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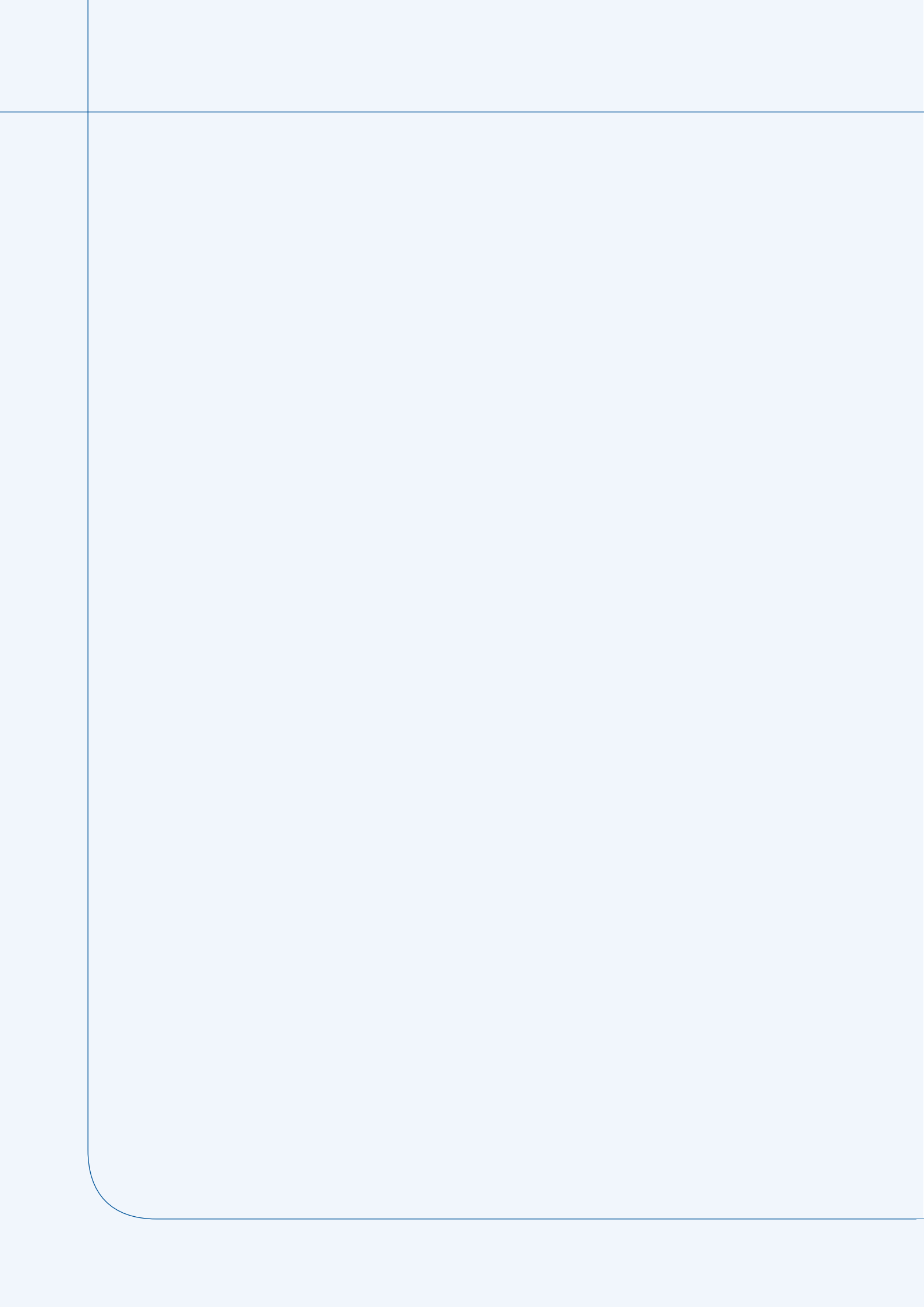
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Welcome to explore the high-class nanoscience and –technology research network operating in Helsinki region. The publication “HelsinkiNano – Nanotechnology Research in Helsinki Region 2010” illustrates the nanotechnology research conducted in the universities and in other public institutions in the capital area and provides a pathway to distribute the knowledge to domestic companies but also to international companies looking forward to collaborating with Finnish universities and companies or exploring the opportunities to set operations in Finland.

To paint a comprehensive picture of the magnitude and quality of the nanotechnology expertise in Helsinki region over eighty research group leaders or responsible researchers were successfully contacted and the the research of their groups is now compressed in a form of seventy five research group profiles. The research groups represent Aalto University, University of Helsinki, VTT, Centre for Metrology and Accreditation (MIKES), Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE) and Finnish Meteorological Institute and the profiles are organized under to the universities, faculties and departments.

In order to maximize the probability to find relevant information the profiles are also categorized according to the areas of research and according to the potential user segments on page 76. In addition, a number of keywords describing technologies and applications have been extracted from the profiles and they are given at the end of the publication on page 78.

The collected profiles include, in addition to the expertise and achievements of the research groups, also the goal of the current research. This is done to maximize the probability of finding the relevant partners for future co-operation. When planning the collaboration with promising partners it is advisable to pay attention to the recommended actions for maximized benefits of collaboration given on page E.

Based on the statistics, it appears that the most potential users of the research lie within the electronics and sensors industry followed by pharmaceutical and medical industry. These are the users of the research in Helsinki region, but the overall picture of the nanotechnology research in Helsinki Region is a good representation of the nanotechnology research in Finland on the whole as it has been estimated that over half of the Finnish nanotechnology research is conducted in Helsinki Region.

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It should be pointed out, that even though the profiles include the expertise of each research group, the actual research infrastructure is omitted. The lack of this information is complemented with a comprehensive database that is maintained by Finnish Nanotechnology Cluster with a partial funding from Nanotechnology Centre of Expertise in Helsinki Region, Culminatum Innovation Oy Ltd and Uusimaa Regional Council. This database can be found at www.findnano.fi.

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Tips to Commercial Success Story

Our operational environment is under continuous change. This means among others changes in market and competition field. Even for this reason there is need for continual regeneration in many ways. Enterprises are seeking competitive advantage more than ever by developing and preparing their services and products in respect to their uniqueness. The uniqueness helps them to separate themselves from others in the market and to secure the existence and development of business operations.

The uniqueness usually relates to use of new know-how and technology for production of existing product or service and thus in the features thereto.

■ Starting point

Finnish development work on the field of nanotechnology is producing opportunities which the enterprises can directly utilize in their own research and development.

Ideally, the cooperation may for instance arise in the situation where the enterprise contacts research units requiring help for its own research and development.

■ Partnership

Good cooperation between enterprises and research units comprise among others of openness, good understanding of each other's methods and goals as well as the clear and mutually agreed rules.

■ In concrete

In the beginning of and during the cooperation various different issues shall be taken into account and agreed **in writing**.

Written agreement strengthen the partnership since the potential problematic situations of the partnership have been reviewed already during the negotiations of agreement.

In addition, the concrete details of the common activities often clear for both of the parties first during the contract negotiation phase.

It is important to agree on the responsibilities of both parties in detail. It is useful to set up detailed timetable for the com-

mon activities, according to which the parties shall proceed. In such case both parties may already beforehand make preparations for fulfilling their obligations.

One of the most important issues to agree on is development and transfer of the intellectual property rights. In order to avoid surprises afterwards, it is important to agree on the foregoing expressly, so that the partners are aware of their obligations.

Procurement of work contribution to a common project shall be conducted carefully. Shall it be considered as own employee, leased staff or subcontractor; there is remarkable differences between the alternatives and not least regarding the expenses.

Assuring the funding for the project is important, so that the desired actions can be completed.

When obtaining financing it is important to understand what the consideration

for the financing is: are the demands of the potential external financier known?

It is important to ensure the position of the partners before entering into an agreement and after the contract term has ended. For instance the competition by the other party after the project has ended should not be surprise for the partner.

■ Finally

In the foregoing some of the essential issues, which shall be taken into account when defining the cooperation and which shall also be gone through with own legal advisor are presented.

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CLASSIFICATION

The following numbers are used throughout the publication to classify the research of the groups.

1	Nanosurfaces and coating
2	Nanomaterials
3	Aerosols
4	Nano in human well-being (pharmacy, medical diagnostics, safety etc.)
5	Nano in built environments
6	Nano in electronics, MEMS, NEMS, optics
7	Characterization
8	Fabrication
9	Theory and modeling
10	Nano related services
11	Something else

Group name*Industrial chemistry***Classifications**1, 2, 7, 9, 11
(Functional nanomaterials)**Leader***Prof. Outi Krause***Special know-how of the group:**

- 1) Development of catalytic materials, including catalyst synthesis, characterization and activity testing (e.g. preparation of catalysts by atomic layer deposition, in situ characterization of catalysts under reaction conditions).
- 2) Modeling of the catalytic phenomena taking place during reactions and development of new modeling tools, e.g. for the utilization of temperature-programmed methods in transient kinetic modeling.

Objectives of the research:

Our research group concentrates on the phenomena present in the chemical reactor. This includes studies on catalytic nanomaterials and catalytic processes. The objective of the research is to utilize the fundamental knowledge obtained on catalytic phenomena in the development of processes that are environmentally benign and important for the society. Special emphasis is in the production of hydrogen for fuel cells and of chemicals and liquid fuels from biomass.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Several papers have been published in high-ranking scientific journals. Fundamental information has been obtained on several catalytic systems. Methods have been developed for extracting information from temperature-programmed experiments

Possible utilization of the results:

The results can be utilized by industrial companies in e.g. the development of environmentally benign and more efficient catalytic processes for production of chemicals and fuels. Results are also beneficial for further fundamental research work.

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Group name*Polymer Technology group***Classifications**

1, 2, 6, 7

Leader*Prof. Jukka Seppälä***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Polymerization engineering and chemical modification of polymers **2)** Polymer tailoring, structure/property correlations **3)** Compatibilization of nanostructural composites; nanoclay, carbon nanotubes and nanocellulose **4)** Polymerization of biodegradable polymers for controlled release and tissue engineering applications **5)** New polymerization routes for amphiphilic block polymers **6)** Rheological and thermomechanical characterization of polymers, polymer composites and dispersions with state of the art equipment

Objectives of the research:

Research is focused on synthesis and characterization of polymers, development of new materials utilizing polymerization techniques and composite technology, structure/property correlation research of nanostructured polymers and composites, and compatibilization of heterophasic systems.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Silane functionalized polyolefins via metallocene catalysis; synthesis and use in polyolefin coposites, Preparation of polymeric nanocomposites and their structure-property relationships, Poly(ester-anhydrides) Based on Polylactone Precursors. Also the following awards have been received: **1)** Millennium Distinction Award **2)** New Materials Invention Award **3)** TKK Most Prominent Inventor Award **4)** Several scientific articles and patents/invention claims.

Possible utilization of the results:

1) New properties for products of forest industry with amphiphilic block copolymers **2)** Novel composite materials for electronic applications **3)** Novel materials for controlled drug release applications and tissue engineering scaffolds **4)** Nanocellulose; use and composites

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Group name*Analytical Chemistry***Classifications**

1, 2, 4, 7, 8

Leader*Prof. Sakari Kulmala***Special know-how of the group:**

Luminescence methods in general.

Objectives of the research:

Electrochemiluminescence, mainly Hot electron-induced Electrochemiluminescence, and its analytical applications but also applications of some other fields of luminescence.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Color tunability and electrochemiluminescence of silver nanoclusters **2)** Hot Electron-induced Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence **3)** Ultrathin tunnel insulator films on silicon for electrochemiluminescence

Possible utilization of the results:

Mainly in IVD applications.

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Group name

NewMaterial Group

Classifications

1, 2, 6, 7, 8

Leader

Acad. prof. Maarit Karppinen

Special know-how of the group:

Systematic new-material design concept, inorganic materials chemistry, functional oxide materials, atomic layer deposition (ALD) technology

Objectives of the research:

Atomic-level layer-by-layer design and synthesis of novel (functional) materials.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Atomic layer deposition of both hexagonal and orthorhombic YMnO_3 thin films **2)** Atomic layer deposition of stable inorganic-organic hybrid thin films **3)** Atomic layer deposition of gas-barrier coatings for fiber-based packaging materials **4)** Conformal ALD coating of nanoscale topographies of with thin ZnO films for photo-controlled wettability switching **5)** Progress in nanoscale area-selective ALD

Possible utilization of the results:

Scientific communities in new material research and ALD technology; Future spintronics industry; (Food and pharmaceutical) packaging industry

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In addition to the mentioned leader, the research profile includes the research of:

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Group name*Physical Chemistry and Electrochemistry***Classifications***1, 2, 7, 8, 11 (Nanotechnology in energy conversion)***Leader***Prof. Kyösti Kontturi***Special know-how of the group:**

In general, the laboratory's research focus is on electrochemical applications of nanotechnology such as catalytic materials, antibacterial coatings, memory devices, diagnostics, sensors, etc. Group consists of the following persons: **Prof. Kyösti Kontturi**: transport processes at interfaces, electrochemistry **Dr. Lasse Murtomäki**: drug delivery **Dr. Christoffer Johans**: nanoparticle synthesis and mechanisms of nanoparticle nucleation and growth **Dr. Tanja Kallio**: energy conversion **Dr. Kirsi Yliniemi**: functional nano-interfaces **Dr. Benjamin Wilson**: nanoscale oscillators

Objectives of the research:

1) Functional nanocoatings: how tight attachment of nanoparticles influences on their properties **2)** Scale-up fabrication of nanoparticles: mechanisms of nanoparticle nucleation and growth **3)** New synthetic routes for Co/Fe nanoparticles **4)** Nanoscale electrochemical oscillators for memory applications **5)** Catalytic materials for fuel cell applications

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Fabrication of monodisperse Co nanoparticles (patent pending) **2)** Induced electrochemical oscillations on Pt surface and glucose oxidase enzyme (GOD) coated surface **3)** Nucleation and growth mechanism of metallic nanoparticles **4)** Functional nanocoatings based on polymers and Ag nanoparticles

Possible utilization of the results:

To great extent the research in the group is basic research which finds its use in the scientific community. Additionally, some research areas are closely related to industry, for example the fabrication of nanoparticles in large scale as well as functional nanocoatings can be useful for metal industry.

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Group name

Laboratory of Organic chemistry

Classifications

4, 7, 8, 9

Leader

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Special know-how of the group:

Synthetic organic chemistry

Objectives of the research:

Synthesis of natural products, development of novel synthetic methods capable of being transferred into industrially applicable synthetic technologies

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

The latests publications are good examples of the latest results: **1)** Highly Chemoselective Copper Catalyzed Conjugate Reduction of Stereochemically Labile α,β -Unsaturated Amino Ketones **2)** indolizidine alkaloids - synthesis of dideoxycastanospermine **3)** Towards the total synthesis of Calyculin C: preparation of the C13-C25 spirocyclic core **4)** Catalytic Activity Dependency on Catalyst Components in Aerobic Copper-TEMPO Oxidation **5)** Chiral 3-(4,5-dihydrooxazol-2-yl)phenyl alkylcarbamates as novel FAAH inhibitors: insight into FAAH enantioselectivity by molecular docking and interaction fields **6)** Synthesis and agonist properties of novel quinoline and isoquinoline derivatives toward the cannabinoid receptor CB2 **7)** The Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of para-Substituted Phenolic N-Alkyl Carbamates as Endocannabinoid Hydrolyzing Enzyme Inhibitors **8)** A Simple Organocatalytic Enantioselective Synthesis of Pregabalin **9)** 'Synthesis of DEFG Ring System of Cneorins **10)** Aldol-Tischenko Reaction **11)** Development of Di-(2-picolyl)amine Zinc Chelates for Imidazole Receptors **12)** Stereoselective Total Synthesis of Pachastrissamine (Jaspine B) **13)** A New Application for PyOX-ligands: The Asymmetric Henry Reaction **14)** Mild and Efficient Synthesis of 2-indole-2'-Oxazolines at Room Temperature – a Simple Access to Novel IndOX-ligands

Possible utilization of the results:

Pharmaceutical industry can use some of our methodologies

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Group name*Active and Functional Materials***Classifications**

1, 2, 7, 8

Leader*Prof. Simo-Pekka Hannula***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Synthesis metal nanoparticle modified silica particles 2) Spark plasma sintering of bulk nanocrystalline materials 3) Sub-Å HR-TEM electron diffraction, EELS, EDX 4) Hysitron nanoindenter with the heat stage (max 400°C)

Objectives of the research:

1) Developing metal-nanoparticle modified ceramic powders 2) Understanding the SPS compaction of the nanocrystalline materials of nanopowders 3) Structure characterization of nanopowders and nanocrystalline materials and coatings 4) Application of nanopowders in sol-gel coatings and paints as well as in paper and textiles

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Development of novel nanocrystalline ceramic coatings 2) Development of antibacterial light coloured nanopowders for coating applications 3) SPS compacts with the nanocrystalline structures 4) Characterization of nano-alfa-alumina with novel morphology 5) Characterization of the nanomechanical properties of nanocomposites

Possible utilization of the results:

In antibacterial coatings for building industry. In coatings for demanding conditions in various machinery.

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Group name*Materials Processing and Powder Metallurgy***Classifications**

1, 4, 7, 9, 10

Leader*Prof. Michael Gasik***Special know-how of the group:**

The research activities of the MVT are recently concentrated in fields of powder metallurgy and advanced materials processing, fuel cells and catalysts, functionally graded materials (FGM), biomaterials, thermodynamic data bank and modelling, light alloys and intermetallic composites development, processes simulation (CFD, FEM, etc.), environment and recycling, etc. It is for instance internationally recognised for its work on FGM design, processing and evaluation. The group has extensive expertise in combined thermal analysis (dilatometry, thermogravimetry, coupled FTIR, calorimetry, DMA, thermal conductivity), powder processing and characterisation (from 0.6 nm up), materials performance evaluation (aggressive environments) and special processing (such as microwave hybrid treatment). The essential know-how is also in data processing and modelling (mathematical, thermodynamical, CFD and FEM).

Objectives of the research:

The group of materials processing and powder metallurgy (MVT) performs international research in the field of materials processing and powder metallurgy, related physical-chemical phenomena, computer based and experimental modelling, and new materials solutions. The core competence of the group is in the chain 'materials design - processing – structure - properties - testing – applications' research, management and modelling. The research are concentrated on various industrial processes, their modelling and design, materials design, their optimisation and modelling, materials thermodynamics and kinetics, analysis and testing, applied materials processing technology and powder metallurgy, as well as specific contract research.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) New ceramic and coated prostheses made of combined and FGM materials with better wear resistance (5 times) and strength (+75%) were designed, optimised and manufactured, giving also significant increase in strength. Also new algorithm and model for calculation of the non-uniform sintering kinetics and residual stresses in FGM were developed, implemented and applied for several systems. This study was selected to CORDIS technology marketplace and as EU feature article. **2)** New method of fast (50-100 times) manufacturing of carrier-integrated nano-structured MnCo₂O₄ spinel and doped Raney-type nickel catalysts using focussed microwave radiation-assisted synthesis has been developed (power density was increased by 30-35% vs. traditional catalysts). **3)** For applications with aggressive environments and high temperatures, protective coatings have been developed in cooperation with Japan. An excellent performance of these FGM solutions (life time improved over 100 times, hot corrosion stability over 100-150 times) lead to extensive testing of these coatings in Japanese industry (JIS H 7851 standard was developed). **4)** Development of advanced analytical FEM models for CFD and multiphysics modeling of materials behaviour, pyro- and hydrometallurgical processes, including the validation of these models.

Possible utilization of the results:

Industrial applications (power generation, metallurgy, electronics, corrosion protection, etc.), health care (orthopaedics, dental).

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Group name*Microfabrication group***Classifications**

1, 2, 4, 6, 8

Leader*Prof. Sami Franssila***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Materials and fabrication methods of micro- and nanodevices 2) Surfaces and coatings 3) Fluidic devices for chemistry and biology

Objectives of the research:

To develop novel fabrication methods for micro- and nanodevices

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Control of wetting by micro- and nanostructured surfaces 2) New focused ion beam (FIB) nanofabrication method 3) Novel CNT transistor fabrication process 4) Suspended and thermally insulated micro- and nanostructures

Possible utilization of the results:

In chemical and biochips for analytical chemistry, protein chemistry, diagnostics

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Group name*Physical properties of surfaces and interfaces***Classifications**

1, 8

Leader*Prof. Jari Koskinen***Special know-how of the group:**

Plasma assisted coating methods, PVD, carbon based coatings

Objectives of the research:

To develop thin films with functional properties and to tailor the coating substrate interface.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Textured surface of a diamond-like carbon coating allowing the reduction of friction in lubricated conditions. It should be noted, that the group was found less than one year ago.

Possible utilization of the results:

Components and tools

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Group name*Forest products surface chemistry***Classifications**

1, 2, 7, 9

Leader*Prof. Janne Laine***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Surface science of cellulosic materials 2) Characterization, utilization and modification of nanocellulose 3) Interactions and adsorption at various cellulose surfaces. The cellulose may be cellulose fibre or thin films made from nanocrystalline cellulose, nanofibrillar cellulose or regenerated cellulose 4) Surface modification 5) Polyelectrolyte multilayers

Objectives of the research:

1) Nanotechnological applications in the forest products sector 2) Surface modification of macroscopic material like paper or wires, surface modification of cellulose fibers and surface modification of nanomaterial.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Establishing the Finnish Centre for Nanocellulosic Technologies together with UPM and VTT. The centre aims at creating new applications for cellulose as a raw material, substance and end product.

Possible utilization of the results:

The results can be applied in paper making, packaging and in developing new materials from wood. The results may also be applied in material science. Industries benefiting from the results are the paper industry, chemical suppliers, and any company interested in developing new materials from sustainable resources.

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Group name*Paper Converting and Packaging***Classifications**

1, 2, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Prof. Jouni Paltakari***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Paper and paperboard converting and coating 2) Behaviour of fibre-based packaging materials 3) Production of microfibrillated and nano-scale lignocellulose material

Objectives of the research:

Development of bio-/fibre based materials and composites including nano-scale fractions for novel paper and paperboard structures for converting and packaging end uses.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Start-up of a production unit for micro- and nanofibrillated cellulose at TKK 2) Research and investigation of the behaviour of micro- and nanofibrillated cellulose in paper and paper board furnishes, and as a component in coating colours.

Possible utilization of the results:

Results are directly applicable in industrial processes within forest products industry and in other relevant application areas.

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Group name*Paper technology***Classifications**

1, 2, 8

Leader*Prof. Hannu Paulapuro***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Fiber and paper physics 2) Process technology 3) Control and diagnostic methods of papermaking processes

Objectives of the research:

1) Improve the properties of fibers and paper 2) Develop new paper manufacturing technology (especially forming technology, reducing the energy consumption of papermaking)

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Use of fibrils (nanomaterial) in papermaking 2) New ways of fiber treatment for improving paper properties
 3) Increasing the filler (pigment) content in paper (up to 60 %) without deteriorating paper properties
 4) Improving the optical properties of fillers (nanocoated filler particles) 5) Developing the air dynamic forming concept for waterless papermaking 6) Developing the ultra high forming (up to 15 %) concept for paper- and board making.

Possible utilization of the results:

The results are partly revolutionary to papermaking. They can be directly applied in paper and board mills. Especially when developing new paper and board products the results with nanomaterials (fibrils, nanocoated fillers) are essential.

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Group name*Micro- and Nanorobotics Group***Classifications**

4, 6, 7, 8

Leader*Doc. Quan Zhou***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Microrobotics 2) Nanomanipulation inside SEM 3) Optical quality control robots for microcomponents, assembly methods for RFIDs, microgrippers and optical actuation methods

Objectives of the research:

1) Develop tools and automation for micro- and nanomanufacturing, including new micro- and nanoassembly methods based on robotics and/or self-assembly, new handling strategies for micro- and nanocomponents, new actuation principles and quality control in micro- and nanomanufacturing 2) Use the aforementioned methods for manufacturing autonomous and mobile micro- and nanorobots

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Nanomanipulator inside a SEM 2) New microhandling strategy combining robotics and self-assembly based on droplet self-alignment 3) swallowable wireless biotelemetry device ("intelligent pill") for the analysis of gastrointestinal tract

Possible utilization of the results:

Researchers who need precise handling of nanoscopic samples, RFID or heterogeneous IC companies, biomedical device manufacturers

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Group name

Nanotechnology Group

Classifications

1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Leader

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Special know-how of the group:

1) Nanofabrication, advanced materials, functional surfaces, materials characterization **2)** Nanofabrication methods including electron beam lithography, focused ion beam lithography, nanoimprint lithography, atomic layer deposition (ALD), metalorganic vapour phase epitaxy (MOVPE) and other advanced deposition and dry etching processes combined with standard microfabrication techniques **3)** Semiconductor nanostructures such as quantum dots and nanowires are also processed by self-assembly **4)** Fabrication methods for graphene are developed **5)** Novel nanomaterials are developed from structures based on nanolaminates, plasmonic structures, functional nanostructures and bioinspired structures **6)** Nanocharacterisation methods covers techniques such as scanning probe microscopy, SEM, TEM, advanced X-ray diffraction, Raman spectroscopy, photoluminescence and various electrical methods.

Objectives of the research:

1) World-class research on nanostructures, nanomaterials and nanocharacterization **2)** Application of nanotechnology in advanced devices and materials for nanoelectronics, nanophotonics and sensors.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Ballistic graphene devices **2)** New gallium nitride nanostructures for LEDs **3)** New plasma-ALD processes **4)** Semiconductor nanowire structures **5)** ALD nanolayers for surface passivation **6)** Novel genetic fitting algorithms and statistical error analysis methods for x-ray reflectivity analysis **7)** Photonic crystal waveguides for silicon integrated optics

Possible utilization of the results:

The results can be applied in the development of new devices and functional surfaces. The expertise in nanofabrication and characterization has a wide field of applications.

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Group name*The electron physics group***Classifications**

2, 6, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Prof. Pekka Kuivalainen***Special know-how of the group:**

- 1) Fabrication of Mn-doped InAs magnetic quantum dots on a GaAs substrates using molecular beam epitaxy
- 2) Fabrication of SETs using e-beam lithography
- 3) Modelling of the spintronic devices

Objectives of the research:

We are carrying out basic research in the field of semiconductor spintronics, studying especially the magnetic semiconductor single electron transistors (SETs) made of ferromagnetic semiconductor quantum dots. The objective is to show, by fabricating and modelling the SETs, that the electrical and magnetic properties of these transistors can be controlled simultaneously by the gate voltage. This provides, e.g. new highly miniaturized non-volatile memory elements.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

- 1) The modelling results predicting many novel features for magnetic SETs
- 2) Fabrication of the ferromagnetic InAs quantum dots on a GaAs substrate, where the dots had Curie temperatures higher than the room temperature

Possible utilization of the results:

The above mentioned results may be useful in novel non-volatile memories or in solid state quantum computers, but of course these applications are far in the future.

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Group name*Micro and Quantum Systems Group***Classifications**

1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Prof. Ilkka Tittonen***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Theoretical skills in quantum optics 2) Micro- and nanofabrication 3) Clean room use 4) Numerical modelling of microsystems

Objectives of the research:

1) International status in the fields of micromechanical applications, optically active biomolecules and micro- and nanofabrication 2) Development of thermoelectric materials and systems

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) New fabrication method using focused ion beam and deep reactive ion etch 2) Development of new lasers 3) Development of photoacoustic sensors 4) Coupled micromechanical resonators

Possible utilization of the results:

Photoacoustic sensors are already in commercial use, thermoelectric materials will benefit almost any company who wants to convert heat back to electricity, FEM modelling of microsystems will benefit many sensor companies, new fabrication methods make prototyping of some microsystems orders of magnitude faster

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Group name*Fiber Optics Group***Classifications**

1, 2, 6, 7, 9

Leader*Doc. Hanne Ludvigsen***Special know-how of the group:**

The Fiber Optics Group has extensive expertise in optical measurement techniques, spectroscopy, and photonic device construction. The group has made extensive studies of supercontinuum generation in microstructured fibers and is currently developing novel device and sensor applications that are based on the new possibilities offered by these fibers.

The group is located in Micronova, the largest micro- and nanotechnology center in Finland, which provides state-of-the-art fabrication and characterization facilities for modern material science.

Objectives of the research:

1) To develop novel sensor concept based on microstructured optical fibers **2)** To design and construct new supercontinuum sources and find new applications for these broadband light sources.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) We proposed a novel surface-plasmon resonance concept based on a microstructured optical fiber coated with a gold layer on the inner surface of the holes.

2) We demonstrated the use of a supercontinuum source in a scanning white-light interferometer to perform 3D profile measurements of a MEMS component.

3) We demonstrated that a hollow microstructured optical fiber filled with a highly nonlinear liquid can support single-mode guiding at wavelengths longer than 600 nm in a 4- μ m-diameter liquid core.

Possible utilization of the results:

High quality control of MEMS devices

Microelectronics

Biology

Medicine (OCT)

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Group name*Optoelectronics Group***Classifications**

1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Prof. Markku Sopanen***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Epitaxy (growth) of III-V semiconductor layers, device structures and nanostructures **2)** Fabrication of optoelectronic components (LEDs, diode lasers, detectors, solar cells, etc.) **3)** Growth of quantum dot, quantum wire and quantum well structures **4)** Optical spectroscopy, atomic force microscopy and X-ray diffraction.

Objectives of the research:

1) To improve optoelectronic devices by utilizing new materials and nanostructures **2)** To design devices and systems intended for applying optoelectronic devices in biological, chemical and physical measurements.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Enhancement of visible LED efficiency **2)** UV LED matrices for DNA studies

Possible utilization of the results:

Companies involved in our TEKES projects. Spin-off companies. Our graduatees.

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Group name*Photonics Group***Classifications**

1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Prof. Seppo Honkanen***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Investigation of the photodarkening effect in Yb-doped fibers **2)** Integration of Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) with Si-nanophotonics and studies of Ag nanoparticles embedded in glass **3)** In general, strong expertise on guided-wave nanophotonics

Objectives of the research:

World-class research on nanophotonics with applications on telecommunications, fiber lasers and guided-wave sensors.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Photodarkening studies of Yb-doped fibers **2)** Demonstration of Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS) with Ag nanoparticles partially embedded in glass with an ion exchange process **3)** Integration of ALD-deposited materials with Si-nanoslot waveguides

Possible utilization of the results:

The results can be applied in the development of improved fibers for fiber lasers, in novel biosensors and in all-optical devices for telecommunication.

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Group name*Artificial electromagnetic materials and applications***Classifications**

1, 2, 6, 7, 9

Leader*Prof. Sergei Tretyakov***Special know-how of the group:**

World-class expertise in the electromagnetic theory, analytical modelling of artificial electromagnetic materials and surfaces including metamaterials and metasurfaces, electromagnetic computations in both radio and optical frequency ranges, microwave, millimeter and submillimeter electromagnetic characterization of natural and artificial material samples, waveguides, antennas and components of wireless techniques. The key personnel of the team is internationally well-known for the books and papers referring to the applied electromagnetics and artificial materials. E.g. "Analytical modelling in applied electro-magnetics" (2003) was the first known monograph where the properties of metamaterials were studied and explained. The leaders of metamaterial research at Aalto University School of Science and Technology are **professors Sergei Tretyakov, Constantin Simovski and Dr Igor Nefedov**.

Objectives of the research:

Design, realization, and investigations of artificial electromagnetic materials (metamaterials), possessing exotic and useful properties, not available in natural materials. The focus is on metamaterials formed by inclusions on the nanoscale, which could result in innovative collective responses at optical and THz frequencies.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

New approaches to cloaking of objects from electromagnetic fields, new principles of the design of artificial materials for transformational electromagnetics and optics, compact antennas utilizing artificial magnetic conductors and magnetic nanocomposites, non-reflecting microwave lenses, new principles and devices for sub-wavelength imaging at microwaves, in the THz and optical ranges, new theory of electromagnetic characterization of micro- and nano-structured materials taking in account the resonant properties of constituents, new metamaterials for nanosensing, metamaterial tips for near-field microscopes enabling the field-enhanced Raman scattering and fluorescence.

Possible utilization of the results:

Main applications are in the field of nanophotonics, including optical nanoimaging and nanosensing. Medicine, biology, security, space optics and prospective telecommunications systems can benefit from new devices designed in our group and based on metamaterial components.

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Group name*Engineered nanosystems, BECS***Classifications**

2, 6, 7, 9, 11 (Thermophotonics)

Leader*Prof. Jukka Tulkki***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Semiconductor optics **2)** Modeling of electronic structure carrier dynamics in nanostructures **3)** Device level multiphysics modeling in optoelectronics

Objectives of the research:

To develop generic multiphysics modelling tools for nanometerscale crystals and related optoelectronic and thermophotonic devices.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Introduction of a new device concept the thermophotonic heat pump **2)** Research of drooping in high efficiency LEDs **3)** research of quantum trajectory model of photon fields

Possible utilization of the results:

Optoelectronics, thermophotonics

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Group name

NanoMaterials Group, NMG

Classifications

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Leader

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Special know-how of the group:

1) SWCNT (Single wall carbon nanotube), CNT (Carbon nanotube) and CNB (Carbon nanobud) synthesis
 2) Optical characterisation (Raman, absorption): 1 Å resolution HRTEM, electron diffraction, EELS; EDS
 3) Aerosol flow reactors
 4) Nanoparticle synthesis and measurement
 5) Manufacturing and characterisation of TFT-FET and transparent electrodes
 6) Inhalation drug delivery materials and technologies

Objectives of the research:

1) Develop new carbon nanomaterials (SWCNTs, CNB) -synthesis, structure characterisation and transparent, flexible electronics applications (transparent conductors, TFT-FETs, field emission sources)
 2) Develop novel drug delivery technologies (inhalation, injection) based on nanoparticles as well as on nanostructured microparticles

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) World record conductivity transparent flexible electrode based on SWCNTs: sheet resistance 40 ohms/sq when transparency 80 % (compare to best graphene which has 10 times lower conductivity with similar transparency) i.e. better than ITO on polymer
 2) Flexible, transparent TFT-FETs with both electron and hole mobilities better than those of best organic thin film TFTs and which are much more stable
 3) Lithography free manufacturing of SWCNT TFT-FETs
 4) Method to manufacture free standing SWCNT films which are transparent and highly conductive, can be used e.g. as loudspeaker and are excellent nanoparticle filters
 5) Method to produce N-doped SWCNTs - SWCNTs with extremely high crystallinity as verified by STM and HRTEM
 6) Electron diffraction method to determine chirality of SW, DW, and TWCNTs
 7) Peptide coated, easily flowable microparticles for inhalation delivery of drugs & related manufacturing method
 8) Novel, simple method to grow metal oxide nanowires
 9) Novel CNT-cement hybrid material for the production of super-strong, electrically conductive concrete
 10) Temperature dependent Raman studies of SWCNT and CNBs
 11) Simultaneous HRTEM, ED and Raman studies of an individual carbon nanobud (CNB)

Possible utilization of the results:

Transparent electrodes and transistors have billion eur + markets in e.g. e-paper, flexible displays, touchscreens, haptic user interfaces, solar cells etc. TKK spin-off Canatu is commercialising these technologies
 Peptide coated drug particles have billion level end markets in the fields of both local (asthma, COPD) as well as systemic (e.g. insulin, pain killers) drug delivery systems. TKK spun off Teicos Pharma Oy to commercialise the technology developed at NMG.

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Group name*Multiscale Statistical Physics Group***Classifications**1, 2, 9, 11
(Biomolecular applications)**Leader***Prof. Tapio Ala-Nissilä***Special know-how of the group:**

Theoretical and computational multi-scale and coarse-graining methodologies; various simulation methods on all scales from nano to macro.

Objectives of the research:

Theoretical and computational multi-scale modeling of micro- and nanosystems, and their application in thin films, surface coatings, microfluidistics, and controlling microstructure of materials (metals and polymers).

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Development of a new method to model multiphase flows in microchannels **2)** Construction of a computationally efficient model for water molecules **3)** Construction of a computationally efficient model for the study of microstructures in metals **4)** Unraveling the influence of various physical parameters (such as polymer-pore interactions) on the translocation dynamics of DNA through nanopores

Possible utilization of the results:

Coating industries, lab-on-a-chip technology, microcircuit cooling

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Group name*Nanomagnetism and Spintronics***Classifications**

2, 6, 7

Leader*Prof. Sebastiaan van Dijken***Special know-how of the group:**

The NanoSpin Group has an extensive expertise in thin film and multilayer growth, nanoscale device fabrication, and structural, magnetic, and ferroelectric characterization. The experimental infrastructure consists of a pulsed-laser deposition system for high-quality multilayer oxide growth, a multi-target magnetron sputtering system with in-situ patterning capability, and several dedicated setups for magnetic, ferroelectric, and magnetotransport analysis. Besides, the group utilizes state-of-the-art equipment at the Micronova cleanroom (lithography) and the recently established Nanomicroscopy Centre.

Objectives of the research:

The Nanomagnetism and Spintronics (NanoSpin) Group focuses on the experimental investigation and utilization of magnetic phenomena and spin transport in new functional materials and hybrid nanoscale structures. Current projects include studies on magnetoelectric coupling in ferromagnetic/ferroelectric thin film composites, tunnel junctions with active tunnel barriers, current-induced spin-torque switching in MgO-based magnetic tunnel junctions, and high-speed domain wall dynamics.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Strong magnetoelectric coupling in hybrid BaTiO₃/thin magnetic film structures **2)** Fabrication of all-oxide tunnel junctions with magnetic and ferroelectric functionality **3)** Current-induced magnetic switching in nanopillar tunnel junctions with ultrathin MgO barriers **4)** Development of a new method based on magneto-optics for studying dynamic domain wall motion in thin magnetic films

Possible utilization of the results:

The application areas of our research include magnetic sensors, magnetic and ferroelectric storage, and tunable microwave device technology.

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Group name

Quantum Dynamics

Classifications

2, 6, 7, 8, 9

Leader

Prof. Päivi Törmä

Special know-how of the group:

1) Nanoelectronics and nanofabrication 2) Plasmonics 3) Many-body quantum physics, analytical and numerical methods

Objectives of the research:

1) Nano- and molecular electronics 2) Programmable materials, especially DNA self-assembly 3) Plasmonics and nanophotonics 4) Theory research on many-body quantum physics

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

The titles of the latest articles are good examples of the latest results: 1) Field induced nanolithography for high-throughput pattern transfer 2) Fermi Condensates for Dynamic Imaging of Electromagnetic Fields 3) Hopping modulation in a one-dimensional Fermi-Hubbard Hamiltonian 4) High speed memory from carbon nanotube field-effect transistors with high-K gate dielectric 5) Vacuum Rabi splitting and strong coupling dynamics for surface plasmon polaritons and Rhodamine 6G molecules 6) Induced interactions for ultra-cold Fermi gases in optical lattices 7) DNA origami as a nanoscale template for protein assembly 8) Spectral signatures of the Fulde-Ferrell-Larkin-Ovchinnikov order parameter in one-dimensional optical lattices 9) Dielectrophoretic Trapping of DNA Origami

Possible utilization of the results:

In nanodevices using carbon nanotubes (the carbon nanotube memory), in assembly of nanodevices (the work on DNA origami), and in coherent plasmonics (the work on Rabi splitting).

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Group name*New Energy Technologies***Classifications**

2, 5, 7, 8, 11 (Energy)

Leader*Prof. Peter Lund***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Material, characterization and device know-how on solar cells and fuel cells 2) Nanomaterial integration into energy devices

Objectives of the research:

1) Nanoscience and nanotechnology integration into energy applications 2) Future energy technologies such as fuel cells and solar energy

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Nanosolar cells on flexible substrates (dye sensitized nanostructured TiO₂ cell) 2) Scaling up of laboratory solar cells into a technology scale 3) Nanotechnology enhanced thin solar cells

Possible utilization of the results:

Small scale energy applications, mobile and portable power production Solar energy applications, built

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Group name*Computational Soft Matter Research Group***Classifications**

2, 9

Leader*Academy Research Fellow Emppu Salonen***Special know-how of the group:**

The group's expertise lies in molecular modeling of carbon-based nanomaterials (fullerenes and carbon nanotubes; both pristine and functionalized) and biological systems. The methods used range from ab initio quantum chemistry calculations to classical atomistic and coarse-grained molecular dynamics simulations.

Objectives of the research:

1) Provide insight on the basic interactions between carbon-based nanomaterials and biological macromolecules, such as proteins/peptides, nucleic acids, lipids, and carbohydrates. **2)** Assess the solubilization, transport, and uptake mechanisms of nanomaterials in laboratory conditions as well as in the environment (especially natural water sources). **3)** Develop novel methods for simulations of nanomaterial-biomaterial interactions.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Together with our experimental colleagues at Clemson University (SC, USA), we characterized the solubilization of fullerenes C_{70} by gallic acid (GA), a phenolic acid that is commonly found in plants. This was followed by exposing live human tumor cells to the GA-solubilized fullerene clusters, resulting in rapid cell death. Another study with the same experimental collaborators demonstrated the inhibition of DNA polymerase reaction by the water-soluble fullerene derivative $C_{60}(OH)_{20}$. This was concluded to result from the direct interaction of $C_{60}(OH)_{20}$ with the polymerase enzyme. A detailed investigation to uncover the mechanism of enzyme inhibition at the atomic scale is now in progress. In addition to applications, the group has worked on the development of state-of-the-art models of fullerenes and fullerene derivatives to be used in classical molecular dynamics simulations.

Possible utilization of the results:

The group's focus is on basic research related to nanomaterial-biomaterial interactions. The aim is to provide complementing insight on systems and processes studied in experiments, and to motivate further experimental work on topics that have been first investigated in modeling studies.

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Group name*Quantum Computing and Devices***Classifications**

6, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Dr. Mikko Möttönen***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Theory of quantum systems 2) Nanoelectronic devices 3) Josephson devices 4) Experimental low-temperature physics

Objectives of the research:

We study fundamental quantum mechanical phenomena in nanoscale systems and aim to use them in practical applications such as quantum bits, current sources, and microwave detectors.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Demonstration of a single-electron turnstile for quantum metrology 2) Experimental determination of the Berry phase in a superconducting charge pump 3) Suggestion for experimental realization of Dirac monopoles 4) Demonstration of a single-atom transistor.

Possible utilization of the results:

Redefinition of the international system of units (SI), fundamental knowledge of Nature, and emerging computational devices.

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Group name*Molecular materials/Ruokolainen***Classifications**

2, 4, 7

Leader*Prof. Janne Ruokolainen***Special know-how of the group:**

1) High resolution microscopy for soft materials 2) Self assembly materials

Objectives of the research:

1) Develop new functional materials and smart materials. Currently the main focus is in responsive materials such as hydrogels and vesicular structures e.g. for drug delivery applications We use polymers, liquid crystals, polypeptides, electrospun nanofibers, aerosol polymer nanoparticles as structural units in supramolecular assemblies. 2) Second objective is to set up experimental facilities for high resolution microscopy characterization and especially cryo electron microscopy for materials science applications.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Development of new self-assembly materials based on dendron and dendrimer supramolecular liquid crystals

Possible utilization of the results:

Scientific community

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Group name*Optics and molecular materials***Classifications**

1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8

Leader*Acad. Prof. Olli Ikkala***Special know-how of the group:**

Learn from biological material to obtain new extraordinary materials properties

Objectives of the research:

Biomimetic and functional materials based on self-assemblies

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Steel-strong nanostructured materials based on biological concepts 2) New biological concepts for self-propulsion of miniaturized devices 3) New self-cleaning surfaces 4) Functional material based on nanocellulose 5) Metal nanoclusters for sensing and diagnostics

Possible utilization of the results:

Lightweight but strong construction for telecommunication and other constructs, coating industry

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Group name*Biological Physics group***Classifications***1, 2, 4, 9,11 (Biological matter in nano-scale)***Leader***Prof. Ilpo Vattulainen***Special know-how of the group:**

Multi-scale modeling of biological matter, including quantum-mechanical, atomistic classical and coarse-grained modeling of biological systems.

Objectives of the research:

The group focuses on the theory and modeling of biologically relevant soft and condensed matter systems. The research includes the development of theoretical and computational techniques for coarse graining and multiscale modeling, the development of force fields for atomistic simulations of biological matter, and applications of these methods to study physicochemical properties of biological systems over a multitude of scales in time and space. The area of research covers lipid membranes (as well as interactions of these systems with e.g. drugs, alcohols, and sterols), drug delivery, nanomaterials, structure and dynamics of protein-membrane complexes, lipoproteins, glycosystems, and nanocellulose.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Structure of lipid rafts **2)** Structure of lipoproteins **3)** Atomistic models for nanocellulose **4)** Determination of activation mechanisms for membrane proteins **5)** Determination of nanomaterial induced cell death.

Possible utilization of the results:

Understanding of the mechanisms of nanomaterial-induced cell death allows better design of safer nanomaterials. Development of functionalized nanocellulose paves way for novel nanomaterials with user-tuned properties. Understanding of ways to govern protein activation and functionality allows the design of biological nanoengines, for example, as biosensors. Determination of lipoprotein structures and their functions allows one to better understand why and how cardiovascular diseases emerge, and to find means to treat these diseases.

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Group name*Surface Science Group***Classifications***1, 6, 7***Leader***Doc. Jouko Lahtinen***Special know-how of the group:**

Structural and chemical characterization of solid surfaces using ultra high vacuum techniques like XPS, LEED and STM

Objectives of the research:

1) To understand adsorption on atomic level on some catalytic processes **2)** To understand and model adhesion processes **3)** To build up a model for light emission in Si nanocrystals

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Showing how an increase in the surface roughness decreases adhesion in general and especially on medically used salbutamol sulfate particles

Possible utilization of the results:

Our results will be useful for researchers who work closer to the industrial applications.

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Group name*Electronic properties of Materials / COMP***Classifications**

1, 2, 6, 7, 9

Leader*Prof. Martti Puska***Special know-how of the group:**

First-principles electronic structure calculations on the atomistic scale. Longer length and time scales are modeled by methods such as the lattice kinetic Monte Carlo.

Objectives of the research:

Modeling of materials and nanostructures on the basis of first-principles electronic-structure calculations. The modeling includes properties and phenomena. Electronic (including e.g. those of defects in semiconductors and electron transport through nanostructures), mechanical and optical properties are considered. Time-dependent (non-adiabatic) phenomena in nanostructures are modeled.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Modeling of electronic properties of defects and interfaces in semiconductor materials including Si, GaAs, GaN, InGaN, ferroelectric materials, and transparent conducting oxides **2)** Modeling of novel carbon materials: nanotubes, graphene etc. **3)** Development and implementation of first-principles electronic-structure methods: Time-dependent density-functional theory, van der Waals density functional, application of the finite element method in electronic-structure calculations

Possible utilization of the results:

Design of materials and systems for nanoelectronics

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Group name

COMP

Classifications

1, 2, 6, 7, 9

Leader

Prof. Risto Nieminen

Special know-how of the group:

Theory, modelling and simulation of nanomaterials, processes and devices

Objectives of the research:

Center of Excellence in Computational Nanoscience consists of 7 research groups: - Electronic Properties of Materials (**Prof. Puska**) - Surfaces and Interfaces at the Nanoscale (**Prof. Foster**) - Quantum Many-Body Physics (**Dr. Harju**) - Multiscale Statistical Physics (**Prof. Ala-Nissilä**) - Complex Materials and Systems (**Prof. Alava**) - Biological Physics (**Prof. Vattulainen**) - Quantum Computing and Devices (**Dr. Möttönen**)

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Basic-research publication activity, method development, researcher training, visitor program, workshop program **2)** Nanostructured carbon materials and devices, nanoscale ferroelectricity, oxide materials **3)** Interpretation of scanning-probe microscopies **4)** Membrane biophysics **5)** Physical realisations for quantum computing

Possible utilization of the results:

Applications in functional materials for sensors and other devices -Interpretation of various nanoscale characterisations -Switching and memory elements in nanoelectronics

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Group name*Engineering materials***Classifications**

2, 7, 8

Leader*Prof. Hannu Hänninen***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Synthesis of metal and oxide nanocomposites of CNTs and CNFs (Carbon nanofibers) using electroless methods **2)** Mechanical testing of engineering materials and strain localization studies using in-situ loading equipment in FEG-SEM **3)** Optical strain measurement **4)** Modelling of load transfer and strain accommodation at the interfaces **5)** Anelasticity of nanocomposites.

Objectives of the research:

CNT- (Carbon Nanotube) metal and CNT-oxide nanocomposites: synthesis, characterisation and modelling

Possible utilization of the results:

Machine construction

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Group name*Nanomaterials in building technology***Classifications**

2, 5

Leader*Prof. Vesa Penttala***Special know-how of the group:**

Production of carbon nanotube concrete composites.

Objectives of the research:

To improve the properties of building materials by modifying their microstructure by carbon nanofibers or by carbon nanotubes.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

The compressive strength of the carbon nanotube concretes was improved to nearly double value in comparison with the reference concrete. The electrical resistivity was lowered by one order of magnitude classifying this material as a semiconductor.

Possible utilization of the results:

If the mass production of these new carbon nanotube modified cements can be innovated, it benefits the whole concrete industry.

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**Independent Institutions
Low Temperature Laboratory**

Group name

NANO-group

Classifications

2, 6, 8, 9

Leader

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Special know-how of the group:

Microwave measurements at millikelvin temperatures

Objectives of the research:

The research work of the NANO group is focused on three areas: **1)** Mesoscopic quantum amplifiers and qubits, **2)** Quantum transport in carbon nanotubes and graphene, and **3)** Current fluctuations and fast dynamics in quantum circuits.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Noise characterization of ballistic graphene at GHz frequencies

Possible utilization of the results:

The scientific community working on graphene devices

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Low Temperature Laboratory**

Group name*PICO-group***Classifications**

6

Leader*Prof. Jukka Pekola***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Physics of single-electron tunneling **2)** Superconducting nanostructures **3)** Quantum nanoelectronics
4) Electron-beam lithography **5)** Low temperature techniques.

Objectives of the research:

We aim at understanding the physics of quantum nanostructures at low temperatures. In particular we focus on single-electron tunneling and heat transport properties in superconductors, normal metals and in hybrids of them. We are developing quantum metrological standards for electric current and for thermometry based on single-electron tunneling.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Hybrid single-electron turnstile as a source of quantized electric current **2)** Measurement of the quantum of heat conductance

Possible utilization of the results:

In metrology and eventually in the system of units. In the work of other scientists in related fields.

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Group name*Research group on nanotechnology business***Classifications***11 (Nanotechnology
in the society)***Leader***Dr. Nina Granqvist***Special know-how of the group:**

The members of the group have a wide understanding on the dynamics of emergence of novel businesses and industries. The research group members have conducted close to 150 interviews with the key stakeholder in the field both in the Nordic Countries and Silicon Valley. Other data includes a major database on news stories on nanotechnology, both publicly and privately accessible reports, and scientific articles on nanotechnology.

Objectives of the research:

The aim of the research conducted in this group is to understand how nanotechnology contributes to the emergence of novel business activities and to the renewal of existing industries. The research ranges from studying the local local emergence of new scientific and commercial activities, to investigating the origins and processes that induce technology hypes, and to understanding executives' decisions to engage with novel technologies.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

n.a.

Possible utilization of the results:

n.a.

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Group name*Soft matter physics***Classifications**

1, 2, 7

Leader*Prof. Ritva Serimaa***Special know-how of the group:**

Synchrotron radiation and x-ray based methods for characterization of the structure of materials like wide and small angle x-ray scattering, grazing incidence x-ray diffraction and reflectivity, x-ray absorption spectroscopy, x-ray microtomography

Objectives of the research:

Studies on the structure and properties soft nanomaterials using x-ray based methods. The applications include nanofibrillated cellulose, natural polymer based nanocomposites and two-dimensional protein coatings.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Structure of self-assembled films of hydrophobin proteins HFBI and HFBII in situ at the air/water Interface was characterized using synchrotron radiation. **2)** Nanocomposites of transition metal nanoparticles and cellulose was prepared and characterized using anomalous scattering and absorption spectroscopy in co-operation with Inst. of Macromolecular Compunds, St. Petersburg. **3)** Drying and crystallization of natural polymer based film was followed using combined ultrasonics and x-ray experiments **4)** The nanostructure of nanofibrillated cellulose was characterized from nanometer to micrometer scale using x-ray scattering and microtomography.

Possible utilization of the results:

Food and paper industry.

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Group name*Materials science simulations***Classifications***1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9***Leader***Prof. Kai Nordlund***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Molecular dynamics simulations **2)** Density functional theory calculations **3)** Analytical theory **4)** Interatomic potential development **5)** Kinetic Monte Carlo simulations

Objectives of the research:

Understand the ion and cluster ion beam processing of materials on the atomic scale and use these insights to enable development of improved and new materials

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Combined theoretical and experimental proof that **1)** swift heavy ion tracks in silica are underdense in the core **2)** That ion beams can be used to densify nanocrystalline thin films **3)** That pure metals can sputter chemically

Possible utilization of the results:

1) Development of ways to grow nanowires in swift heavy ion tracks **2)** development of nanocrystalline thin films made a new kinds of materials **3)** plasma processing of materials

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Group name*X-ray Spectroscopy Group***Classifications**

7, 9

Leader*Prof. Keijo Hämäläinen***Special know-how of the group:**

X-ray based techniques in materials characterization using synchrotron radiation

Objectives of the research:

Fundamental studies of electronic structure in novel materials

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Development of various experimental and computational tools for electronic structure studies

Possible utilization of the results:

In linking the materials macroscopic and electronic structure level properties

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Group name*Ion beam group***Classifications**

2, 7, 8

Leader*Prof. Juhani Keinonen***Special know-how of the group:**

The research aims to understand the interaction of energetic ions with atoms of materials and slowing-down of ions in solids, effects of ion implantations on the structure of matter, interaction of defects, host atoms and implanted atoms in matter, and diffusion and solubility of doping atoms. The experimental work on materials physics is complemented by atom-level computer simulations, which can describe both the high-energy collisions induced by ion beams, and the subsequent modification of the equilibrium properties of materials.

Objectives of the research:

The main interests are to obtain new information about physical processes taking place in materials during and after implantation and the development of better processing methods of materials and development of new materials.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Changes of mechanical and electric properties were defined in single-walled carbon nanotube (SWNT) networks (SWNT paper) irradiated with high energy heavy ion beams. **2)** New photoactive defect structures were defined in alpha-quartz doped by ion implantation.

Possible utilization of the results:

Results are essential for continuous development of nano-materials and related devices, e.g. in nanophotonics.

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Group name*Biophysics***Classifications**

9

Leader*Prof. Arto Annala***Special know-how of the group:**

Statistical physics of open systems.

Objectives of the research:

To acquire holistic understanding of nature from first principles.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Derivation of evolutionary equation of motion.

Possible utilization of the results:

The natural law of maximal energy dispersal is general. It can be applied to rationalize diverse processes and phenomena.

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Group name*Division of atmospheric sciences and geophysics***Classifications**

3, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Acad. prof. Markku Kulmala***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Modeling of atmospheric clusters using molecular level methods 2) Aerosol dynamic modeling of atmospheric particle formation 3) Measurement of world's longest time series in atmospheric nanoparticle formation events and nano-particle size distributions 4) Detecting and uncovering the chemical identity of atmospheric nanoscale condensation nuclei 5) Instrument and model development 6) Intercomparison of theory and experiment

Objectives of the research:

Uncovering the formation mechanisms of atmospheric nanoparticles and their effect on climate and air quality.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Reduction in aerosol, particle concentrations might enhance to global warming 2) Developed techniques to detect electronically neutral aerosol particles below 3 nanometers in diameter 3) Quantitative measurements of the ability of 1-3 nanometer particles act as condensation nuclei 4) Ion-induced nucleation is not the major particle formation channel in the atmosphere 5) Developed techniques to measure chemical composition of atmospheric ions 6) Molecular modeling results of atmospheric nanoclusters confirmed with experiments, theory also assisting instrument development and data analysis

Possible utilization of the results:

The results narrow down the uncertainties related to atmospheric aerosols in predicting climate change. They increase information on airborne nanoparticles and nanoparticle physics in general, benefiting materials research. Aerosol dynamic models have a wide range of applications from industrial processes to assessment of environmental issues. End users of the results are policy makers, climate modellers, process engineers, risk analysts.

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Group name*Nano-aerosols, health and safety***Classifications**

2, 3, 5, 7, 9

Leader*Prof. Kaarle Hämeri***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Measurement techniques of nano-aerosols 2) Real-time and on-line methods 3) Aerosol fundamental physics

Objectives of the research:

1) Safety and risks of engineered and pollution nanoparticles 2) Instrumentation and characterization of the physico-chemical properties of nano-aerosols

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Exposure characteristics of nano-particles in several occupational areas 2) Exposure characteristics of nano-particles on mice

Possible utilization of the results:

The results can be utilised in developing protection to nanoparticles, in estimating the exposure and investigating the potential risks. The results can be used by all enterprises that are concerned about the risks of their production.

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Group name*Optical and surface properties of nanoparticles, OPNA***Classifications**

2, 3, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Prof. Markku Räsänen***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Molecular spectroscopy 2) Infrared, raman, time-resolved luminescence 3) Cryogenic techniques from 3 K

Objectives of the research:

1) To understand light amplification in Si-nanoparticles embedded in SiO₂ and structure of the interface between these. 2) Excited states 3) To develop further optical memory based on Si nanoparticles embedded in solid SiO₂: Pressure dependence of the phonon band measured by Raman scattering and data density of such memories and integration to known silicon technology. 4) Chemical compounds formed by noble gases and connection to xenon anesthesia and to the missing xenon problem. 5) Selective control of molecular conformations 6) Chemical differences of different conformers 7) Molecular level optical memory

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Writing data to Si/SiO₂ nanoparticles 2) Synthesis of HXeOXeH, very high energy species 3) Stabilization of the higher-energy conformer of formic acid by complexation with water.

Possible utilization of the results:

Future electronics industry. Connected with the breakthrough of optical computing. May be connected with the molecular level mechanism of Xe-anesthesia. Depends our understanding of the operation of our nervous system. Paves the way to control chemical reactions selectively. Very high potential value.

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Group name*Inorganic Chemistry***Classifications**

1, 2, 6, 7, 8

Leader*Prof. Markku Leskelä***Special know-how of the group:**

The group has long experience in ALD. The material selection and number of processes studied in ALD is high. Besides ALD, deposition of thin films are made also by other techniques: SILAR, evaporation, spin-coating. In situ reaction mechanism studies in ALD is one of the specialities of the group. Electrospinning of nanofibers and preparation of nanoporous materials are carried out in the group. Syntheses of a variety of layered double hydroxide (LDH) based inorganic-organic nanocomposites has been recently developed in the group.

Objectives of the research:

The materials under study are thin films and nanomaterials. The common basis is synthetic chemistry and the synthesis products are used precursors for thin films and nanomaterials. The thin films are aimed for microelectronics, photovoltaics, photocatalysis, optics, MEMS, protection etc. The function of the thin film materials can be dielectric, conducting, barrier, hydrophobic or catalytic. As materials they are oxides, metals, nitrides or chalcogenides. The research is basic in nature (new chemistry, reaction mechanisms) but basic properties for the selected application areas are characterized as well. The nanomaterials studied are nanotubes, nanofibers, nanoporous materials and nanocomposites. Nanomaterial studies are mostly curiosity driven.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) New ALD processes for selenide and telluride films **2)** New ALD processes for metal fluorides **3)** Use of polymers in selective area ALD **4)** Low-temperature processes for noble metal ALD **5)** New ways for making LDH based inorganic-organic nanocomposites

Possible utilization of the results:

The ALD films and processes studied are applicable in microelectronics, optical and protective coatings. Nanocomposites may find applications as biomaterials and in cosmetics.

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Group name*Miniaturised instruments and neoteric techniques, MINT***Classifications**

1, 3, 4, 9

Leader*Prof. Marja-Liisa Riekkola***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Development of miniaturized versatile instrumental techniques applicable to nanodomain interaction studies
 2) Coating of different surfaces with human materials 3) Exploitation of complementary and multidisciplinary approaches, and simultaneous computational and experimental studies.

Objectives of the research:

1) To develop novel/neoteric miniaturised instruments/instrumental techniques vital at nanoscale. 2) To apply advanced computational and numerical approaches for deeper understanding of nanoscale bioprocesses at tomistic and molecular level.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Capillary electromigration techniques can be exploited, in addition to separation techniques, as biomimicking instrumental techniques applicable to studies on the understanding of the molecular properties of human surface nanodomains. In the studies, it has been shown that human microemulsions, and several lipoproteins can be employed as stationary phase in electrochromatography (CEC). CEC has also revealed to be an efficient tool for the isolation of apolipoprotein B-100 (apoB-100), the main protein of low density lipoprotein particles (LDL) that, as a coating, is then available for broad interaction studies. Proteoglycans (PGs) are the most abundant compounds of the extracellular matrix (ECM). It is evident that an organized, tight PG network, formed from glycosaminoglycans, has the potential to bind lipoproteins, and the atherogenicity of especially LDL particles is linked to their affinity towards the intimal proteoglycans, and in the interactions and entrapment at least chondroitin-6-sulfates play an important role. In the studies the coating procedures for human proteoglycans have been developed, and interactions of proteoglycan with carefully selected peptide fragments of apoB-100 (the major apoprotein of low-density lipoprotein) have been preliminary clarified. In addition, our studies were dedicated to the construction/parameterization of a PRODRG derived force field for chondroitin-6-sulfate polysaccharide allowing further glycosaminoglycan studies. Density probability analysis on extended dynamics simulations and the subsequent derived dihedrals averages were found to be in a good agreement compared to experimental data. The availability of a force field for a polysaccharide chain of C6S enables other simulations related to C6S - apoB-100 interactions.

Possible utilization of the results:

The neoteric instrumental techniques developed will be beneficial in nanodomain studies. Combination of advanced chemical, molecular and computational concepts with novel instrumental microanalytical techniques will be helpful in the elucidation of nanoscale functions of lipoproteins. Computational studies carried out hand in hand with experimental ones will open new avenues for carbohydrate studies, and especially for the elucidation of diseases in which polysaccharides play an important role. The project will generate also a new knowledge useful in separation technology, and in modeling of modern miniaturized systems.

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Group name*Polymer chemistry***Classifications**

1,2,4,5,6,7

Leader*Prof Heikki Tenhu***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Synthesis of polymers and various nanomaterials 2) Polymer characterization mainly by NMR, light scattering, rheological (dynamic mechanical), and thermoanalytical methods.

Objectives of the research:

The main objective is to apply advanced chemistry to create new materials and to master the methods of their characterization. This includes 1) Modern methods to synthesize "smart", self-assembling polymers 2) Water-soluble and/or amphiphilic polymers 3) Use of the polymers e.g. as carriers for various active substances 4) Development of the methods to characterize the polymers mainly in aqueous surroundings 5) A new important group of new materials include various hybrid materials and nanocomposites based on for example gold, silver, copper, or montmorillonite nanoparticles. 6) Also, water-dispersible conducting polymers are of interest.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) New environmentally responsive star and block copolymers which react strongly to temperature, light, pH, even electric field 2) Several new hybrid materials/nanocomposites 3) Stereocontrol in radical polymerization

Possible utilization of the results:

The materials under study should find several applications ranging from controlled drug delivery to wood preservatives or even non-linear optics. Nanosized copper was prepared to manufacture conducting patterns on paper, polymer-modified silver nanoparticles have been prepared to obtain safe antibacterial coatings.

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Group name*Nanotechnology in Drug Development***Classifications**

1, 2, 4, 7, 9

Leader*Prof. Jouni Hirvonen***Special know-how of the group:**

Prof. Jouni Hirvonen: Pharmaceutical research and development, mechanisms of drug release and absorption, controlled release drug formulations

Doc. Leena Peltonen: Manufacture and characterization of pharmaceutical nanosystems, polymeric nanoparticles and layer-by-layer functionalization, pharmaceutical formulations

Dr. Timo Laaksonen: Physical Chemistry, nanoparticle synthesis and functionalization, drug release modeling, gold nanoparticles.

Dr. Heldér Santos: Nanoporous silicon-based materials, pharmaceutical and physicochemical characterization, mechanisms of oral drug release and absorption, nanotoxicology.

Objectives of the research:

The group studies and develops biodegradable and biocompatible nanoparticles, nanocrystals and nanoporous materials in collaborative national and international projects. Controlled release formulations have been prepared/manufactured, e.g., by nanocrystallization (pure drug substances), nanoprecipitation (interfacial polymer deposition method for PLA- and PGA-type polymers that may further be coated by polyelectrolytes), electrospray (synthetic and natural polymers, nanocoating) and electrochemical etching (nanoporous silicon materials). Improving dissolution/solubility and permeability properties of drugs are key areas of research. Toxicity of the nanomaterials is also investigated.

Main objective of the current research is to reach fundamental understanding on the manufacturing and process parameters of nanosystems. Special focus is targeted to functionalized nano(particle)systems to reach optimal therapeutic response and safety profiles in nanomedicinal applications

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Large number of high quality publications in the field of (pharmaceutical) nanotechnology.

Albert Wuokko Award for a young pharmaceutical research scientist in 2008: Samuli Hirsjärvi, thesis Preparation and Characterization of Poly(Lactic Acid) Nanoparticles for Pharmaceutical Use

2008 Gust. Komppa prize for the best chemical sciences related thesis of 2007 by Suomalaisten kemistien seura (Association of Finnish Chemists): Timo Laaksonen, thesis Noble Metal Clusters: Electrostatics, Stability and Applications

Possible utilization of the results:

Major beneficiaries are drug discovery and drug development companies together with service oriented enterprises. The results are also applicable to other industries dealing with the delivery of molecules to people, animals etc., such as food industry.

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Group name

Division of Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Classifications

1, 4, 7, 8, 11 (Lab on a chip)

Leader

Prof. Risto Kostiainen

Special know-how of the group:

Analytical techniques: Miniaturization of analytical devices, mass spectrometry, liquid separation, sample preparation, ion mobility spectrometry.

Objectives of the research:

1) Development of analytical instrumentation using micro- and nanotechnologies 2) Surface functionalizing Brain metabolomics

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Integrated liquid chromatography - heated nebulizer - mass spectrometry microchip, Surface functionalization by atmospheric discharge plasma, micropillar electrospray ion source, proteomics on the chip.

Possible utilization of the results:

High throughput bio- and environmental analysis.

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Group name*Drug Delivery and Nanotechnology***Classifications**

2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Prof. Arto Urtti***Special know-how of the group:**

Encapsulation of nanodrugs inside nanoparticles and the research on microencapsulated cells..

Objectives of the research:

Drug delivery and targeting with nanosystems and biomaterials. Interesting applications would be nanoparticles that target on to the cancer tissue or to the back of the eye.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Light sensitive nanoparticle for controlled drug release.

Possible utilization of the results:

Pharmaindustry and companies fabricating the microchips.

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Group name*Peptide and Protein Laboratory***Classifications**1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11
(Viruses as nanoparticles)**Leader***Doc. Hilikka Lankinen***Special know-how of the group:**

Doc. Hilikka Lankinen: Protein and peptide chemistry of viral proteins, virion isolations and virus-host cell interactions. **Prof. Antti Vaheri:** Basic, medical and diagnostic virology. Microarrays for detection of viral genomes and antibodies. **Prof. Olli Vapalahti:** Zoonosis virology and microarrays in virus diagnostics

Objectives of the research:

The group develops arrays for diagnostics of virus infections. The objective is to prepare combinatorial chips for detection of immune responses, viral and host nucleic acids as genetic markers of infections. We study photo-guided surface chemistries based on UV-LED materials in order to improve compatibility of biochips in diagnostics and diagnostic devices.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Isolation of a membranous virus, resolving of its structure, surface architecture and envelope protein chemistries in thiol-bridging. Multiplex-PCR and microarray for detection of herpesvirus DNAs and antibodies. Proof-of-principles for use of peptide arrays in serodiagnostics. Employment of UV-LED photoactivation to capture macromolecules

Possible utilization of the results:

These results are of value for diagnostics of viral infections, in research and development of vaccines, antivirals and systems level technologies thereof.

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Group name*Cancer Gene Therapy Group***Classifications**

4

Leader*Prof. Akseli Hemminki***Special know-how of the group:**

Developing new virus based nanomachines for cancers lacking effective modalities.

Objectives of the research:

Our group develops oncolytic adenovirus based nanomachines to improve the treatment of cancers lacking currently available effective modalities.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Seven oncolytic adenoviruses built, tested and produced by our research group have been used with good results for cancer patients who have already gone through all currently available treatments. We have published over 20 articles in international peer-reviewed scientific publication series.

Possible utilization of the results:

Cancer patients who don't benefit from the traditional cancer treatments. Most of the patients treated with our oncolytic viruses have benefitted somehow from these treatments. In addition to several clinical objective responses viral treatments have enabled many patients to live longer or improve their quality of life.

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Group name*Helsinki biophysics & biomembrane group***Classifications**

2, 4

Leader*Prof. Paavo Kinnunen***Special know-how of the group:**

Biomaterial (lipids, proteins, nucleic acid) properties and self-assembly

Objectives of the research:

1) Development of nanoparticles for gene delivery and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) of the inner ear, and MRI-guided drug delivery into cancer cells **2)** Detection and abrogation of cancer metastases **3)** Mechanisms of action of cytotoxic peptides

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Development of temperature sensitive drug encapsulating liposome nanoparticles **2)** Development of Gadolinium loaded liposomes for MRI of inner ear

Possible utilization of the results:

MRI-guided HIFU (high intensity focused ultrasound) triggered local drug delivery. Project coordinator is Philips medical, who manufactures MRI-HIFU equipment. Imaging of the inner ear and therapy of hearing loss.

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Group name*Klefstrom Group***Classifications**

4

Leader*Doc. Juha Klefström***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Use of recombinant lentivirus technology for genetic perturbation analyses in vitro and in vivo **2)** Genetic programmable switches for inducible gene expression **3)** New 3D organoid cell culture platforms and genetic reprogramming of the mouse mammary gland

Objectives of the research:

1) Developing genetically programmable nanoparticles using recombinant lentivirus platform **2)** Improving lentiviral transduction efficacy to enable genetic perturbation analyses in vivo **3)** Modeling cancer gene specific circuits by genetic perturbation analyses using lentiviral carriers **4)** Exploring synthetic lethal genetic and small molecule interactions with cancer gene specific circuits to identify therapeutic strategies against cancer

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Expanding the RNAi silencing technology to in vivo mouse tissues **2)** New inducible gene silencing constructs **3)** Mechanistic insights into genetic determinants of breast cancer development

Possible utilization of the results:

Better understanding of basic cell biology - Commercial technology-based offshoots - Pharmaceutical industry

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Group name

DNA virus research group

Classifications

4, 7

Leader

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Special know-how of the group:

- 1) Development of novel diagnostic methods 2) Recombinant expression of proteins and virus-like particles
3) Immunobiology 4) Nucleic acid detection and amplification techniques

Objectives of the research:

To assess the molecular biology, pathogenesis and clinical significance of the recently discovered "live nanomachines", i.e. DNA viruses of humans.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Analysing ex-vivo genomes of human parvovirus B19, we observed this single-stranded (ss)DNA virus to have an astonishingly high evolution rate, $\sim 10^{-4}$ nt/year, approaching that of RNA viruses. We developed comprehensive molecular tools and recombinant-protein-based serodiagnostics (IgG; IgM; IgG-avidity) for eight species of recently discovered human DNA viruses - Human bocaviruses (HBoV) 1-4, Parvovirus 4 (Parv4), and Polyomaviruses WU, KI and MC, and the entire genus of Anelloviruses - to elucidate the epidemiology, clinical significance and pathogenetic mechanisms of this "DNA microflora" infesting our tissues and cells. We (i) showed that the HBoV1 infections are systemic, and viremic, and can be diagnosed by qualitative PCR better in serum than in nasopharynx; and that (ii) Parv4 is extremely prevalent (80%) among HIV- or HCV-infected i.v. drug users; and that (iii) the cancer-causing MC polyomavirus occurs ubiquitously in the upper airways of young children, and with increasing prevalence through adulthood (pointing to persistence in tissues). Of note, our in-house-generated virus-like particles (currently existing for six of these species) will furthermore permit high-resolution surface topography studies of these emerging human viruses.

Possible utilization of the results:

Health-care units and clinical diagnostic laboratories throughout the world, as well as companies developing or manufacturing diagnostic methods.

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Group name*Protein Chemistry/Proteomics/Peptide Synthesis and Array Unit***Classifications**

1, 4, 7, 8

Leader*Director Marc Baumann***Special know-how of the group:**

- 1) Neuroscience 2) Mico/nano-chip development 3) Proteomics 4) Protein/peptide arrays
5) Mass spectrometry

Objectives of the research:

We are a group who has three main topics. **1)** We are studying neurosciences and especially interested in misfolding disorders. Through this we have long lasting experience in self-assembling molecules. **2)** We also study micro- and nano structures/surfaces for to produce selective biomolecular chip based devices for clinical diagnostics and medical and biochemical research. **3)** We are developing methods to provide sensitive and fast analyses on proteomic level. These would include secondary modification analyses, glycobiology and label-free quantitation.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

- 1)** We have shown that some of the known diseases are linked to molecular self-assembling. **2)** We have patented a new type of a micro-chip for protein analyses (automated 2D-gel electrophoresis micro-device for targeted proteomics). **3)** We have published two papers on nanostructures with biomolecular analyses.

Possible utilization of the results:

Scientists and companies who would be interested in selective molecule mapping of e.g. DNA/Proteins/ phosphorylations/other secondary modifications incl. carbohydrates and lipids.

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Group name	Classifications
<i>Nanobiomaterials</i>	1, 2, 4, 7, 11 (Biomaterials)
Leader	
<i>Research Prof. Markus Linder</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
<p>1) The group combines a knowledge of engineering biological molecules and their functional characterization. 2) Recombinant DNA techniques are used for molecular engineering. 3) Surface techniques are a special area of focus within biophysical characterization.</p>	
Objectives of the research:	
<p>The group works at the interface between biological and non-biological materials with a focus on molecular and nano-scale functions. The nanochemistry of biological molecules are used to create materials with new functions. The function of biological materials is studied with the aim of understanding underlying principles and use as a source for bioinspiration.</p>	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
<p>Current projects include; the use of biomolecules to functionalize carbon nanostructures, the biological interface for sensor applications, specific molecular adhesion, self-assembly of biomolecules, bio-based composites, bioinspired tribology, nano-safety, and bio-based functionalization of cellulose nano-fibers. A biological question that we focus on is the structure and function of adhesive proteins called hydrophobins which are found in filamentous fungi.</p>	
Possible utilization of the results:	
<p>The results can be applied in various materials related fields, such as; sensors, nanofabrication, adhesives, nanoencapsulation and lubrication. We also aim at understanding mechanisms for biointeractions and the safety of nanomaterials.</p>	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>Simulation of manufacturing processes</i>	2, 8
Leader	
<i>Dr. Jari Larkiola</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
Metal forming technology and metallurgy. In addition we work in close co-operation with University of Strahclyde (UK) and TKK.	
Objectives of the research:	
To develop methods for industrial manufacturing of micro- and nanostructured metals	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
We have manufactured ECAP-processed micro/nanostructured aluminium bars	
Possible utilization of the results:	
All components where ultimate high strength is required	
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Group name*Nanoelectronics***Classifications***1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9***Leader***Prof. Jouni Ahopelto***Special know-how of the group:**

1) Nanoscale electronics 2) Nanoimprinting 3) Characterisation

Objectives of the research:

1) Nanoelectronics 2) Nanophotonics 3) Nanophononics 4) Nanofabrication

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

1) Demonstration of simultaneous existence of electron and hole gases in ultra thin silicon quantum well
 2) Demonstration of directed self-assembly of protein membrane on silicon substrate 3) Large European project on nanofabrication (NaPa, coordinated by us) was selected as one of the success stories in FP6

Possible utilization of the results:

Nanostructured surfaces for lighting, nanobiosensors potentially for diagnostics, thermal management for nanoelectronics

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Group name	Classifications
<i>Functional coating and surfaces</i>	1, 7, 9
Leader	
<i>Team leader Amar Mahiout</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
<p>1) Sol-gel techniques and in general 2) Surface treatment and engineering 3) Characterization of coating properties</p>	
Objectives of the research:	
<p>1) To generate added-value for new (large scale) nanocoated metal products of metal industry and to establish a base for new business activity. 2) To give additional value for thin metal coils used in different environments and facing different stresses by manufacturing protective nanocoatings for anti-graffiti purposes instead of conventional paints or lacquers. 3) To get new functional properties for different applications for copper and stainless steel surfaces used in e.g. building and electronics industry 4) To develop sol-gel coatings which are suitable for industrial roll-to-roll manufacturing 5) To design and synthesise room light activated antibacterial (anti methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, MRSA) hygiene photocatalytic coatings.</p>	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
<p>1) Different conventional (degreasing, etching) and novel (atmospheric plasma, electric discharge) pretreatments were investigated and found to be applicable for sol-gel and ALD coatings 2) Easy-to-clean, wear resistance and corrosion properties of many metallic products/coatings have been improved with the different developed coatings. 3) Enhanced properties for coatings (hydrophobicity, easy-to-clean, corrosion and oxidation resistance, scratch resistance etc.) via different modifications and without changing the appearance of the treated materialst was proved that these coating techniques are suitable for large surfaces and industrial production 4) Highly efficient photocatalytic coating materials which are capable of killing MRSA have been developed.</p>	
Possible utilization of the results:	
<p>The results can be applied in construction, processing, transport, electronic, wood and food industry, hospital surfaces, medical devices, etc.</p>	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>Inorganic devices</i>	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Leader	
<i>Dr. Ari Alastalo</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
1) Application oriented electronic component design and development with a strong materials physics background 2) Sintering processes	
Objectives of the research:	
Development of components, applications and technologies for inorganic printed electronics. These include, but are not limited to sintering processes, transistors and memories.	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
1) Development of a novel electrical nanoparticle sintering process 2) Operational all-printed BaTiO ₃ ferroelectric memory components on PET using Gravure-printing.	
Possible utilization of the results:	
Companies working on printed electronics. Companies fabricating for example conductors, antennae, circuit boards. Electronics and communication industry.	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>Quantronics</i>	6, 7, 8, 9
Leader	
<i>Dr. Panu Helistö</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
1) SQUIDs and SQUID applications 2) THz detectors and imaging 3) Cryogenic electronics and multiplexing 4) Superconducting junction devices	
Objectives of the research:	
1) High performance superconducting and quantum electronics 2) Sensors and sensor systems for industrial and research applications	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
1) Demonstration of high field SQUIDs for MEGMRI 2) Thermoacoustic sound source based on nanowires 3) Superconducting video-rate THz imager	
Possible utilization of the results:	
Combination of MEG and MRI imaging, ultrasonics, space and security	
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Group name	Classifications
MEMS	1, 6, 7, 8, 9
Leader Dr. Jyrki Kiihamäki	
Special know-how of the group: 1) Silicon based MEMS device process development: deep silicon etching, thin film technology including ALD, wafer bonding and cavity-SOI device fabrication 2) Combining of piezo materials into silicon processes 3) Use of nanoimprint lithography to MEMS/NEMS fabrication	
Objectives of the research: Development of silicon MEMS processes, process integration, introduction and application of novel process technology and equipment into MEMS fabrication	
Most significant results during 2008-2009: 1) Development of visible light Fabry-Perot interferometers 2) Silicon microresonator development 3) Studies on ALD nanolaminate layers 4) Application of HF-vapor to sacrificial layer etching	
Possible utilization of the results: MEMS/NEMS device fabrication, suppliers of sensors and miniaturized instruments, semiconductor companies	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>Knowledge centre: Functional Fibre Products</i>	1, 2, 4, 7
Leader	
<i>Technology manager Pia Qvintus</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
1) Fibre matrices 2) Biomaterial applications 3) Surface treatment 4) Printing techniques	
Objectives of the research:	
Development of fibre based products by the use on new biopolymers and addition on various functionalities by printing or coating techniques. Main application is packaging.	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
Activities related to the Centre of Nanocellulosic technologies.	
Possible utilization of the results:	
In development of new products and enhancement of competitiveness of existing products of forest industry.	
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Group name*VTT Fine particles***Classifications**

2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Leader*Team leader Ari Auvinen***Special know-how of the group:**

Aerosol based nanomaterials, measurement and characterization of airborne nanoparticles and gases

Objectives of the research:

Techniques for industrial synthesis of nanoparticles. Safe production and use of nanomaterials.

Most significant results during 2008-2009:

Development and patenting of aerosol based synthesis and coating methods for metallic nanoparticles. Development of direct sampling of gas phase nanoparticles for electron microscopy analyses. Development of portable calibration source for airborne nanoparticles.

Possible utilization of the results:

Results have already been applied by industry producing and using nanomaterials

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Group name	Classifications
<p><i>Length group - Dimensional nanometrology</i></p> <p>Leader</p> <p><i>Dr. Antti Lassila</i></p>	<p>7, 10</p>
<p>Special know-how of the group:</p>	
<p>1) Interferometry 2) Scanning probe microscopy 3) Error sources of SPM measurements 4) Laser diffractometry 5) Measurement instrument implementation 6) Quantitative measurements</p>	
<p>Objectives of the research:</p>	
<p>1) Establish traceability chain for realization and transfer of the metre for nanometer scale instruments. 2) Develop facilities to provide traceable calibrations of transfer standards useable for calibration of lateral and vertical microscope scales. 3) Study phenomenon e.g. probe-sample interaction which affect to accuracy of microscopic measurements. 4) Study methods for calibration of Scanning probe microscopes (SPM). 5) Study improved techniques for realization of length in sub-nanometer scale by means of refined interferometry and advanced capacitive position sensors.</p>	
<p>Most significant results during 2008-2009:</p>	
<p>1) Implementation of interferometrically traceable SPM with sub-nanometer accuracy for transfer standard calibrations. 2) Excellent results in international comparison EURAMET # 925 piloted by PTB. 3) Implementation of laser diffractometer for grating pitch calibration with 10 picometer standard uncertainty.</p>	
<p>Possible utilization of the results:</p>	
<p>These result can be applied by using calibration services for transfer artifacts. MIKES is now capable to calibrate flatness standards, step height standards, 1-D and 2-D gratings at best international level. SPM user can guarantee or test measurement capability of his instrument by performing its calibration with traceably calibrated transfer artifacts. All research groups and companies in Finland with nanoscale instruments can benefit from this work by improved quality of the measurements after calibration.</p>	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>Thermal and Mass Quantities</i>	3, 7, 10
Leader <i>Dr. Martti Heinonen</i>	
Special know-how of the group: 1) Measurement standards 2) Traceability 3) Evaluation of uncertainty 4) Flow, temperature and mass measurements 5) Design and validation of humid gas generators	
Objectives of the research: 1) To establish traceability to number concentration measurements 2) To improve understanding on the limitations of the filter based particle mass measurement methods 3) Advance the understanding on particle/vapour interaction at different ambient conditions to gain progress in mass measurement	
Most significant results during 2008-2009: n.a.	
Possible utilization of the results: n.a.	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>Electricity Group</i>	6
Leader <i>Dr. Antti Manninen</i>	
Special know-how of the group: 1) Traceable and accurate electrical measurements both at room temperature and at cryogenic temperatures down to 15 mK 2) Measurement standards including quantum standards	
Objectives of the research: Nanoelectronics: Application of nanoelectronic phenomena in electrical metrology	
Most significant results during 2008-2009: Experimental demonstration of 100 pA quantized current generated by a quantum current standard based on a nanoelectronic superconductor - normal metal hybrid single electron transistor (in collaboration with the Low Temperature Laboratory of TKK).	
Possible utilization of the results: New definitions of SI units will be based on fundamental constants of Nature, and after that the traceability of all electrical measurements will be based on quantum standards. Reliable and traceable measurement of very low currents is needed, e.g., in radiation detection and optical measurements.	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>Nanosafety Research Consortium</i>	<i>11 (Safety of engineered nanomaterials and nanotechnologies)</i>
Leader	
<i>MD, Prof. Kai Savolainen</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
Aerosol physics, Engineering, Occupational hygiene, Particle characterization by using both imaging and non-imaging techniques, A large variety of expertise for assessment of work place or experimental exposures, genetic toxicology, cell biology, molecular biology, proteomics, genomics, allergy and immunology, immunotoxicology, animal care, cell culture techniques, medicine, risk assessment	
Objectives of the research:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Characterization of engineered nanomaterials (ENM) commonly occurring in occupational environments 2) Development of characterization techniques 3) Assessment of exposure at workplaces and exposure modelling 4) Development of exposure models for experimental research 5) Research on health effects of ENM with a focus on in vivo and in vitro effects of different types of ENM on genotoxicity and immunotoxicity. 	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Several peer reviewed papers on dispersion of ENM in aqueous media (e.g. TiO₂) 2) Several peer reviewed papers on genotoxicity of ENM (e.g. TiO₂, single and multi walled carbon nanotubes) 3) Several papers on immunotoxicity and allergies of ENM (TiO₂) 	
Possible utilization of the results:	
In risk assessment and governance of these materials - As a basis for recommendations for regulators and companies and workplaces - As a basis for education of the public at large - Scientific community	
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Group name	Classifications
<i>SYKE nanotechnology and environment</i>	<i>1, 5, 7, 10, 11 (Environmental fate and effects)</i>
Leader	
<i>Dr. Markus Sillanpää</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
<p>1) Aquatic and terrestrial toxicity tests including (but not limited to) luminescent bacteria toxicity test, Daphnia magna acute and chronic toxicity, green algae growth inhibition, Lemna minor growth inhibition, zebra fish egg-larvae test, biochemical methods (EROD activity, vitellogenin induction), seed germination and soil invertebrates 2) Development of analytical and characterisation methods such as dynamic light scattering for size and agglomeration characterisation and ICP techniques for the quantification of nanomaterials and elemental impurities 3) Regulatory and harmonisation work in relation to nanomaterials (OECD/WPMN, REACH) 4) Nanomaterials and environmental governance: innovation management, public engagement, emerging private - public relationships.</p>	
Objectives of the research:	
<p>Our research focuses on: 1) The fate of nanomaterials in natural waters 2) Bioaccumulation and effects of nanomaterials in the species of different trophic levels and 3) Environmental regulation.</p>	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
<p>The group has recently studied the fate of titanium dioxide and silver nanoparticles in natural fresh and brackish waters. The measurement methods have been developed for the characterization of above-mentioned nanomaterials at the various stages of effect studies. The group has also made a review of the social scientific literature focusing of nanotechnology and nanomaterials.</p>	
Possible utilization of the results:	
<p>There are a number of gaps in basic knowledge on the environmental impacts of nanomaterials. The results can be applied in risk assessment and management of nanomaterials.</p>	
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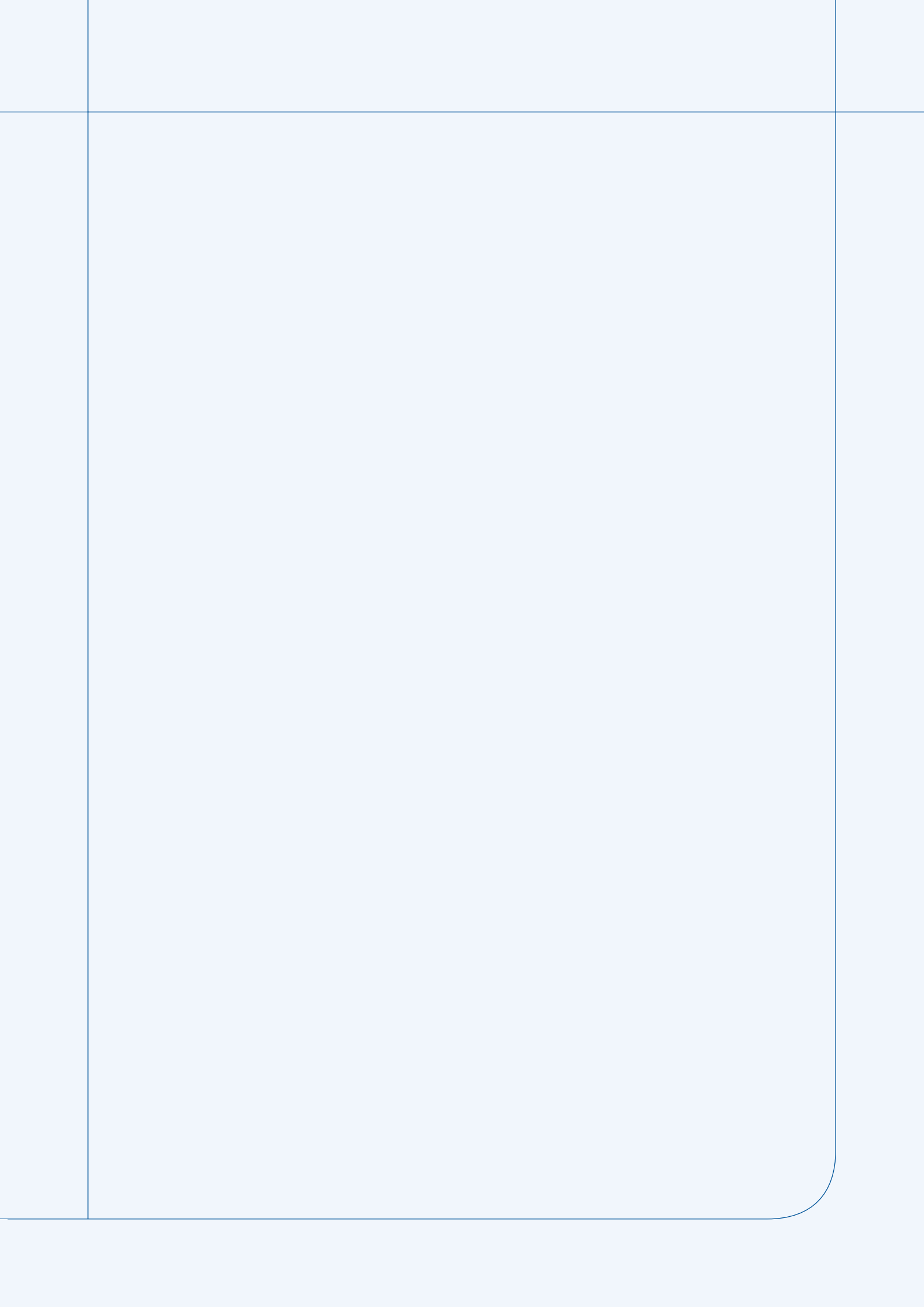
Group name	Classifications
<i>Aerosols and climate</i>	3, 7, 9, 11 (<i>Climate</i>)
Leader <i>Doc. Heikki Lihavainen</i>	
Special know-how of the group:	
<p>1) Aerosols and their effect to climate 2) Formation of aerosols 3) Thermodynamical properties of compounds and mixtures affecting to homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation</p>	
Objectives of the research:	
<p>The objective of the research is to answer following questions: 1) What is the direct radiative forcing in our environment? 2) How does pollution in the atmosphere affect to the properties of clouds and indirect radiative forcing in northern latitudes? 3) What is the ratio between direct and indirect forcing in our environment? 4) What is the role of human activities to the radiative forcing by aerosols in our environment?</p>	
Most significant results during 2008-2009:	
<p>1) We showed that with sulfur acid the new particle formation events can be explained. 2) We also studied extensively the very basics steps of the first order phase transition from vapor to liquid.</p>	
Possible utilization of the results:	
<p>Results can be applied in formation of particles or aerosol with wanted composition. Results can also be applied in climate studies through new parametrization of atmospheric new particle formation events.</p>	
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Classification of the groups by potential application areas of the research

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