPs

## V. Photoluminescent properties of organosilane-functionalized ZnO NPs

ZnO-MPS\*



ZnO-VTMS\*\*



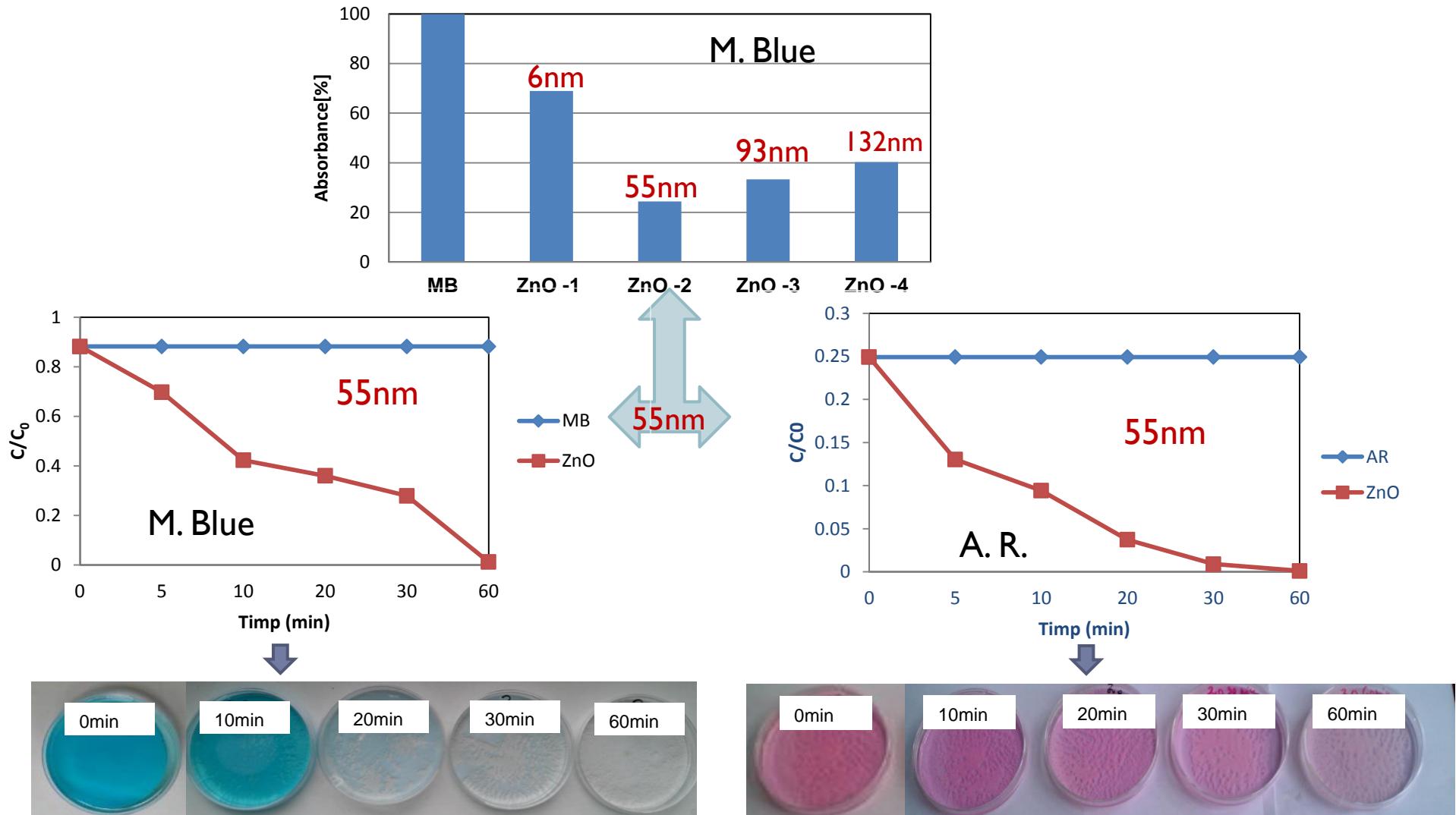
- Higher organosilane loading from 2 to 10%, a blue-shift, accompanied by an increase of the emission intensity.

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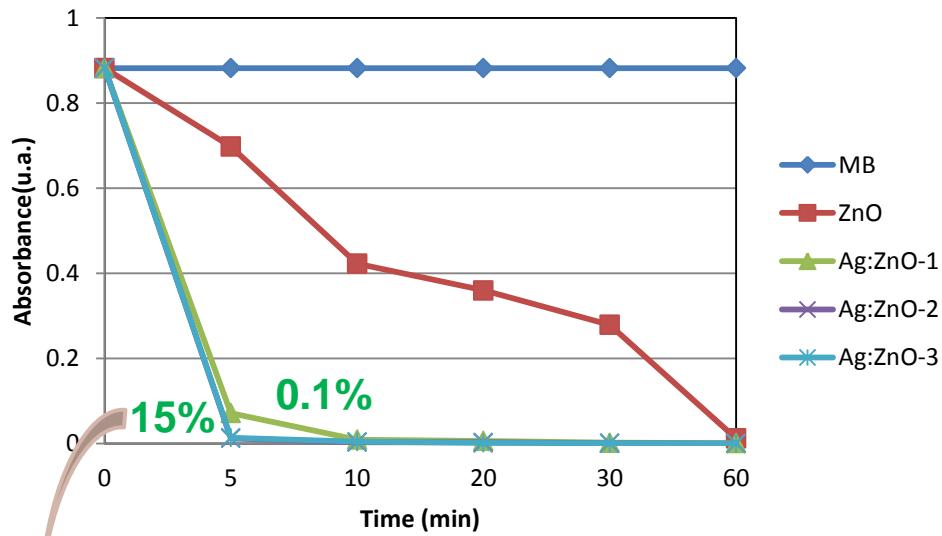
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ZnO-GPTMS NPs

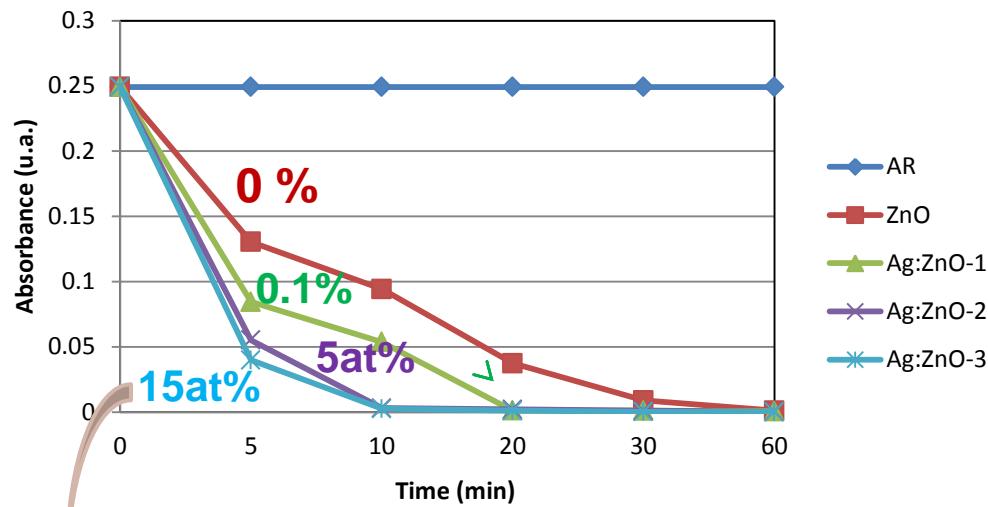


## Ag:ZnO-GPTMS NPs (in solution) in UV light ( $\lambda > 210\text{nm}$ )

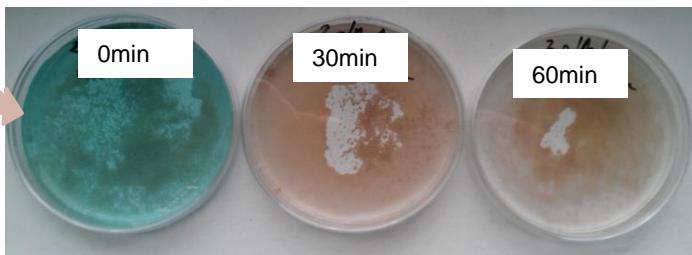
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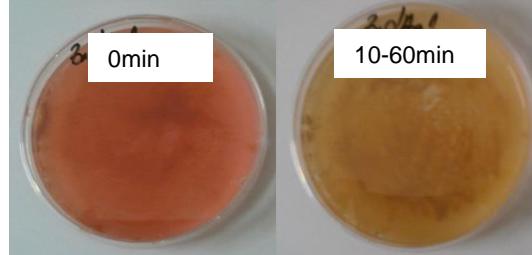
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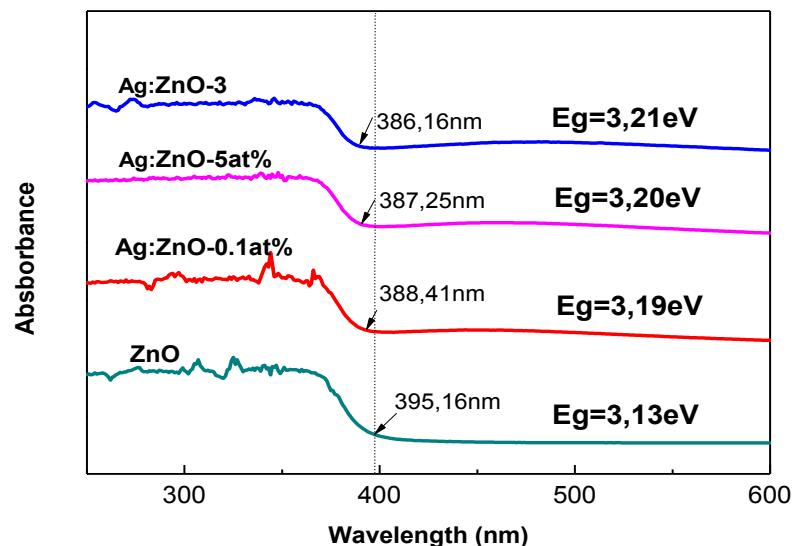
**Ag(15at%):ZnO-GPTMS**



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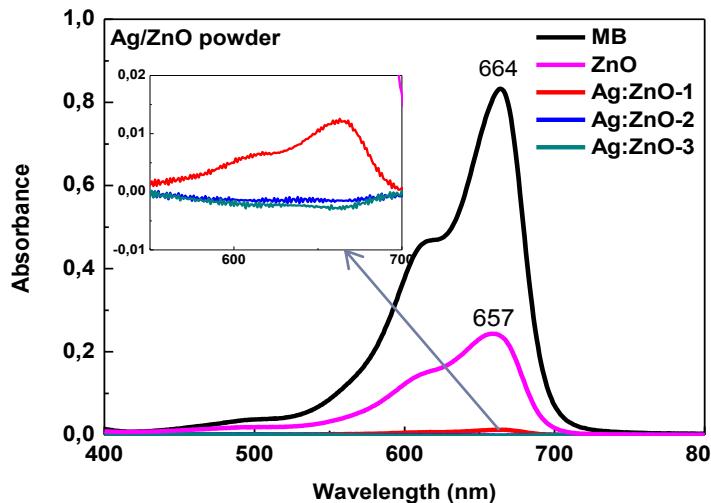


# Band gap and Photocatalitic activity

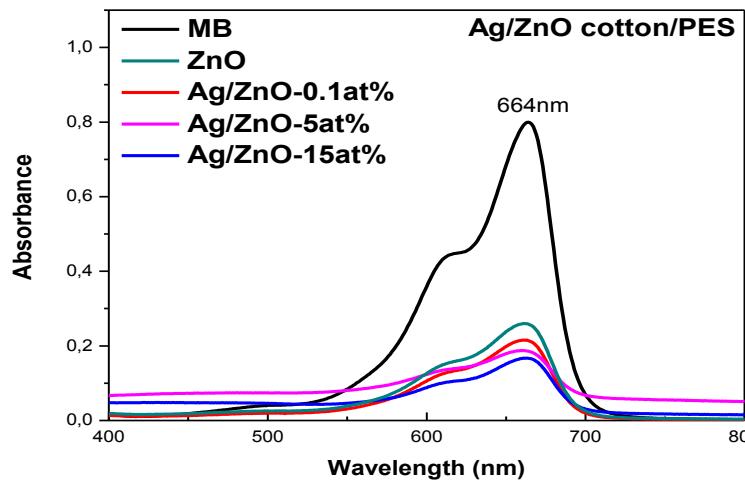
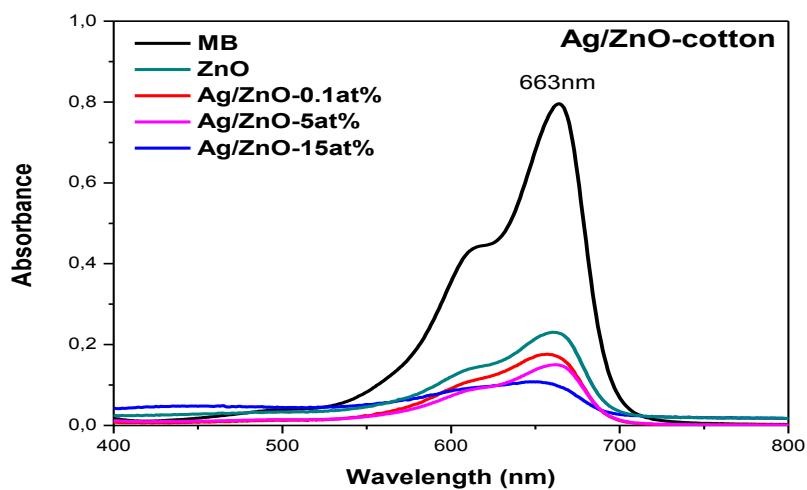


# Ag:ZnO-GPTMS NPs and coatings \*

## Effect of Ag-doping concentration



Activitatea  
fotocatalitica  
creste cu  
cresterea  
concentratiei  
dopantului



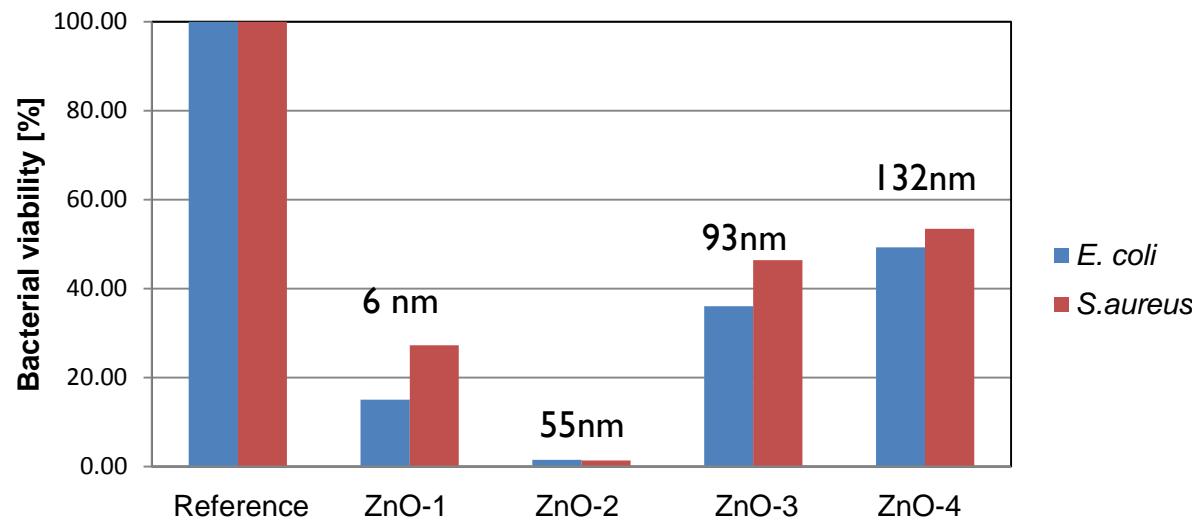
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## VII. Antimicrobial activity of organosilane-functionalized ZnO NPs

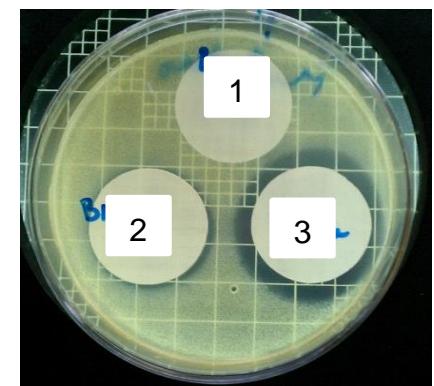
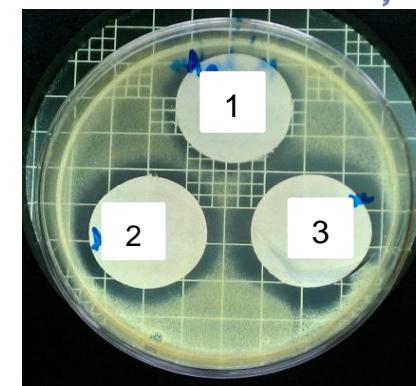
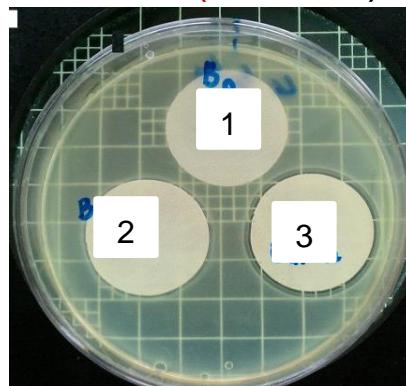
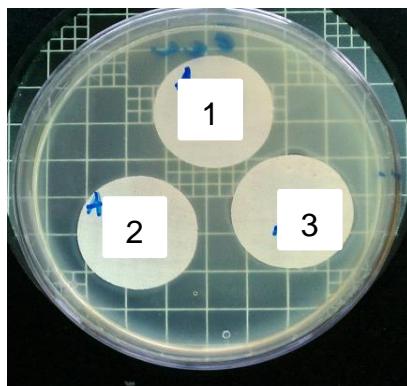
### ZnO-GPTMS NPs

Effect of nanoparticle size on the bacteria viability

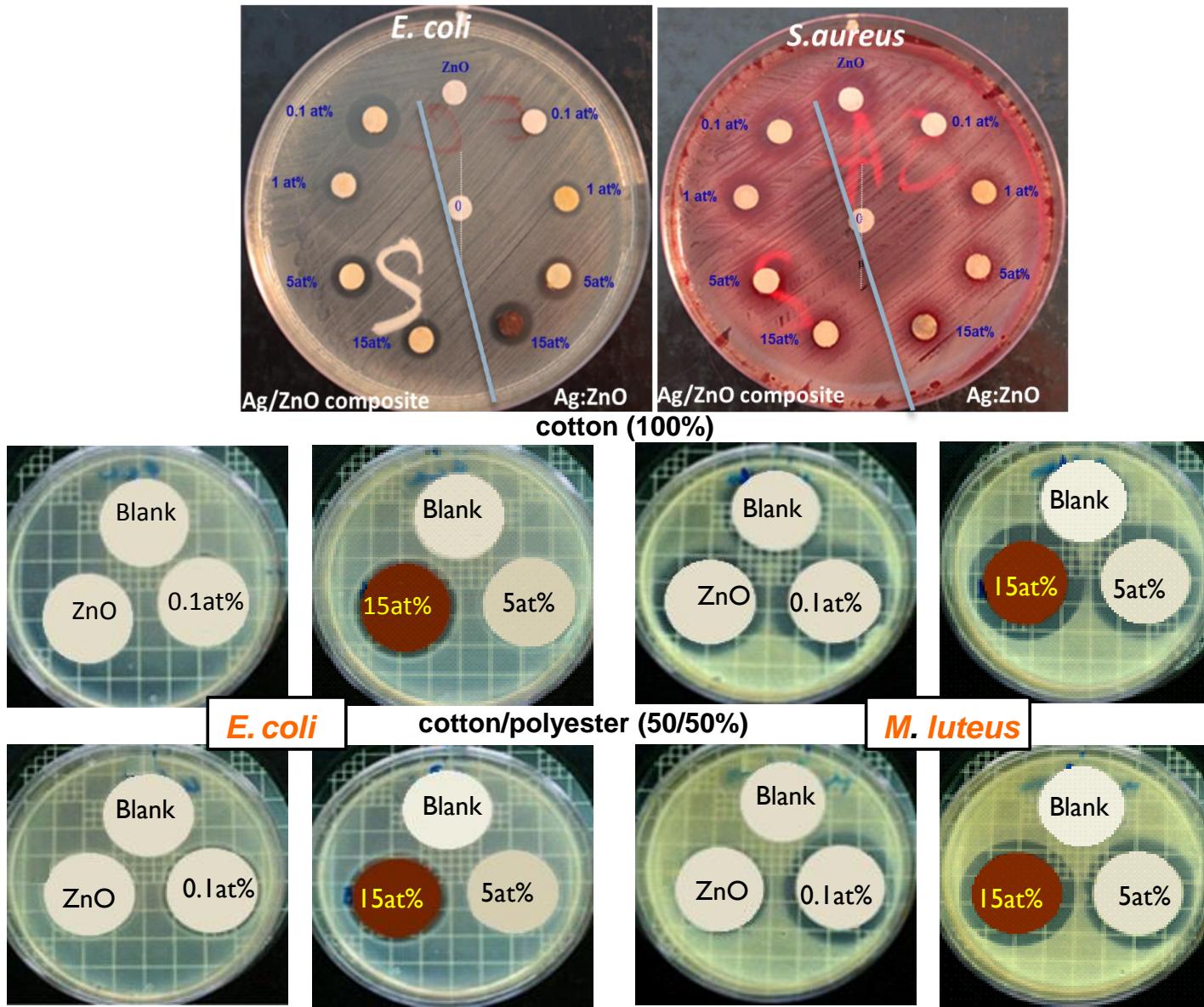
1. Efectul (cantitativ)  
Metoda TTC  
(tetrazolium)



II. Efectul (calitativ) - Testul Zona de inhibiție



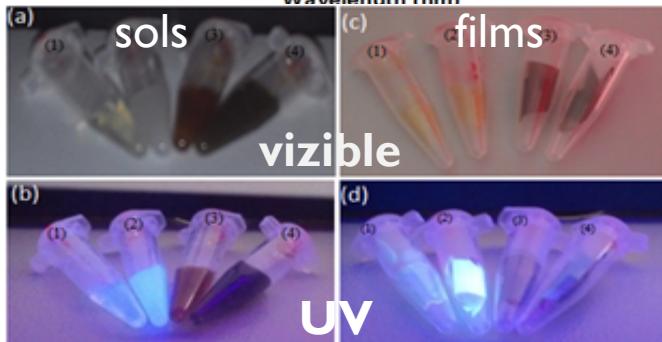
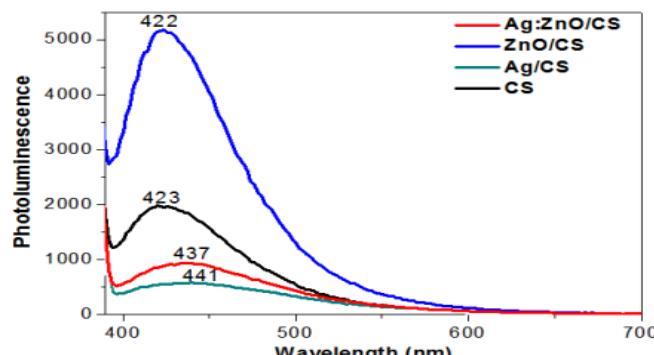
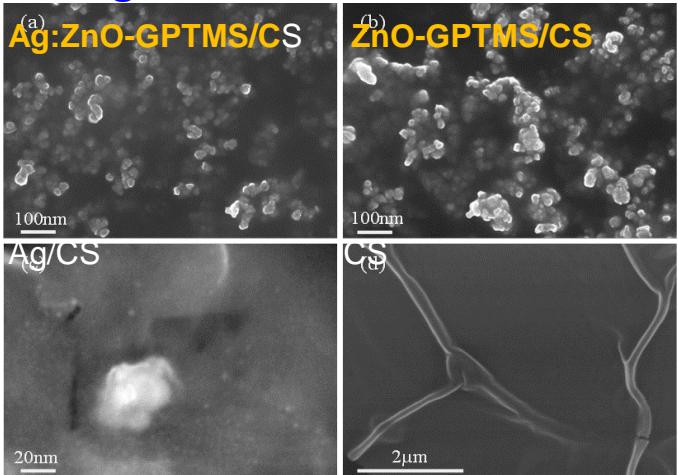
# Ag:ZnO-GPTMS NPs Inhibition zone test



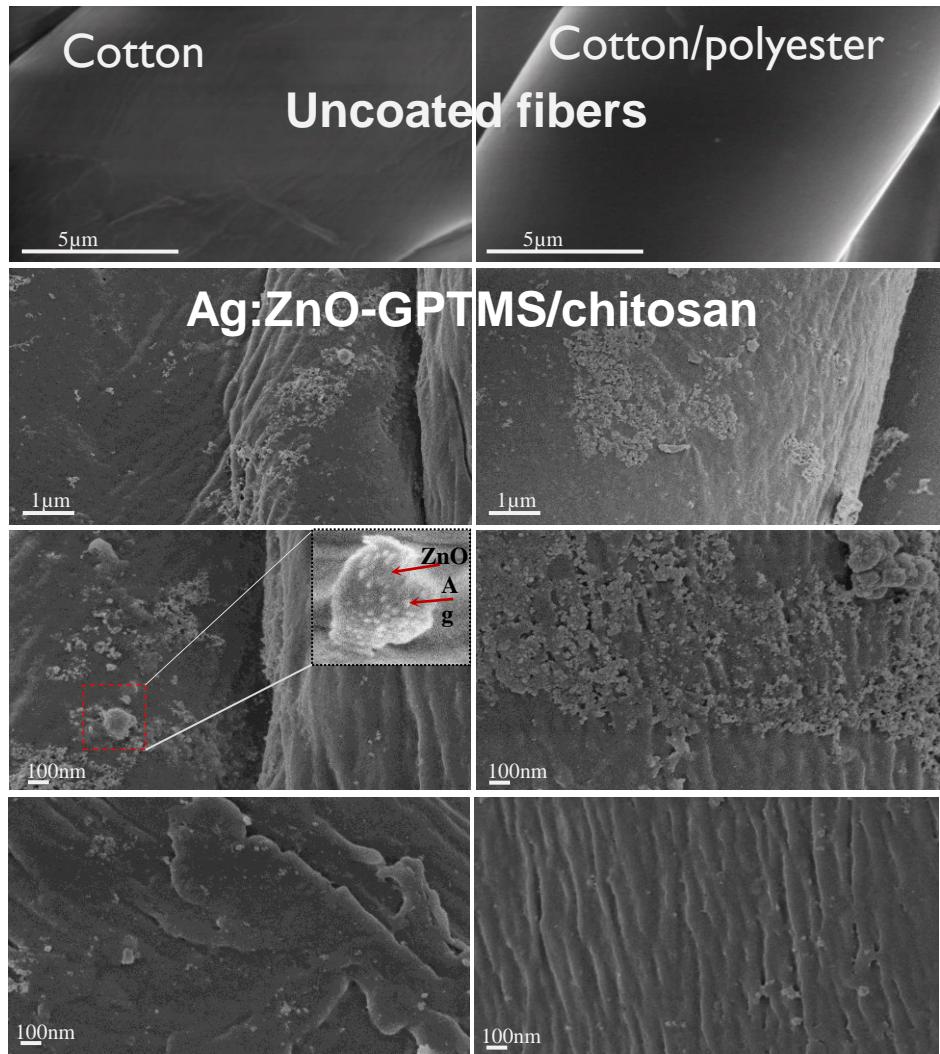
Activitate mai  
buna la **bacteria**  
**gram + (M.**  
Luteus)  
comparativ cu  
**bacteria gram**  
**+ ( E. coli)**

# VIII. Organosilane-functionalized Ag:ZnO/chitosane biocompatible materials

## Ag:ZnO-GPTMS/CS sols\*



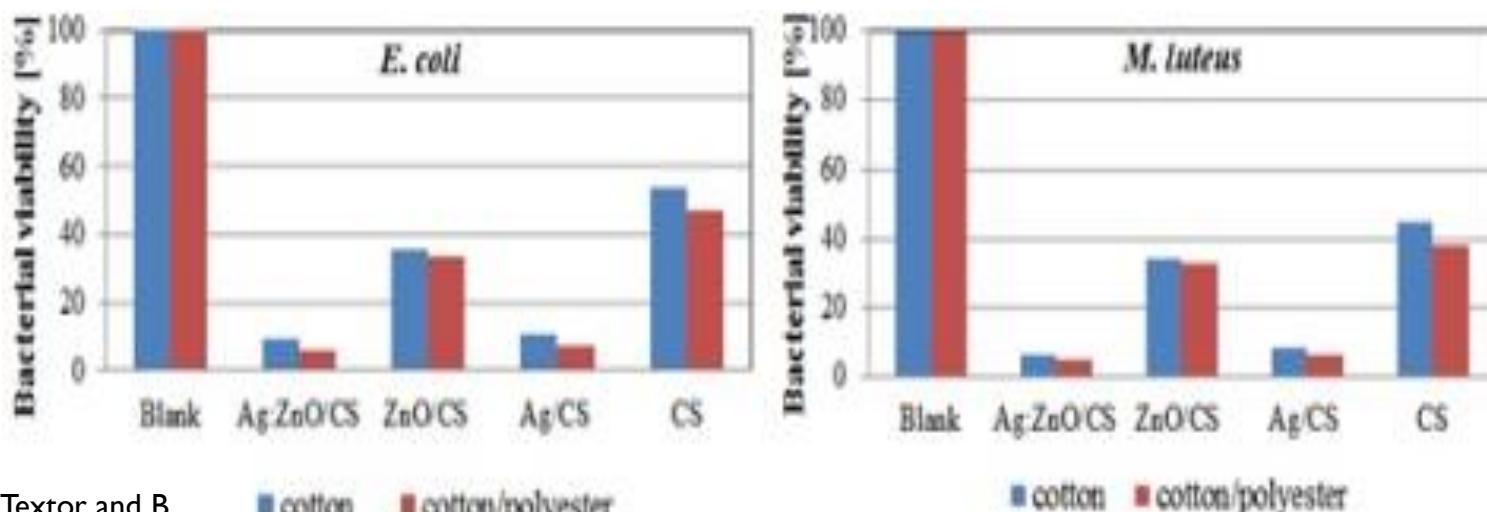
## Ag:ZnO-GPTMS/CS coatings on textiles \*



\* M. Bușilă, V. Mușat, T. Textor and B. Mahltig, RSC Adv., 2015, 5, 21562–21571

# Antimicrobial activity

## Ag:ZnO-GPTMS/chitosan (sol)\*\*



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cotton

cotton/polyester

cotton

cotton/polyester

## IX. Conclusions

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- ZnO-organosilane, ZnO-organosilane/bioPolymer (chitosan-CS), M (Ag,Fe,Mn)-doped ZnO-organosilane, M(Ag,Fe,Mn) doped ZnO-organosilane/CS new hybrid quantum dots and coating materials were synthetised and characterised.
- Very interesting, tunable, multy-functional nanomaterials
- Potential applications are in optoelectronics (HLED), photocatalysis, antimicrobial (functional textiles), intelligent food packaging and fluorescent probes in medicine.

## X. Invitation to CSSD-UDJG 2015

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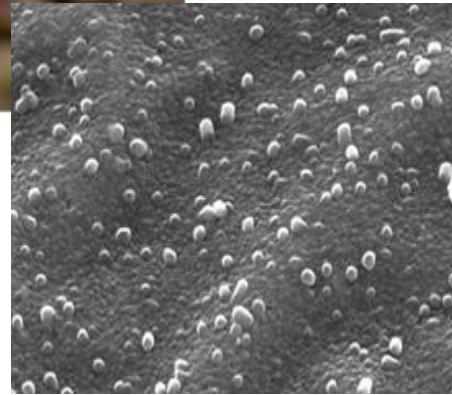
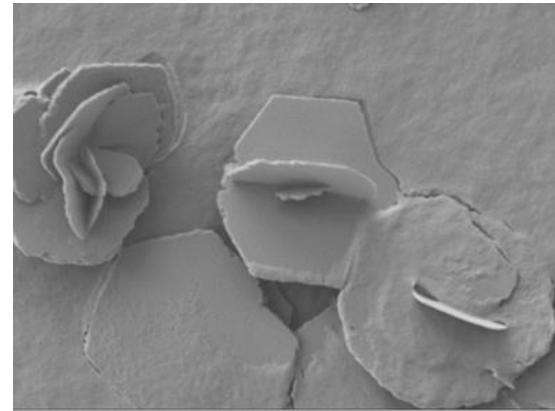
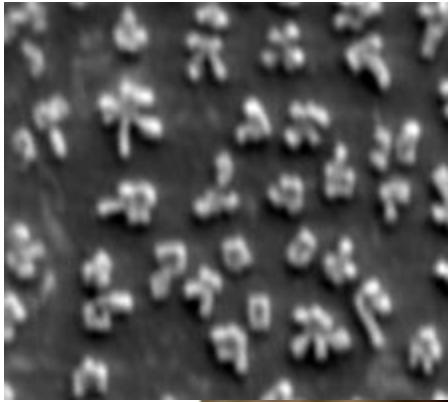
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Given the multidisciplinary nature of the conference, the invited keynote speakers, renowned academics and scientists from Romania and other EU countries, will deliver presentations on topics of interest to all participants. The general theme for this year's plenary speeches is "**From the Technical and Cultural Heritage of the Lower Danube Porto-Franco Space to Emerging Technologies**" (transparent electronics, e-paper, nanobiotechnologies).

If the present day communication technologies allow access to information "at the touch of a button", thus contributing to the development of international, cross-institutional and multidisciplinary research, and if "only the sky's the limit" for the communication technology of the future, let's turn multidisciplinarity into interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity and



# Thank You!