

# Biomimetic Synthesis of Polyaniline Catalyzed by Hematine Supported on Graphitic Carbon Nitride

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# Outline

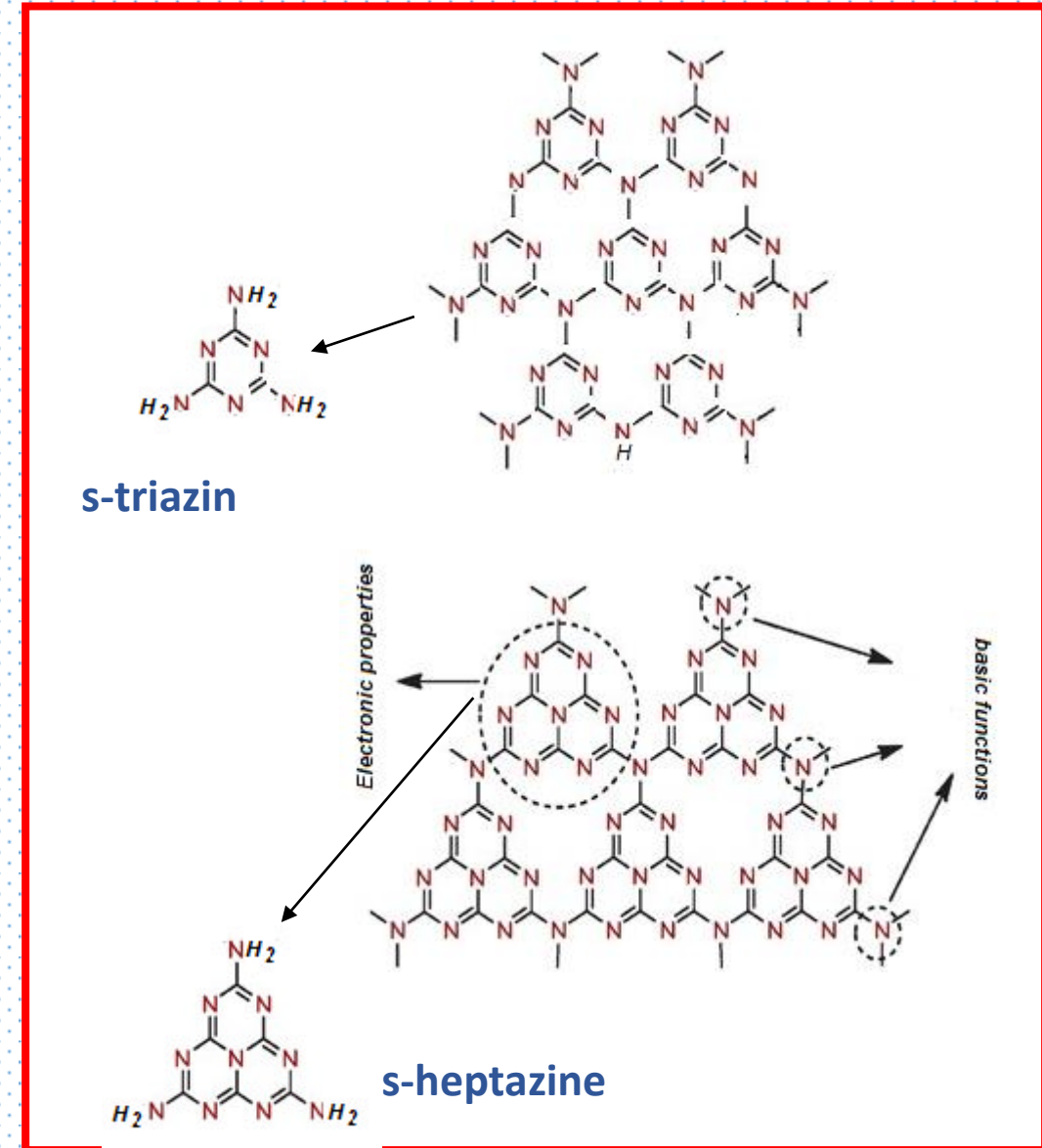
1. Polymeric Graphitic Carbon Nitride ( $g-C_3N_4$ )
  - Synthesis and Properties of  $g-C_3N_4$
  - Functionalization of  $g-C_3N_4$  (elemental doping)
2.  $g-C_3N_4$ /Hematin hybrids – preparation and characterization
3.  $g-C_3N_4$ /Hematin hybrids, application as catalyst in polyaniline (PANI)  
Synthesis
4. Properties of PANI.



# Polymeric Carbon Nitride ( $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ )

## Main properties

- Semiconductor organic material
- Ultrahard material
- Unique stability (heat endurance and chemical resistance)
- Flake-like structure similar to graphite
- Show electron transition (based in optical and photocatalytic properties)
- As Catalyst:
  - *Friedel-crafts reactions*
  - *Oxygen reduction reaction*
  - *Water splitting*



$g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$  allotropic form was reported in 1922

# Synthesis strategies to prepare ideal g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>

## Methods

- PVD
- CVD
- Solvothermal Method
- Solid State Reaction
- Thermal Nitridation
- Thermal Condensation

## Precursors

- Melamine
- *Cyanamide*
- Thiourea
- Amonium thiocyanate
- Others (S, Metals, P, etc.)

## Reactions conditions

- Temperature
- Presence of impurities
- Aerobic/anaerobic
- C/N proportions
- Pressure
- Many more

# Applications

## A brief history of Polymeric Graphitic Carbon Nitride ( $g\text{-C}_3\text{N}_4$ )

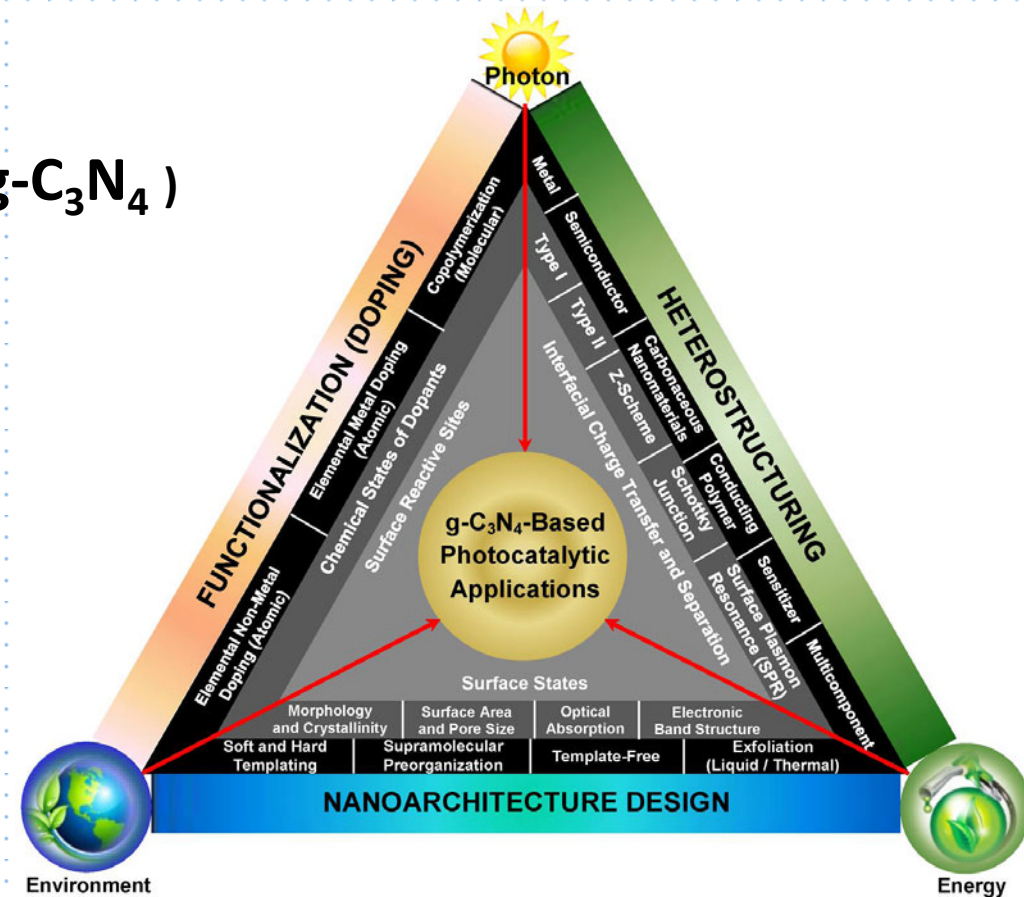
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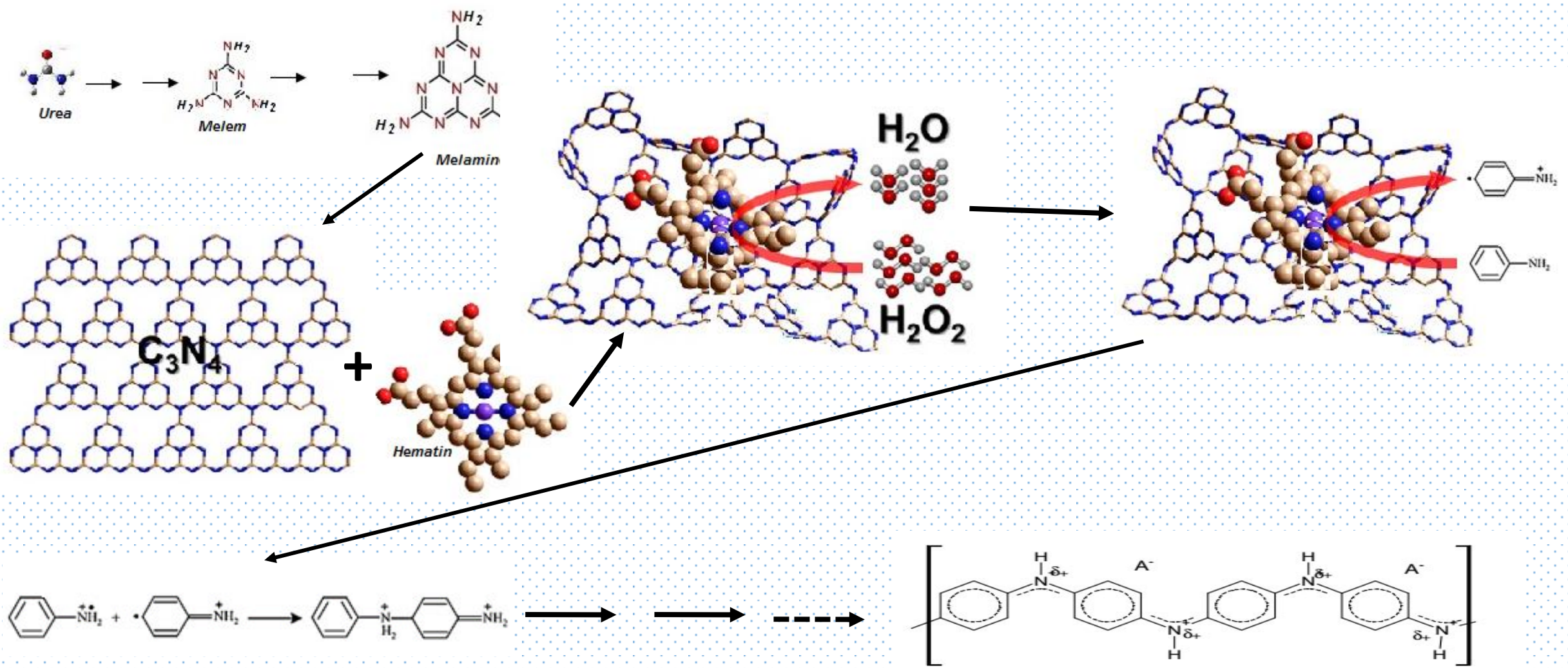
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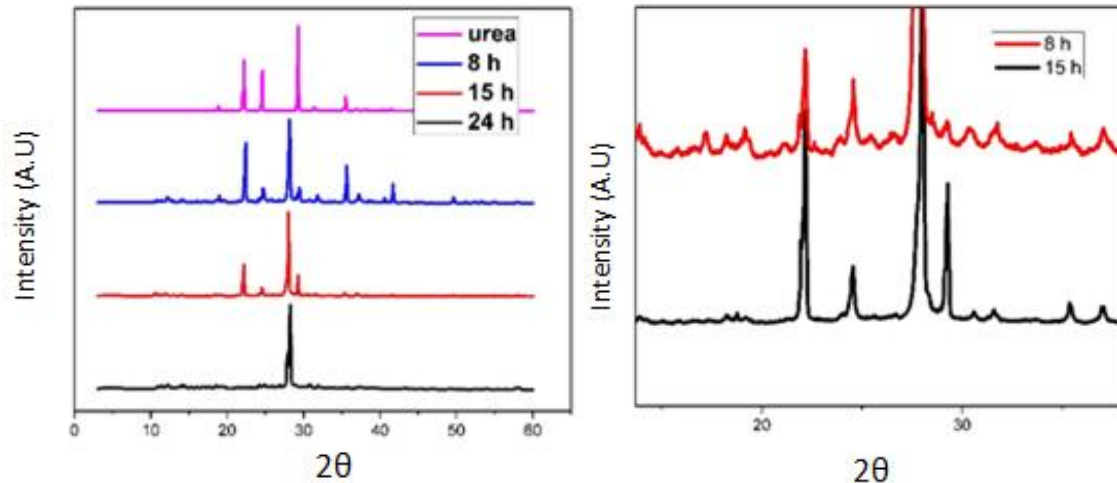
# This work



# Synthesis of g-OCN oxidized phosphate doped

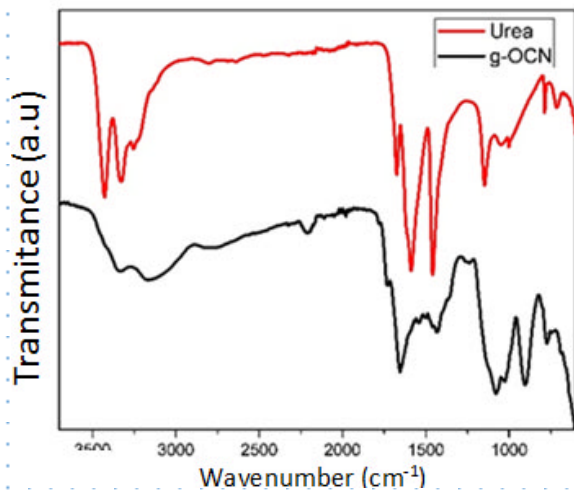
Solvothermal  
Urea as a precursor  
 $P_2O_5$   
230 °C  
24 h

DRX



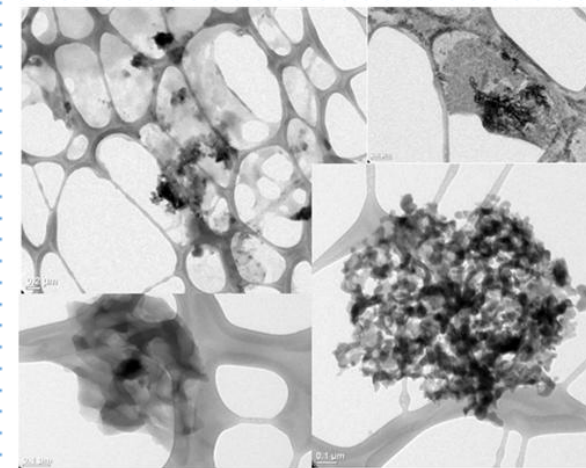
15h  
 $2\theta = 22.32^\circ$  y  $29.3^\circ$   
All times  
 $2\theta = 10.76^\circ$  and  $28.27^\circ$  typical of gOCN<sup>1</sup>

FTIR



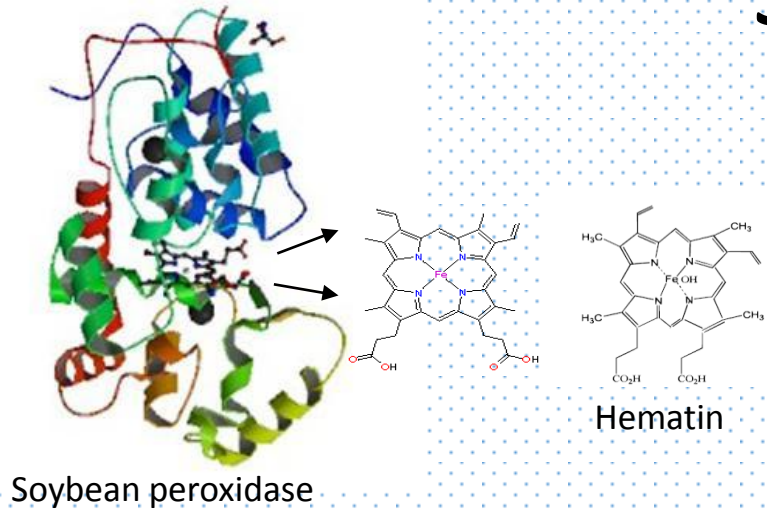
3300 and 3400,  $NH_2$  stretching  
3100 and 3100, C=C-H and Ar-H  
1200-1650 typical absorption for gCN structures  
1545 and 1460 stretching of s-triazine

TEM microscopy

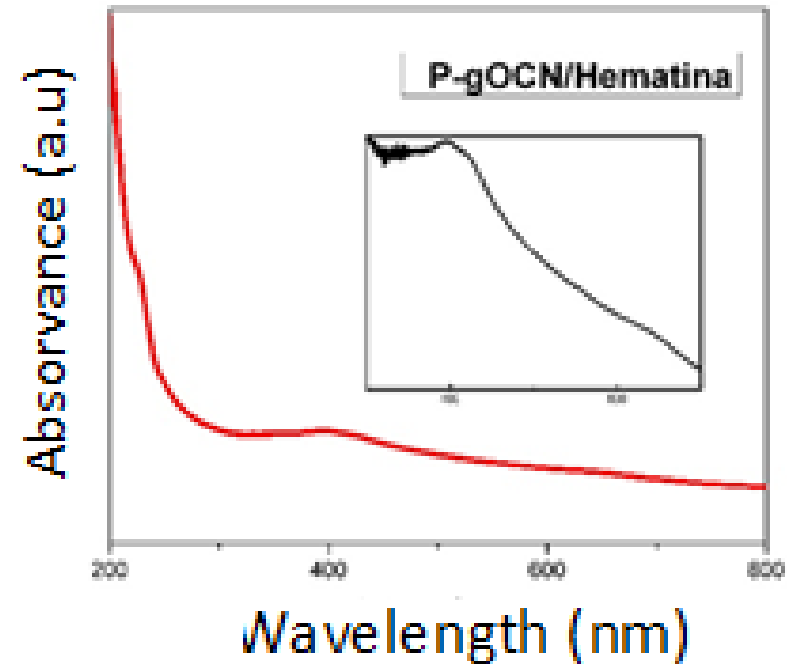


Mesoporous material

# Hematin Supported on g-OCN as a Catalyst for Biomimetic Synthesis of Polyaniline



UV-visible spectra



Soret peak of hematin 80 nm

Q band close to 600 nm  $\pi-\pi^*$  transitions.

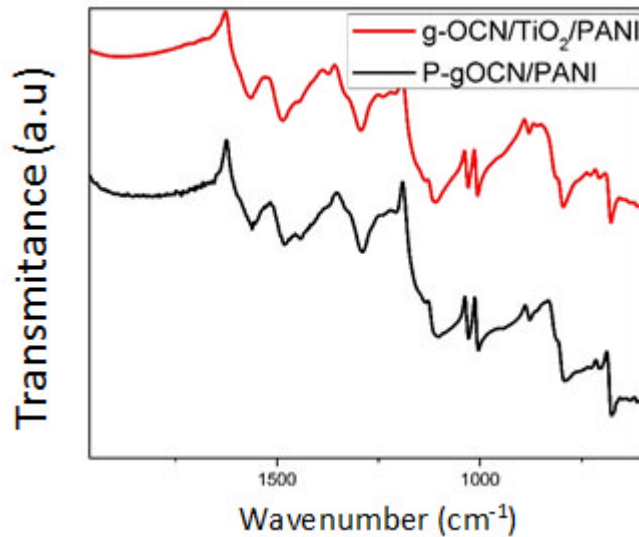
The hematin peak has shift to the red 398 nm

(Soret peak) interactions with the rings of P-OgCN sheets.



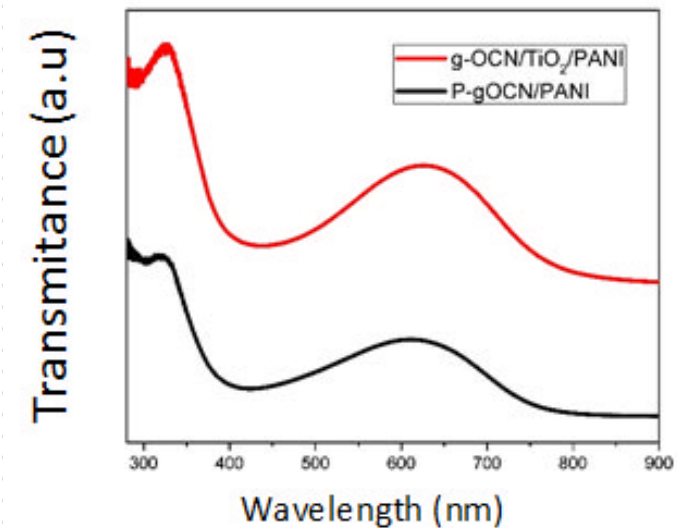
# Polyaniline synthesis Catalyzed by hematin supported on g-OCN P doped

FTIR spectra



Stretching  
1573, C=C stretching at the quinoid ring  
1492, C-C stretching benzenoid ring  
1375, stretching of C-N of secondary amines ,  
1240, C-C of the BBB units  
1103, C-N de aminos  
1029, C-O-C  
820, indicative of para substitution in the aromatic rings

UV-visible spectra



Electrical conductive of PANI was in the order of 0.8 S/cm

The signal around 325 nm (327-365 nm), transitions of  $\pi$ - $\pi^*$  of the aniline aromatic ring.  
The wide band at 630 nm correspond to the transición  $n$ - $\pi^*$  of de grupos quinina-imina groups ( excitonic transitions of B-Q rings).

# Summary

Phosphate doped g-CN were synthesized at high yield (around 80%), using urea as a precursor and at relatively low temperature (230 °C). TEM microscopy analysis revealed the presence of a highly porous material and the presence of single and stacked layers.

Hematin was supported on phosphorous doped g-OCN materials, apparently a  $\pi$ - $\pi$  and other type of interactions are involved in the process.

We demonstrate that hematin works as a biomimetic biocatalyst in the synthesis of the intrinsic electrical conductive polyaniline polymer. The P-g-OCN semiconductor material becomes conductive.

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