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# **DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**

## **COURSE NAME : 19CHB102- ENGINEERING CHEMISTRY** FOR ELECTRICAL SCIENCES

## **I YEAR / II SEMESTER**

## **UNIT: 3. NANOCHEMISTRY**

## **TOPIC : 4 WET CHEMICAL METHOD**















- Sol-gel is a chemical solution process used to make ceramic and glass materials in the form of thin films, fibers or powders.
- A sol is (a colloidal or molecular suspension) obtained from (starting materials).
- A gel is a semi-rigid mass that forms when the solvent from the sol begins to evaporate and the particles ulletor ions left behind begin to join together in a continuous network





- The sol-gel process is a wet-chemical technique that uses either a chemical  $\bullet$ solution (sol short for solution) or colloidal particles (sol for nanoscale particle) to produce an integrated network (gel).
- Metal alkoxides and metal chlorides are typical precursors. They  $\bullet$ hydrolysis and polycondensation reactions to form a colloid, a system composed of nanoparticles dispersed in a solvent. The sol evolves then towards the formation of an inorganic continuous network containing a liquid phase (gel)



# undergo



- Formation of a metal oxide involves connecting the metal centers with oxo (M-O-M) or hydroxo (M-OH-M) bridges, therefore generating metal-oxo or metalhydroxo polymers in solution.
- After a drying process, the liquid phase is removed from the gel. Then, a thermal treatment (calcination) may be performed in order to favor further poly condensation and enhance mechanical properties





REACTIONS

**Mix reactives** 



**Hydrolysis and Condesation** reactions take place



Hydrolysis

Si - OR + HOH

## Condensation

Sol

Gelification



Gel







# $Si - OH + HO - Si \longrightarrow Si - O - Si + H_2O$ $Si - OR + HO - Si \longrightarrow Si - O - Si + ROH$



## PICTORIAL REPRESENTATION OF PROCESS





Sol



Sifting



Grinding





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