



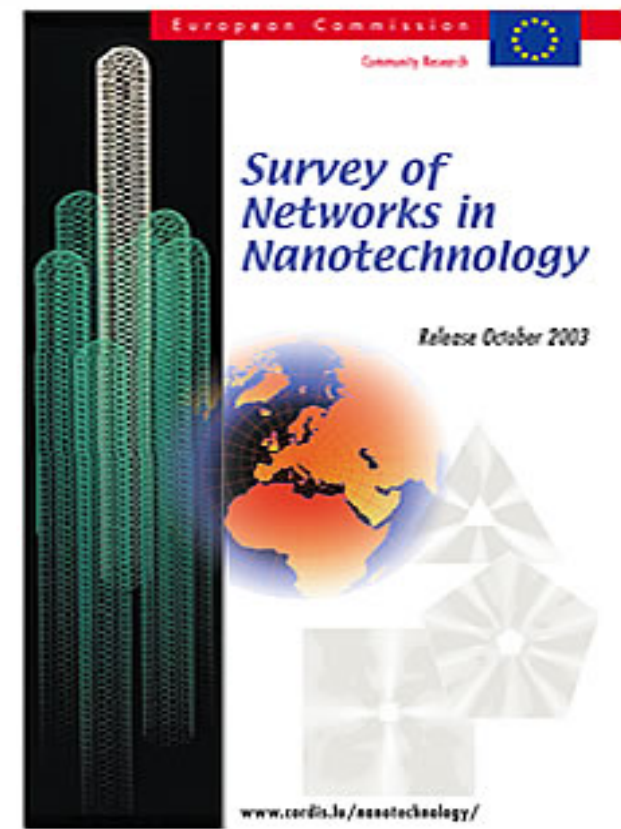
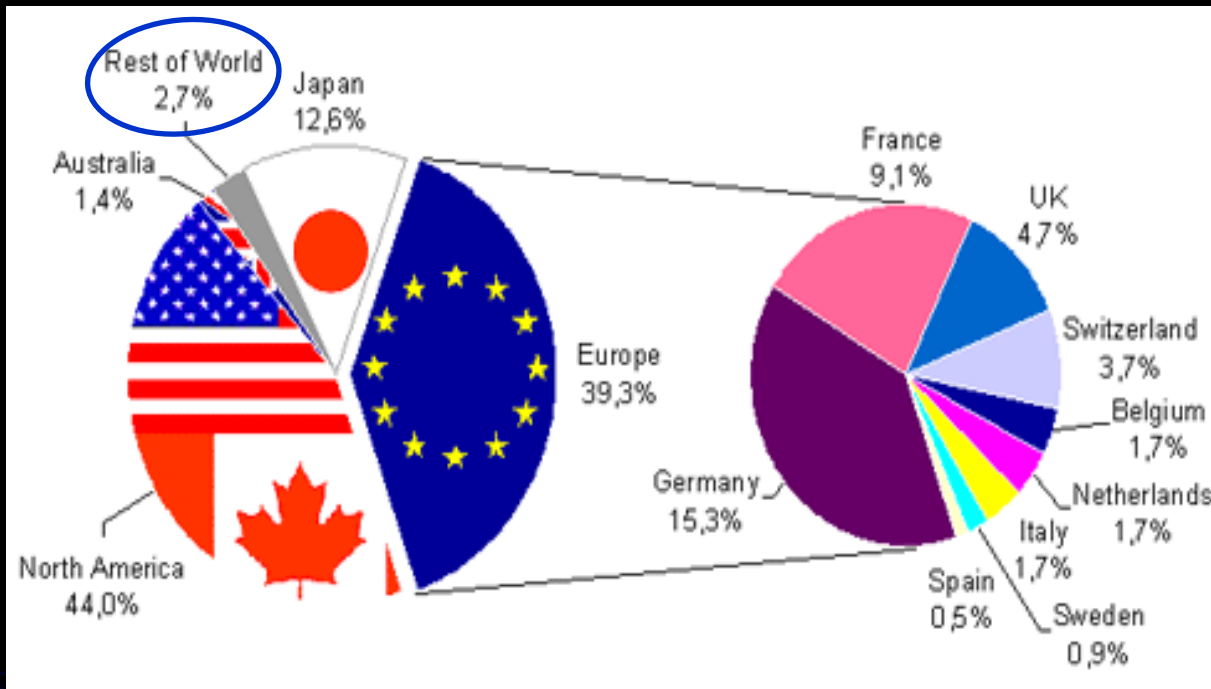
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- 2002 **INDIA** Nano-Initiative,
- 2002 **BRAZIL** Nano-Initiative,
- 2003-5 **AFRICAN** Nano-Initiatives

SANi (SA), AMANAT (Morocco), **NANOAFNET** (African Nano Network²)

NANOAFNET: CREATION

**NANOSCIENCES
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1998

NNI-USA

2001

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Networks & SANi**

2003

Global NanoNetwork

2004

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GEO-LOCATION



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- iThemba LABS: **National Facility**
- iThemba LABS: **UNESCO-TWAS CoE** in the south
- iThemba LABS: **ICTP associated centre**

In addition to the onsite Zebras & Springbogs

MISSION

- **Cross-discipline** human mobility,
- **Sharing** user facilities based,
- **Addressing research & educational activities** proper to the continent in this emerging sphere of Nano-Sciences & Nano-Technology,
- **African visibility** throughout the continent to improve Africa's contribution in the Nano global wave in at least key areas such as cost effective green energy, water and health issues.

STRUCTURE

- **4 RCs**

(**Regional** Coordinators),

- **13 NCPs**

(**National** Contact Points),

- **e-DESK**

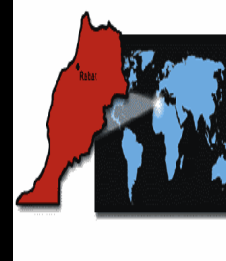
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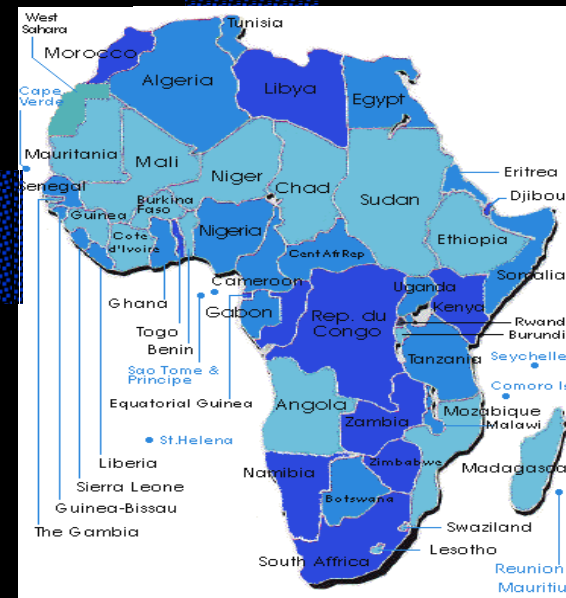
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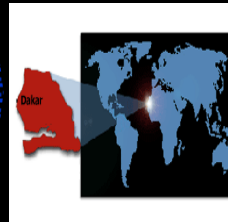
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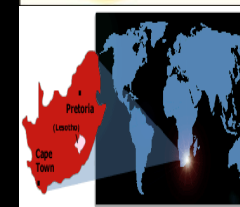


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(National Research Foundation-South Africa)

- **IPPS**

(Intern. Program for Physical Sciences)

- **GNN**

(Global Nanotechnology Network)



ONGOING R-D PROGRAMS

• APPLIED STREAM

(Societal impact)

• FUNDAMENTAL STREAM

(Capacity Building)

NANO-RODS TiO₂ Dye Solar Cells

1- OBJECTIVES

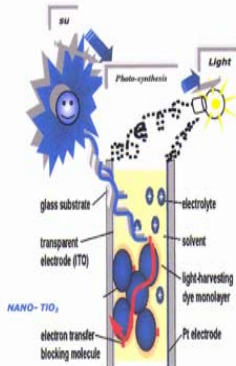
• Synthesis of a Dye Solar Cell with percolated TiO₂ Nano-Rods instead nano-spheres. The electron transport is expected to be more effective.

• Optical path Enhancement of the VIS-IR solar radiations by trapping them inside the DCS. This trapping effect will improve the rate of interaction of the VIS-IR radiations with the dye monolayer. The trapping route has been identified & tested positively.

• Minimizing the rate of e-hole pairs recombination at the interface nano-TiO₂/dye monolayer by using not pure nanoparticles of pure TiO₂ but a cermet X-TiO₂ nano-composite. The chemical element X has been identified following an initial modeling study.

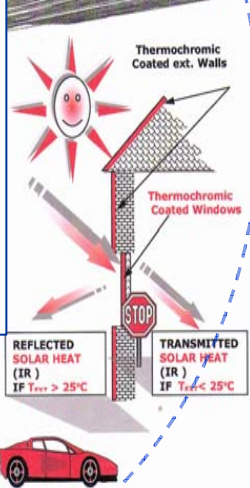
• Identifying clearly how the electron injection process takes place at the dye monolayer & new X-TiO₂ nano-composite.

• Attaining a new approach of sealing. The current employed methods rely on the usage of paste which gradually reacts with the electrolyte & therefore reduce the life time of the dye solar cell.



phenomena of V₅-doped VO₂ nano-particles with the host polymeric matrix within the presence of a universal surfactant.
• Laboratory prototyping of dip-coated large thermochromic multilayered TiO₂/W:VO₂-Polymer/TiO₂/substrate samples both on hard & soft substrates.

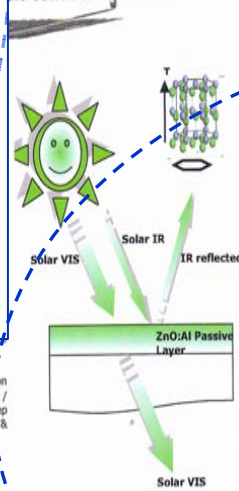
Atomic IR Smart Windows



RETRACTED FROM: Various composite standard ITO coatings.

• Off axis- laser ablation deposition to confirm the feasibility of large Mo:ZnO/W:ZnO nano-coatings. This would be a step for their multi-functional usage in DSC cells & as electrochromic smart windows.

Thermally Conducting Oxides

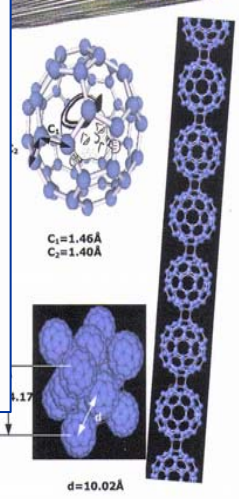


field stimuli as RuO₄ is electronically a room temperature conductor. RuO₄ has a metallic conductivity arising from the partially filled Ru 4d states.

• Optical-Mechanical investigation of the optimized PuO₂ filled CNTs-Polymer Nano-composites with an optimized CNTs mass loading (< 8%).

Optical Alignment & Encasing

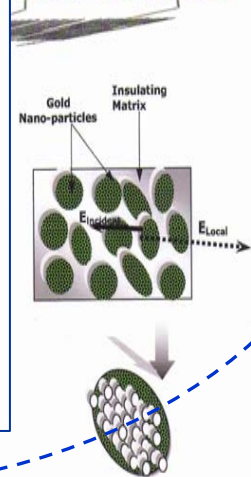
NANO-RODS & WHISKERS



Synthesis of hybrid CuO nano-rods surface decorated with nano-gold/porphyrins & investigation of their linear & NLO optical properties in the femtosecond regime.

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Implanted NANO-Composites



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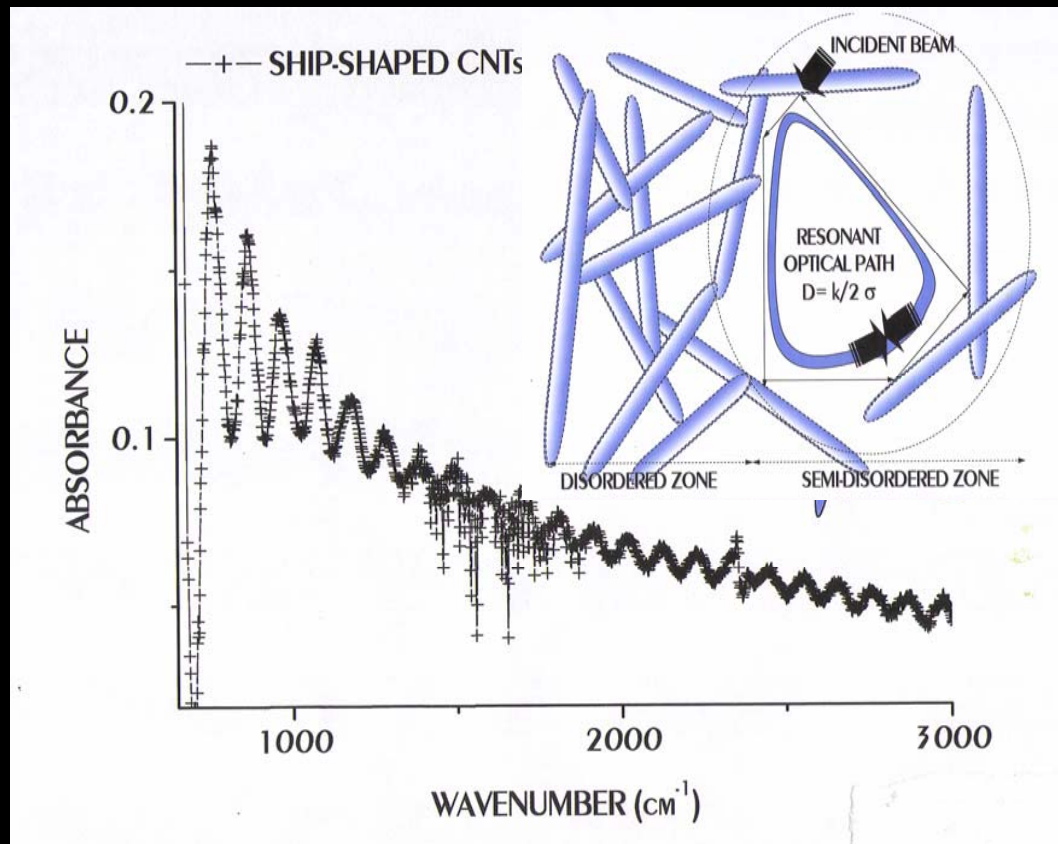
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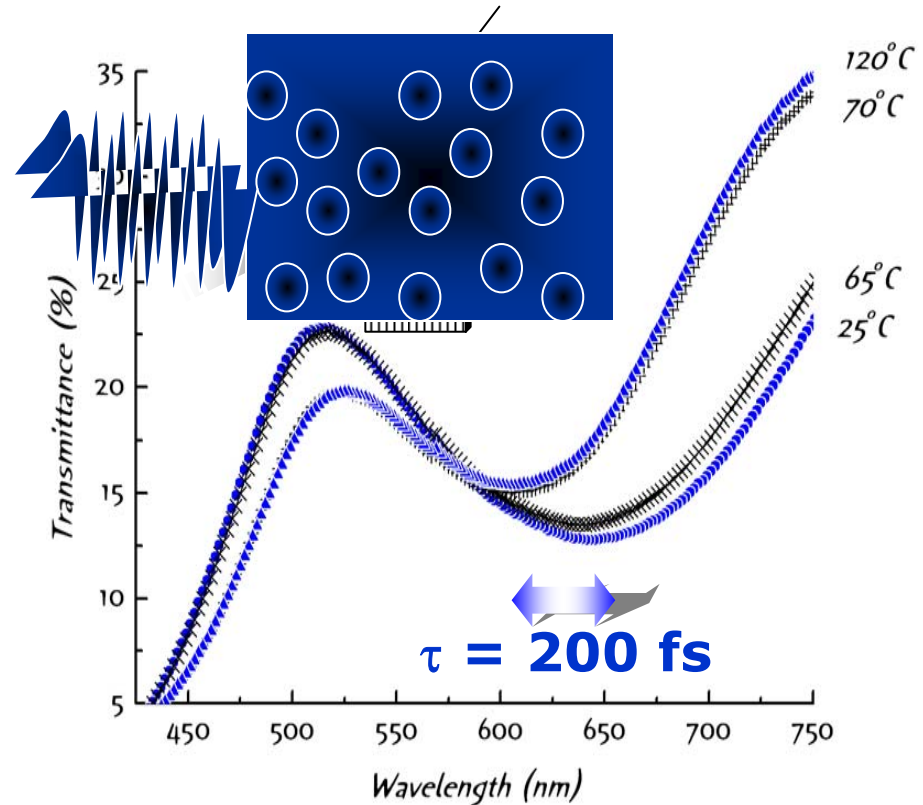


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- **Sustainable partnership with IUPAP**
(Joint events in Africa & representativity)
- **Access to large Infrastructure pool**
(Synchrotrons, Femtosec lasers)
- **Joint events: Nano-college Africa 2007**
(Currently with ICTP, ICSU, TWAS)
- **Joint award**
(Lack of award culture in Africa)
- **Access to e-Nano-literature**
(IOP-UK, e-ICTP, e-APS in process)
- **FP-7 and Nanoafnet's senior scientists involvement**
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