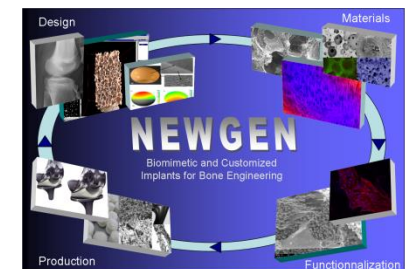




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### Research Programm Coordinator of Advanced Materials:

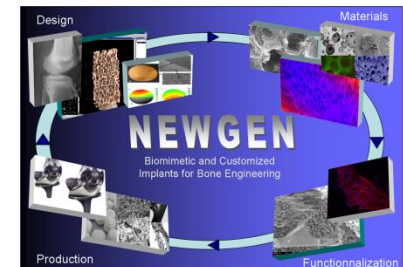
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### Researchers of Advanced Ceramic Materials RG:

4 Profs, 2 Assoc. prof, 3 senior researchers, 5 junior researchers, 6 PhD students, 6 temporary researchers

### Researchers of BioCeramics Unit (involved in NEWGEN):

1 Prof, 1 Assoc. prof, 1 senior researcher,  
3 junior researchers, 3 PhD students

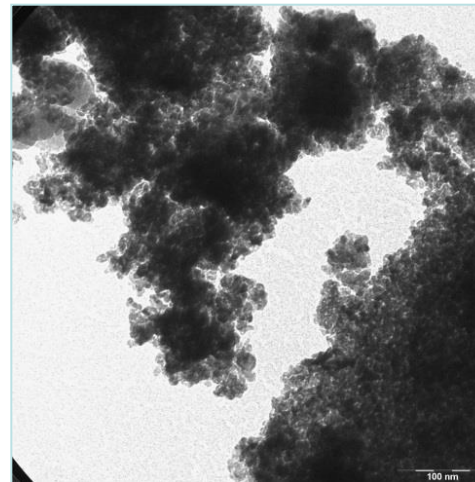
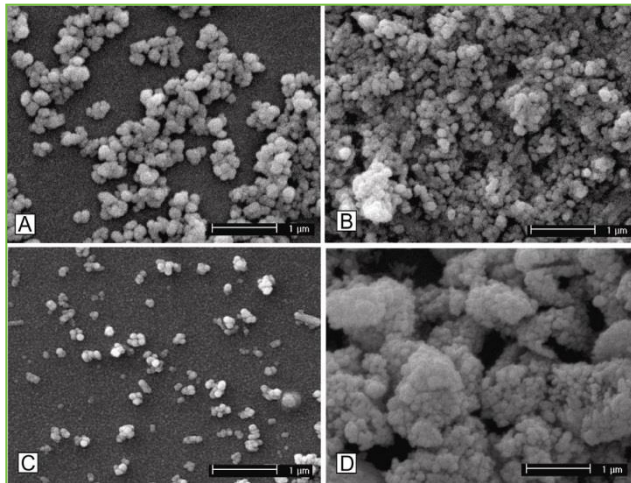
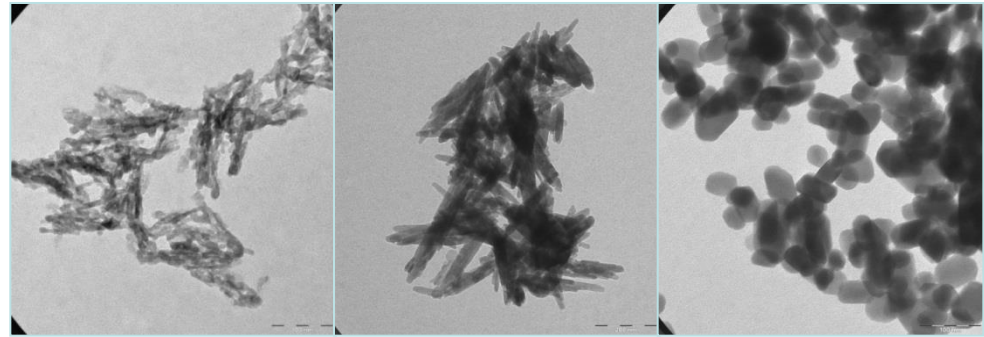


- non-classical and colloidal synthesis of bioceramic nanoparticles;
- morphology and structure of bioceramic nanoparticles and composites;
- technology of advanced (bio)ceramic materials (electrophoretic deposition, powder injection moulding, pressing, CIP, HIP, dip-coating, spraying, sol-gel methods);
- physical and chemical processes in bioceramic materials;
- physical, mechanical and biological properties of advanced bioceramics and composites

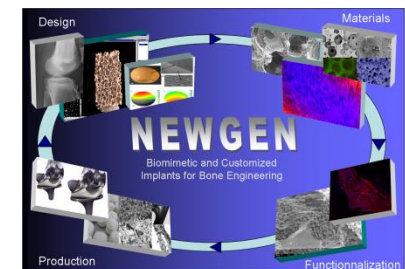
## Synthesis of nanoparticles and precursors

**Morphology of hydroxyapatite nanoparticles prepared by hydrothermal synthesis**

**Hydroxyapatite nanoparticles prepared by solvothermal sol-gel synthesis from alkylphosphoric acids**



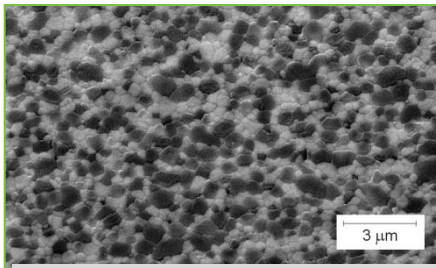
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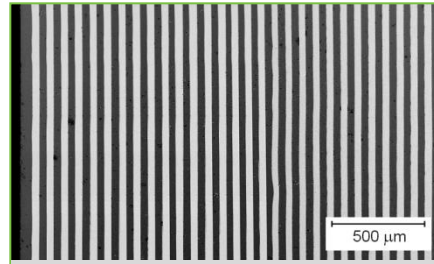


# Bioceramic composites and scaffolds

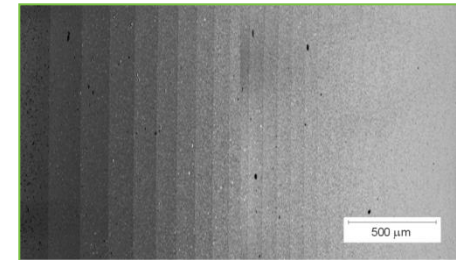
## Zirconia/alumina and zirconia/hydroxyapatite composites prepared by electrophoretic deposition



## particle composite



## layered composite

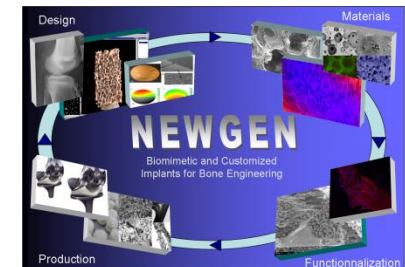
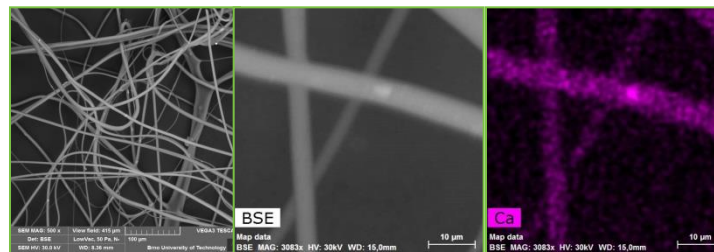


## concentration graded composite

## Hydroxyapatite scaffold prepared by template method

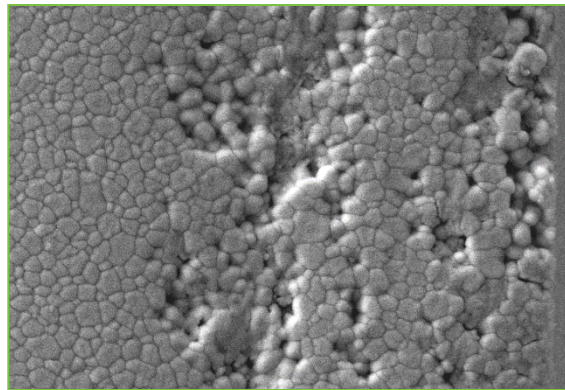
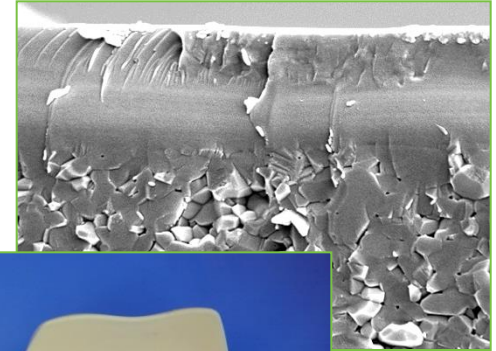


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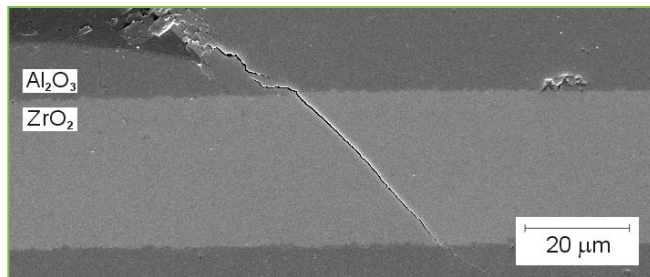


## Bioinert bioceramic composites

Hydroxyapatite coating on the surface  
of zirconia knee implant component



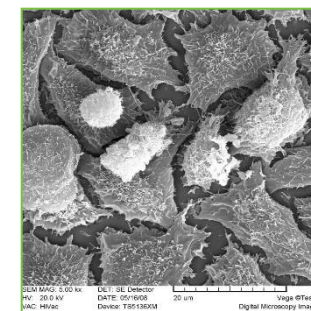
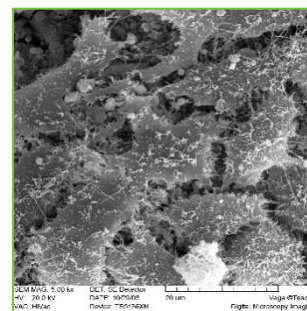
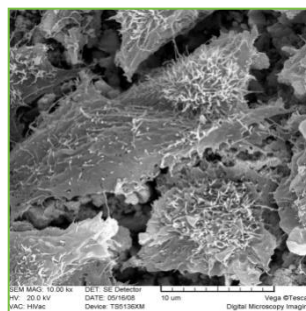
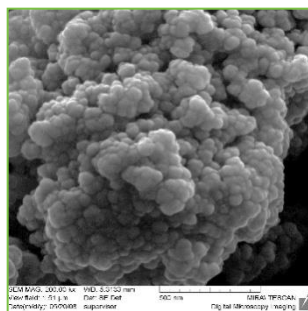
Corrosion of  
zirconia knee  
implant surface  
by water steam



High fracture toughness layered  
zirconia-alumina composites

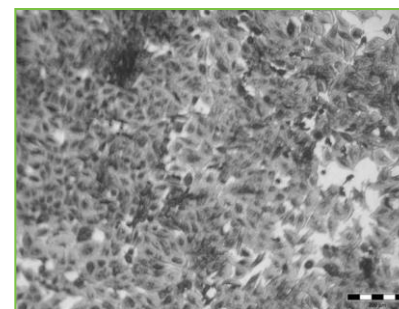
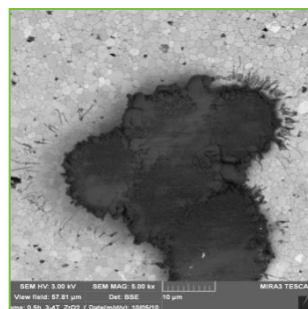
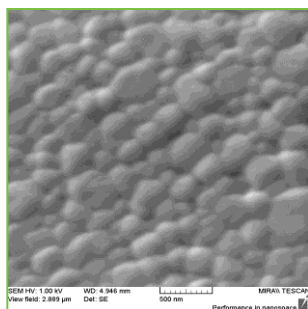
### Cytocompatibility of bioceramic composites

Spreading of cells on the surface of zirconia nanostructured coating  
(72 hours of cultivation)

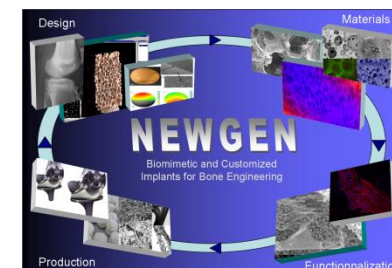


epithelial cells-HeLa    fibroblastic cells-L929    osteoblastic cells-MG63

Spreading of cells on the surface of polished zirconia nanograined surface  
(0.5 and 2 hours of cultivation)



osteoblastic cells-MG63



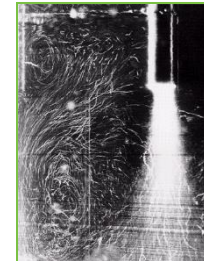


### Synthesis of nanoparticles and precursors

- solvothermal reactor (250°C, 20 MPa, 5 l)
- microwave solvothermal reactors (200°C, 10 MPa, 1 l)
- ultrasonic sonochemical reactors
- spray dryers
- high temperature solid state reactors

### Characterisation of nanoparticles and precursors

- **physical:** gran size distribution, surface area, zeta potential, morphology (TA, DSC,..)
- **chemical and structural:** IR, UV, Raman, MNR, XRD, SEM, TEM, HRTEM, AFM, XPS, EDS,.....
- **biological:** cell culture, cytocompatibility, biochemistry, microbiology





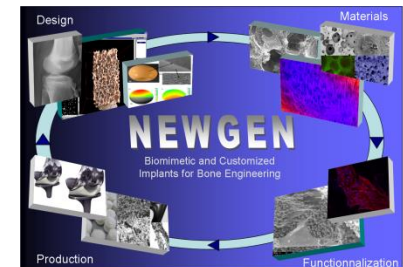
### Consolidation and Shaping

- uniaxial pressing, CIP, HIP,
- slip casting, tape casting, machining, attritors
- dip-coating, spray coating, jet-printing
- 3D ceramic lithography
- force-nanospinning



### Binder extraction and Densification

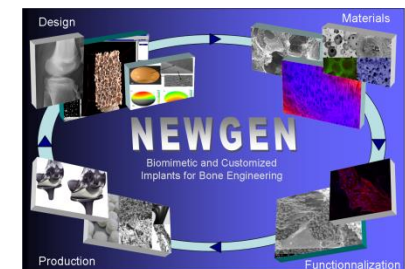
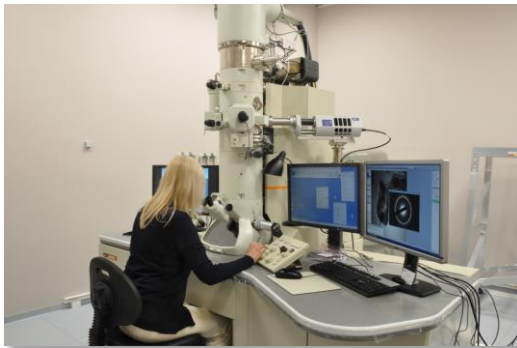
- temporary binders extractors
- pressureless sintering at various atmospheres
- HIP



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### Characterisation of bioceramics, coatings and fibres

- **physical:** density, pore distribution, porosity,
- **microstructure:** complete ceramography, XRD, IP, Raman, SEM, TEM, HRTEM, AFM, XPS, EDS,.
- **mechanical properties:** flectural and compresive strength, fracture toughness, hardness, surface roughness
- **electrical properties:** impedance spectroscopy, piezoelectricity, .....
- **biological:** cytocompatibility, biochemistry, microbiology



- The research of CEITEC-BUT group could be primarily focused on structurally and functionally graded composites and multiphase scaffolds based on hydroxyapatite, non-stoichiometric Ca-phosphates, Ca-phosphate substituted by biogenic elements, and bioactive polymer carriers of Ca-phosphate nanoparticles stimulating an osteoinduction of bone cells.
- Biomaterial research will include a study of the synthesis of multiphase Ca-phosphate nanoparticles and bioactive polymers and the study of the manufacture, structure and properties of new (nano)bioceramic composites and scaffolds.
- 3D printing of bioceramic and composite scaffolds , force-spinning of biopolymer/Ca-phosphate nanofibres (scaffolds) and EPD/template methods will be namely investigated.

