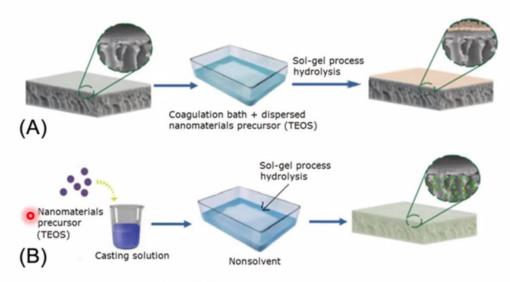


Nano-enhanced membranes prepared by sol-gel process

Sol-gel nanocoating is used to incorporate the SiO2, TiO2,ZrO2, metal/metal oxide-based nanoparticle network within membranes' pores and surfaces.

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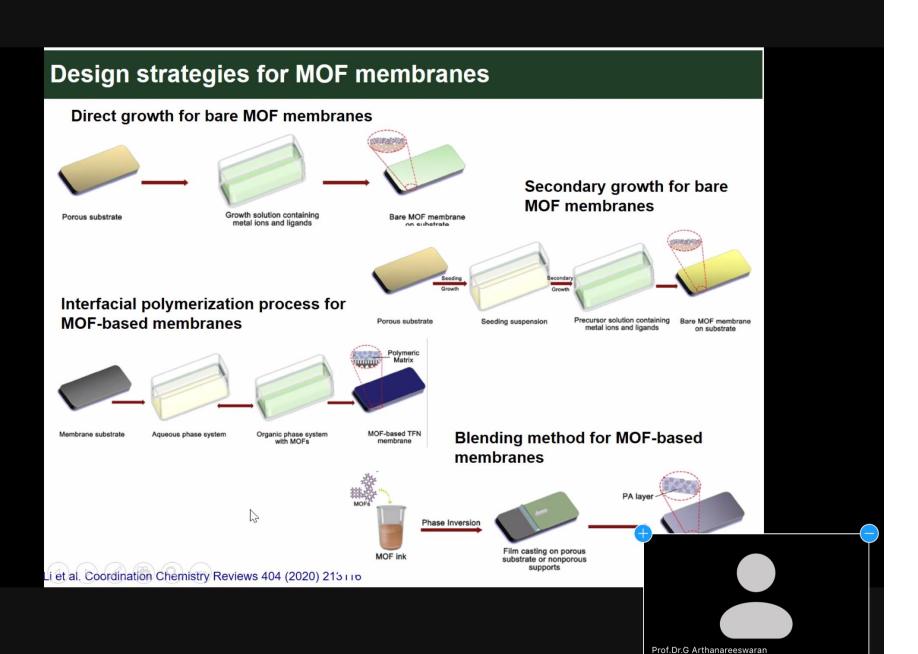
Sol-gel involves hydrolysis of precursors to form a corresponding hydroxide M-OH, and polycondensation to form a network (M-O-M).



Sol-gel process for (A) in situ formation of NPs on preformed membrane's pores or surfee, and (B) in situ NP formation after casting dope solution during the immersion precipitation (i.e.,

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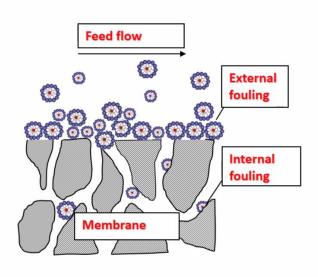


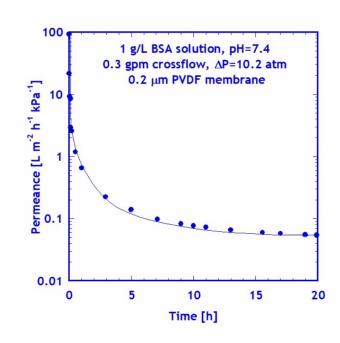


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Fouling: A Major problems in membrane separation

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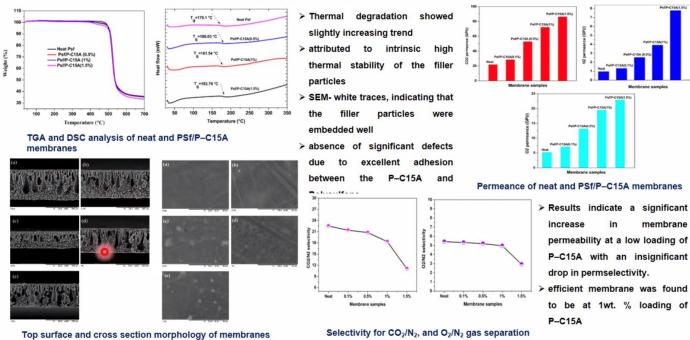






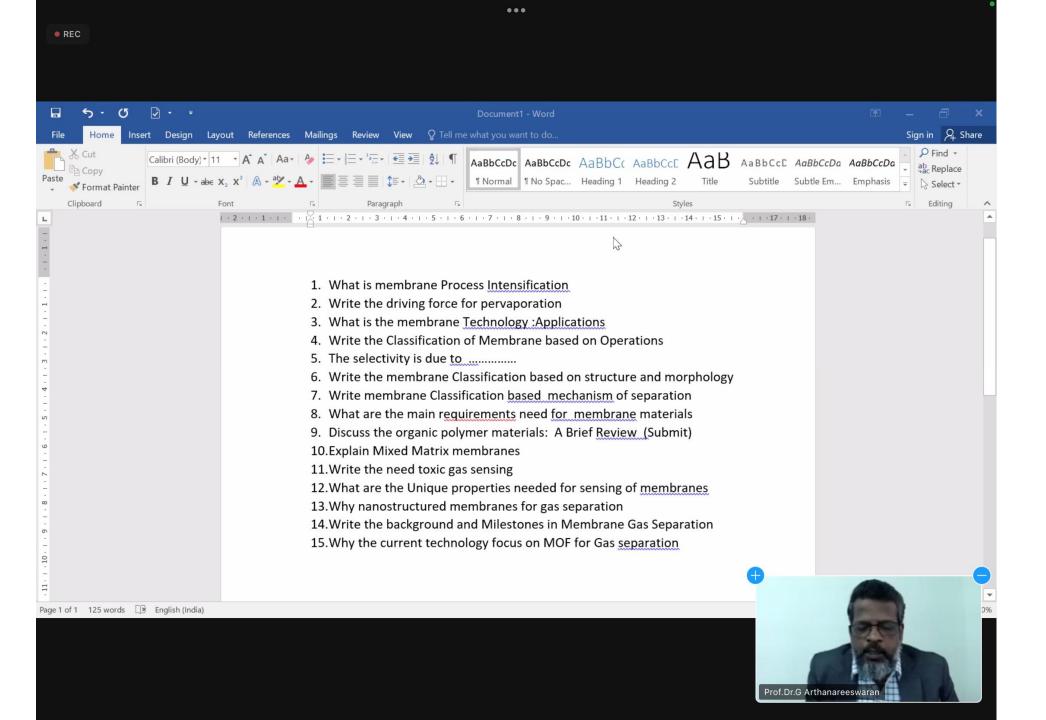
Pillared cloisite 15A as an enhancement filler in polysulfone mixed matrix membranes for CO_2/N_2 and O_2/N_2 gas separation

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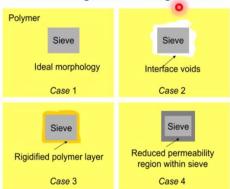




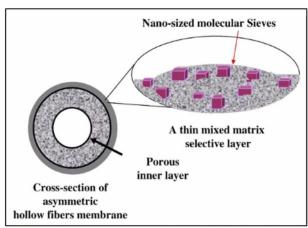
Mixed matrix membranes (MMMs) comprising organic polymers with dispersed inorganic fillers for gas separation

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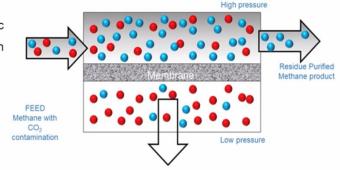
- Consisting of organic polymer and inorganic particle phases
- MMMs have the potential to achieve higher selectivity, permeability, or both relative to the existing polymeric mem- branes, resulting from the addition of the inorganic particles with their inherent superior separation characteristics.
 - ✓ zeolites.
 - ✓ carbon molecular sieves
 - ✓ activated carbons.
 - ✓ Non-porous silica, and graphite etc.
- Optimisation of interface morphologies between filler and the polymer matrices
 - Interface voids
 - Pore blockage and Chain rigidification



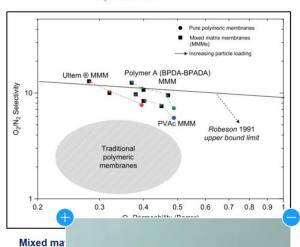
Schematic diagram of various nanoscale morphology of the mixed matrix structure



Schematic cross-section morphology of a hollow fiber with a polymer/zeolite mixed matrix skin



Permeate CO₂ & Methane loss



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