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## *Development and structural characterization of bioceramics*

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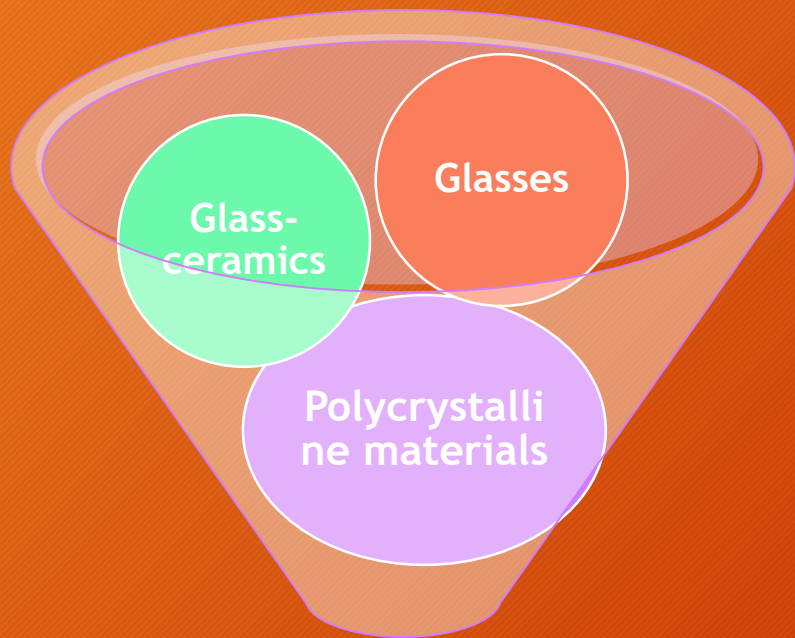
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# Recall on the 1st semester



**Bioceramics**

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Alumina

Zirconia

Magnesia

Carbon

Silica-contained compounds

Calcium-contained compounds

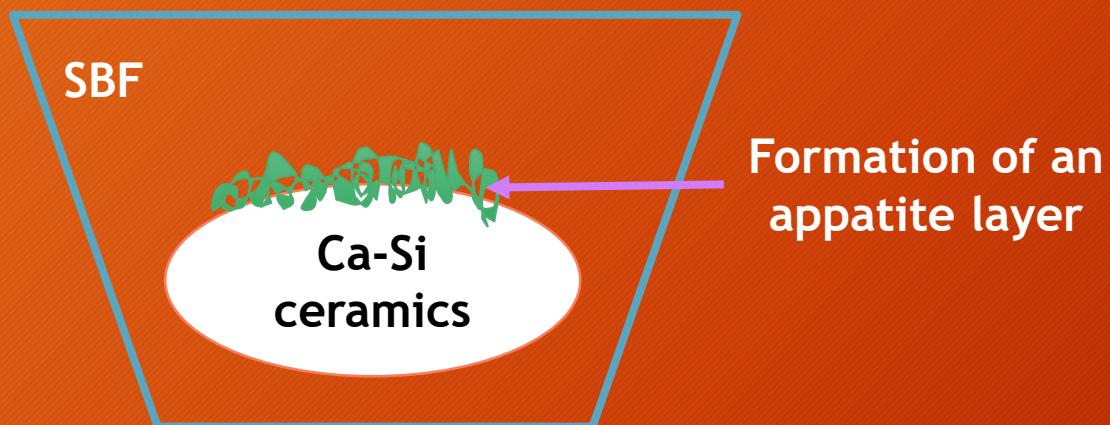
Limited number of other chemicals

Calcium Silicates  
(CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub>)

## Calcium Silicates (CaO-SiO<sub>2</sub>)

Bioactive materials based on Ca-Si can be divided into four groups

- Bioactive glass
- Bioactive ceramics
- Glass-ceramics
- Cements.



- ✓ The beneficial effects of materials based on Ca-Si on inducing bone formation were first found on glass in the system of SiO<sub>2</sub> -CaO-Na<sub>2</sub>O-P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> by Hench et al. (Hench, L. L., Splinter, R. J., Allen, W. C. and Greenlee, T. K. (1971)).
- ✓ Glasses with this composition were able to bond to soft and hard tissues forming a (CHA) layer when exposed to biological fluid (SBF), (it was named bioglass).
- ✓ Since then, different types of bioactive glasses have been developed and some of them have been already used in the clinic like 45S5 Bioglass.

## Starting materials preparation

## Calcium Oxide (CaO) extraction

The main component in eggshells is Calcium carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ )



Raw Eggshells

Heating Treatment  
in the air  
(7h/10h/12h, 900 °C)



Calcium Oxide  
(CaO)

Thermal decomposition of Calcium Carbonate upon the heating treatment at 900 °C in air



# Starting materials preparation

## Silica powder ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )



Silica Gel



Grinding



Silica Powder

# Powder mixture preparation

*Powder mixture preparation has been carried using two different milling techniques:* 40g CaO+ 60g SiO<sub>2</sub>

Ball miling (3h)



Ball milling for 3h  
Milling with wet conditions  
30,13g of ZrO<sub>2</sub> balls, 10 balls (11,43 mm in diameter)

Attrition milling (5h)



Attritor milling (Union process) at 5h for 2800 rpm  
Milling with wet conditions  
ZrO<sub>2</sub> balls (1mm in diameter)  
PEG (11,1g)



Powder mixture preparation  
(40% CaO (10h) + 60% SiO<sub>2</sub>)  
with PEG

The powder mixture  
of 100g (10%CaO  
(12h)+90%SiO<sub>2</sub>)



Powder mixtures

(10%CaO+90%SiO<sub>2</sub>+Ethanol)+ ZrO<sub>2</sub>  
balls

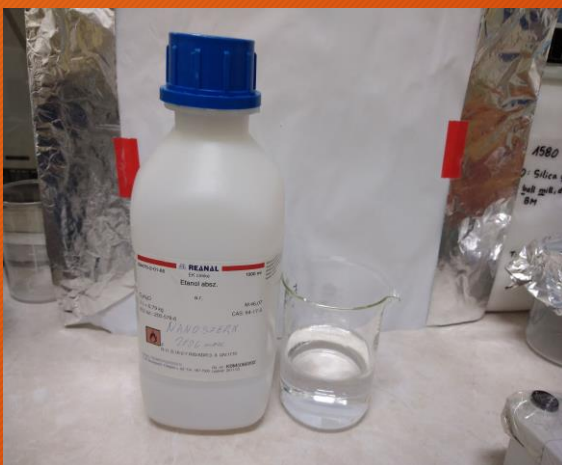


Attritor milling (Union process  
type) at 3h for 2000 rpm in wet  
conditions

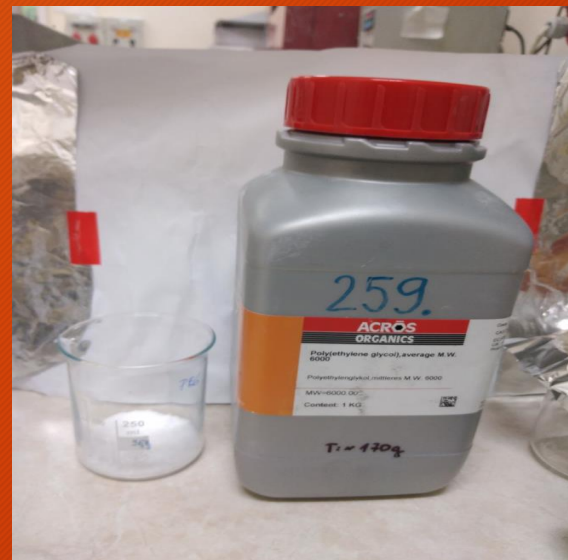
Changing the rotation speed to 500  
rpm in the last half hour of milling

Drying the mixture  
at 151 °C and sieving  
100 micron mesh

1104.7 g of Zirconia balls (“ZrO<sub>2</sub>”  
each one has 1mm in diameter)



100 g of Ethanol



10g of PEG (Poly Ethylene Glycol)

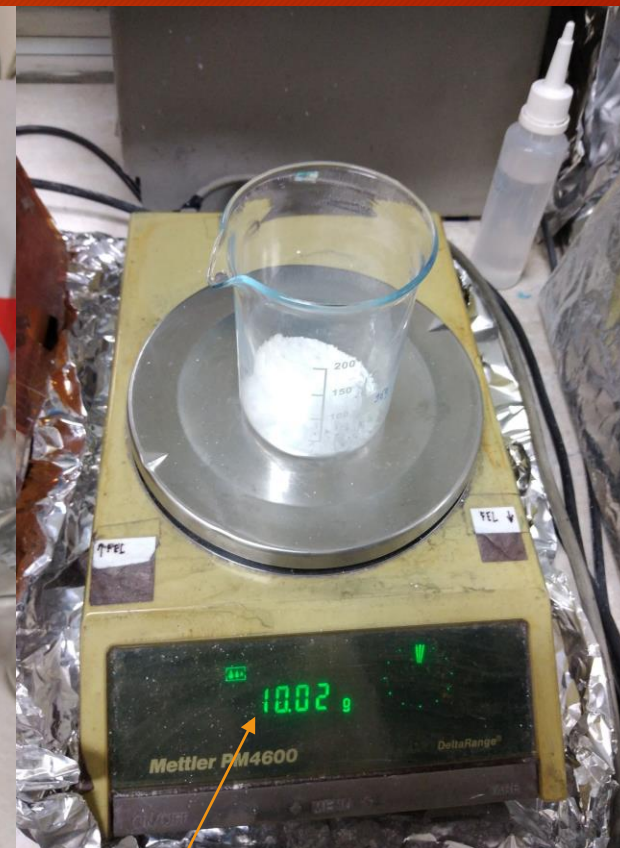
The powder mixtures were milled with 100 g ethanol and 1104.7 g of Zirconia balls ( "ZrO<sub>2</sub>" each one has 1mm in diameter). The milling process has been carried out in an attritor milling (Union process type) at 2000 rpm for 3h with adding the PEG (Poly Ethylene Glycol) in the last half hour of milling and changing the rotation speed to 500 rpm; (milling in wet conditions)

Note: during the process the mixture powders must be kept in a wet medium by adding ethanol each time the mixture starts to get dry

Adding the PEG (Poly Ethylene Glycol) in the last half hour of milling and changing the rotation speed to 500 rpm



PEG (Poly Ethylene Glycol)



10g of PEG



# Starting materials preparation

As starting materials, Silica powder ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ) has been prepared by ball milling starting from silica gel by intensive ball milling for 3 hours in dry conditions using 10 balls ( $\text{ZrO}_2$  each one has 11,43 mm in diameter)



Silica Gel



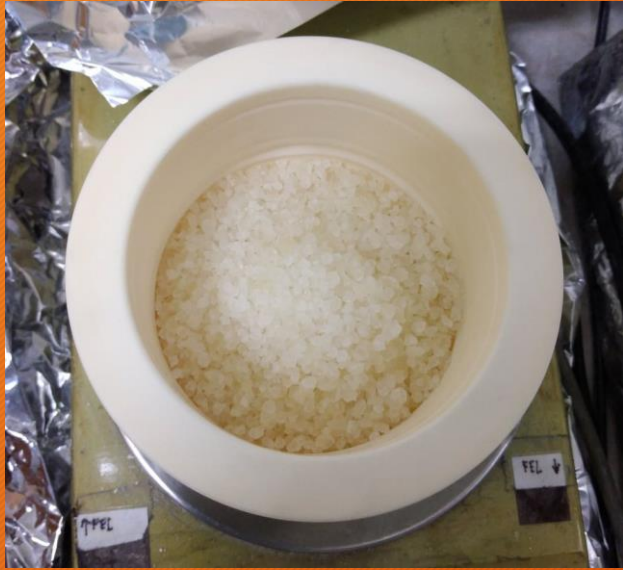
Ball Milling



Silica Powder

30,13g of  $\text{ZrO}_2$  (10 balls)

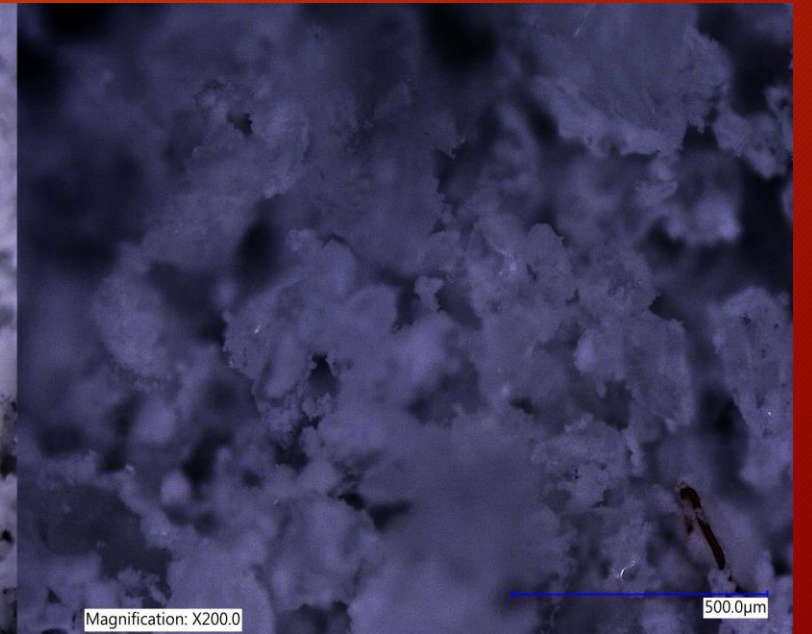
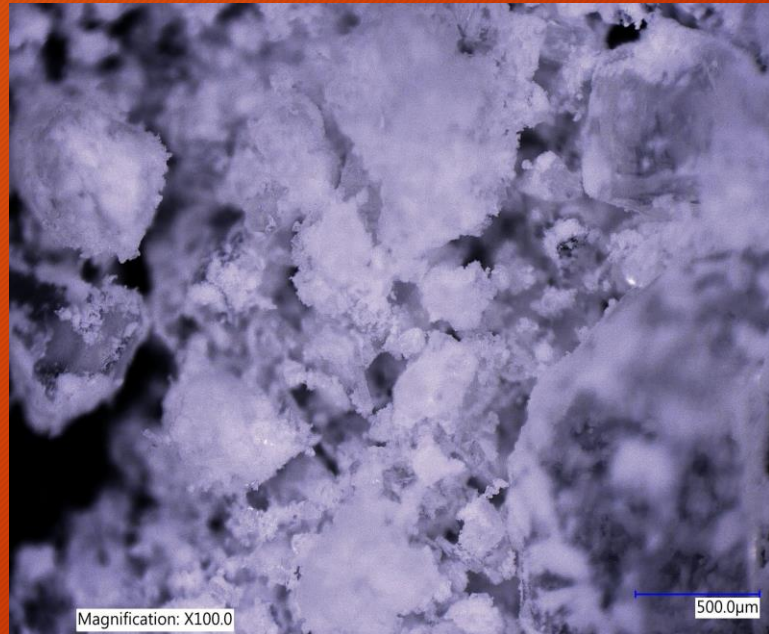
# Starting materials preparation

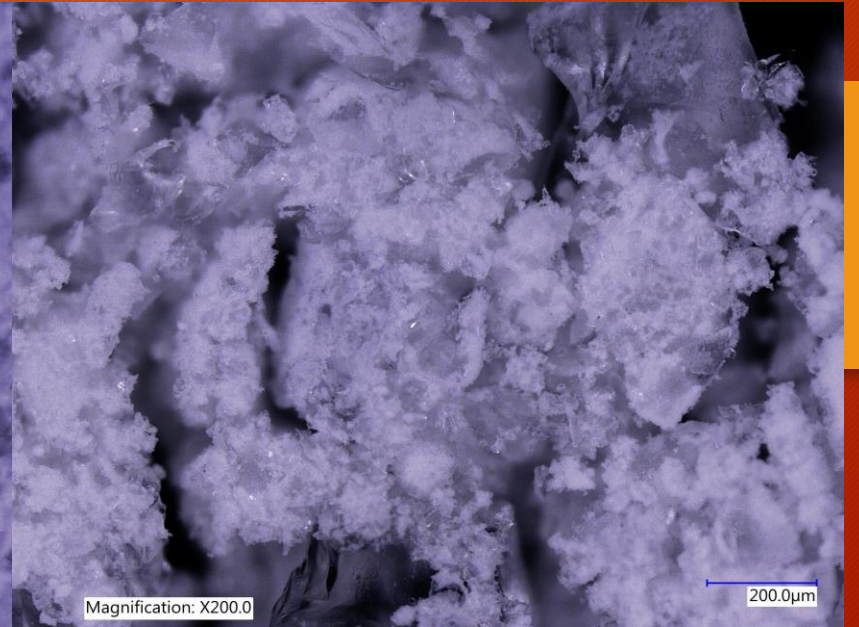
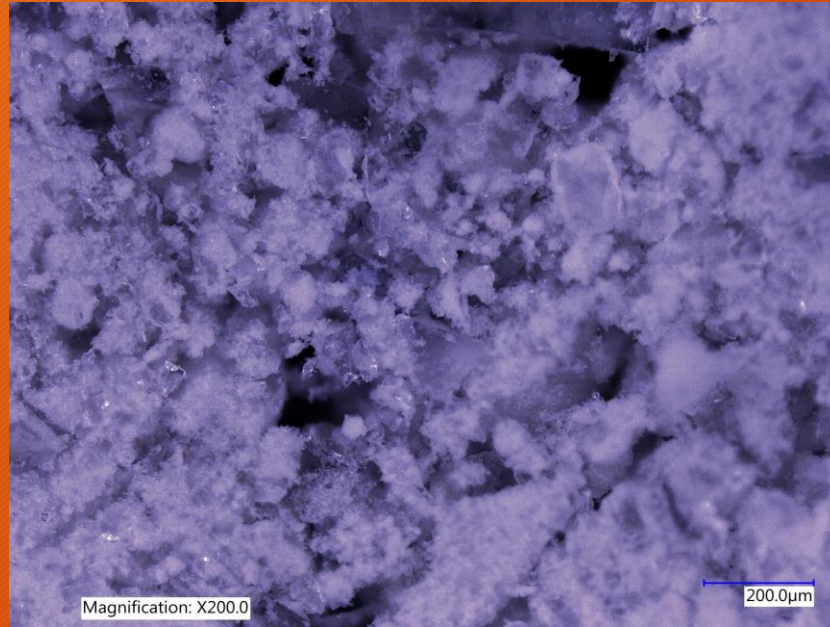


Silica gel (starting material)

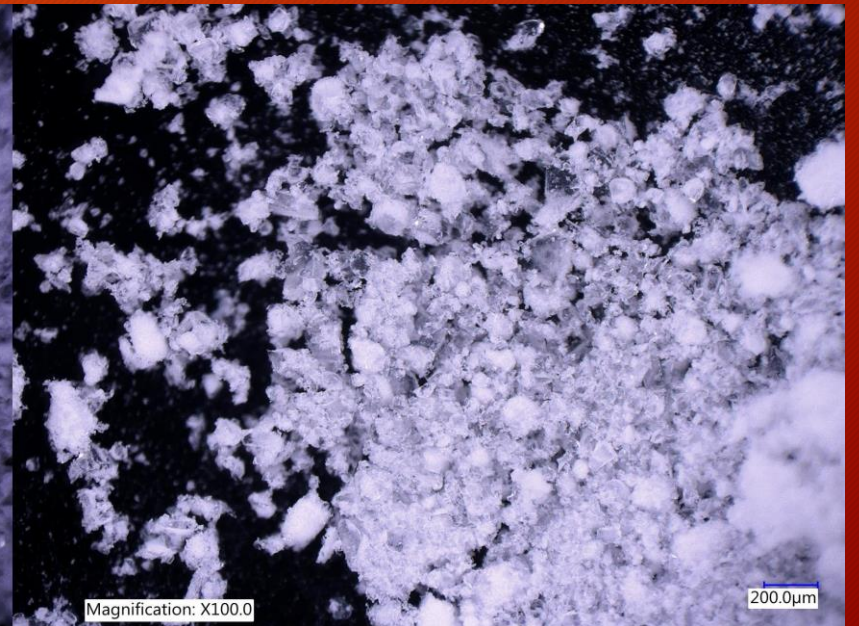
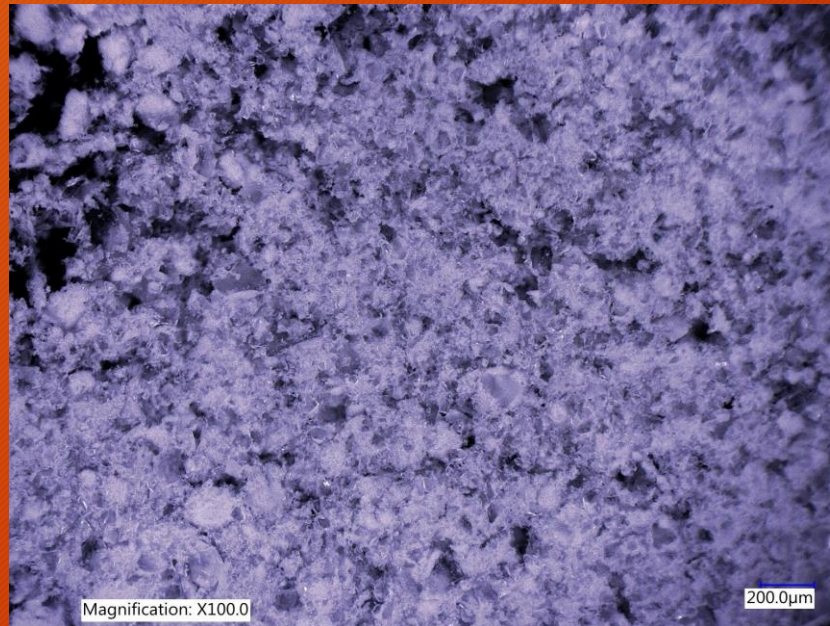
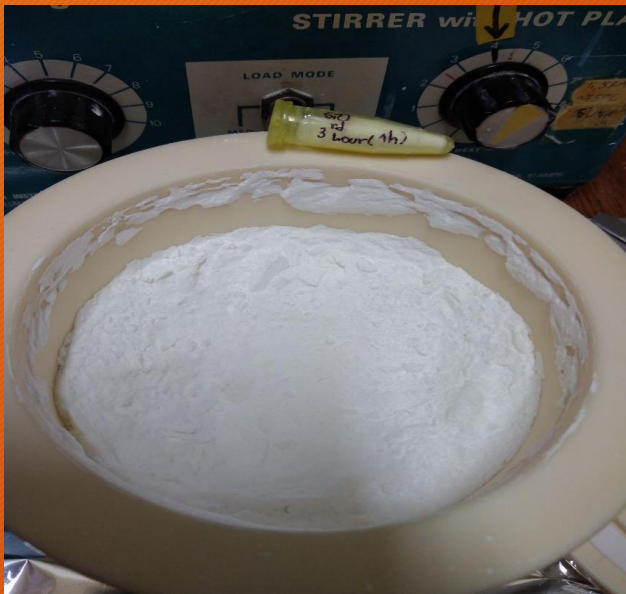


Milled Silica gel after 1 hour



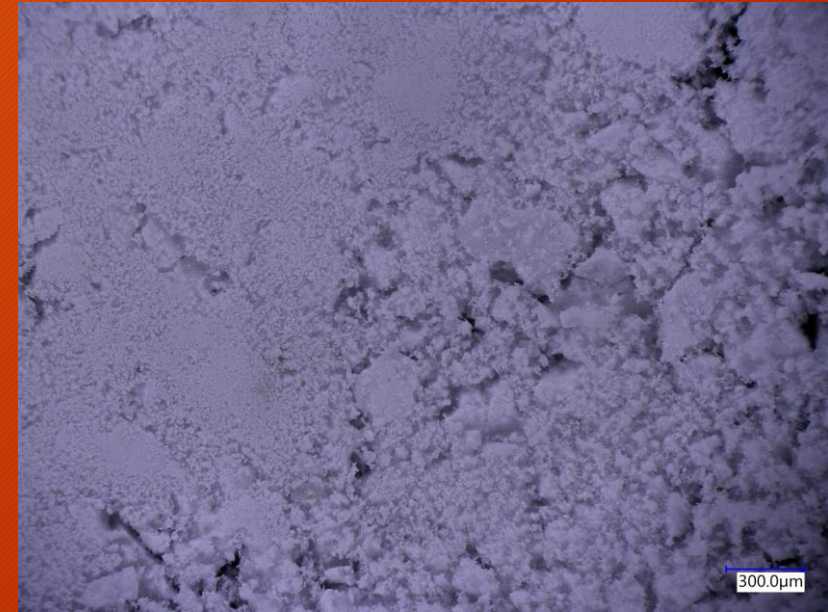
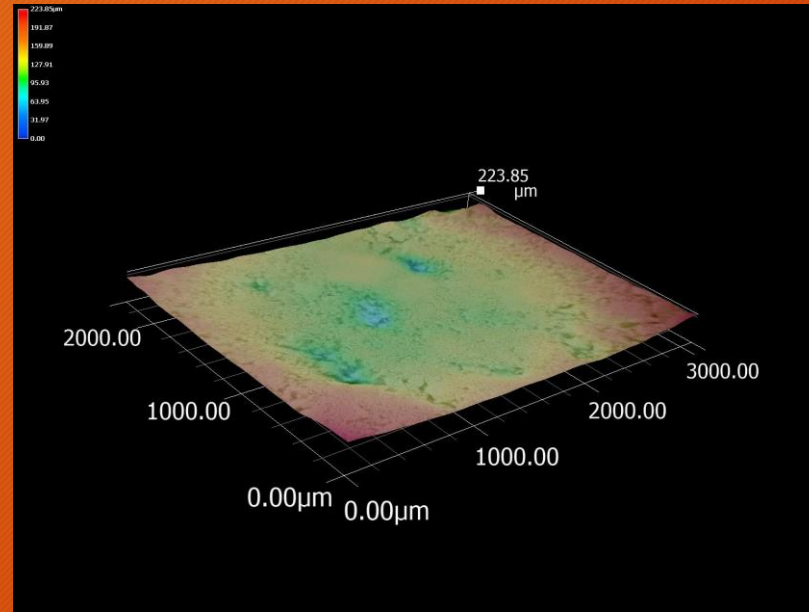
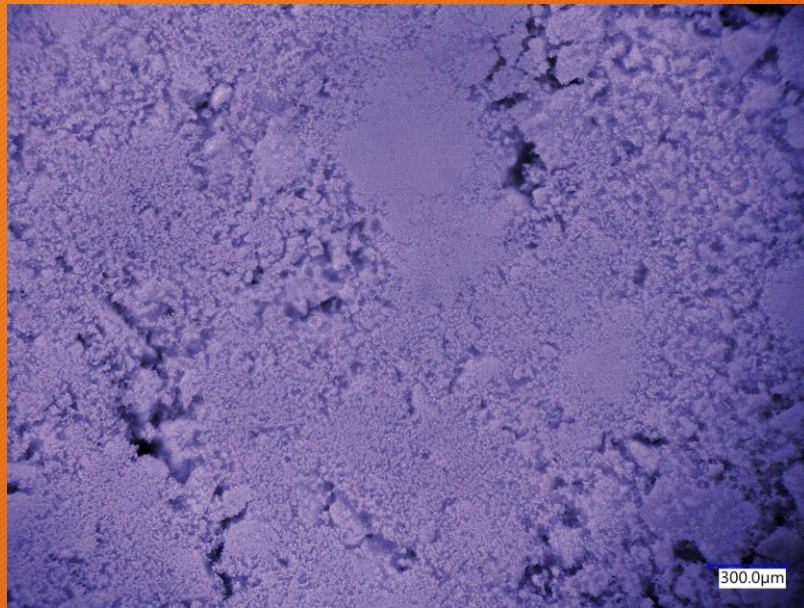


Milled Silica gel after 2 hours

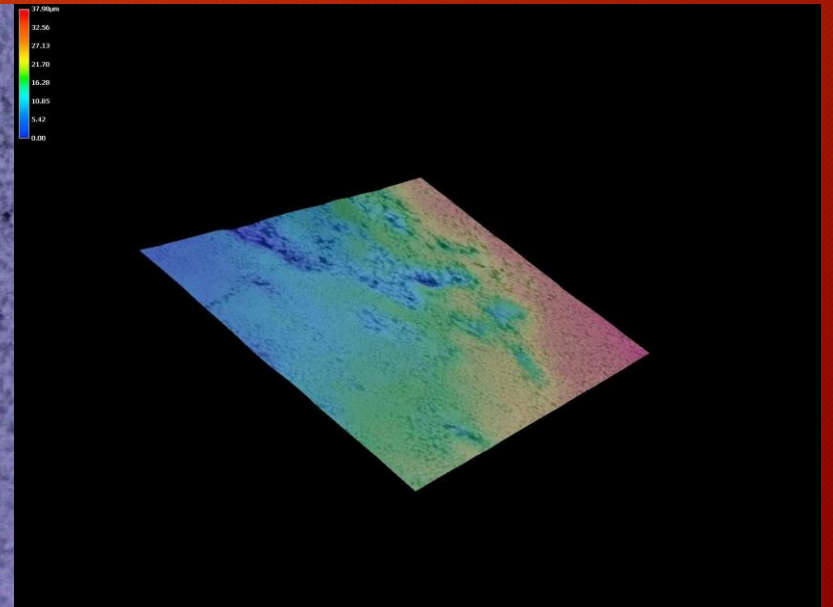
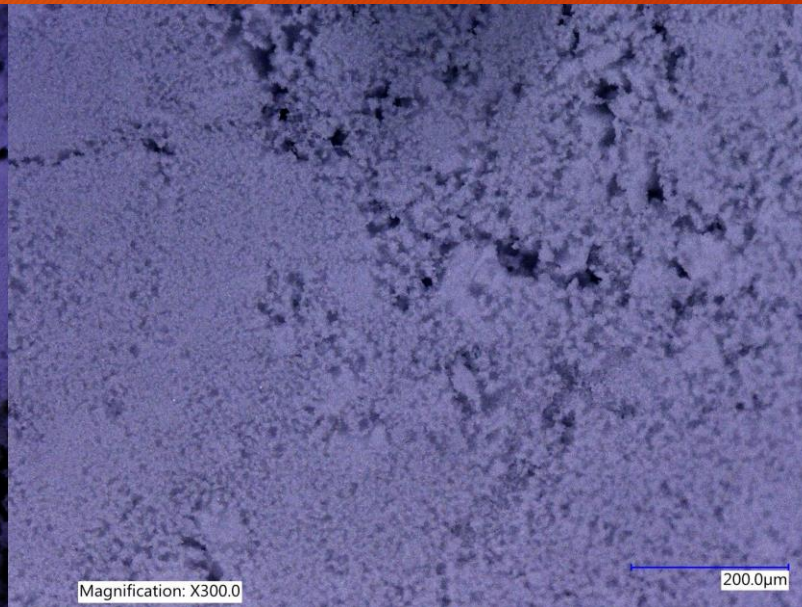
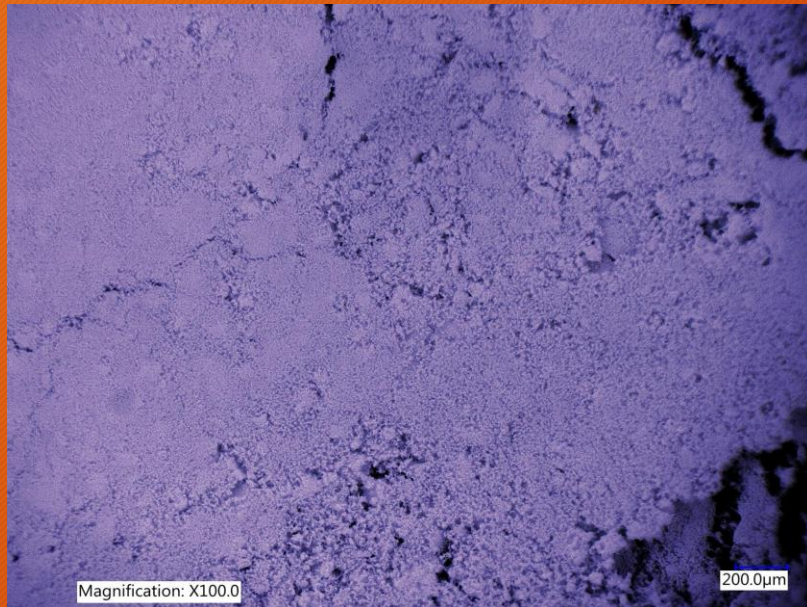


Milled Silica gel after 3 hours (Silica powder)

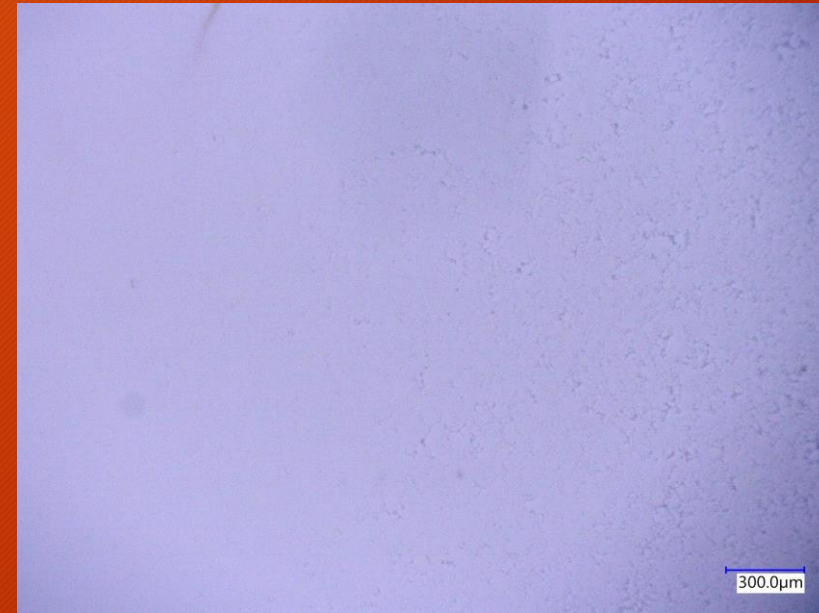
# Samples analysis results using Keyence for calcinated eggshells at 900 °C for 12h



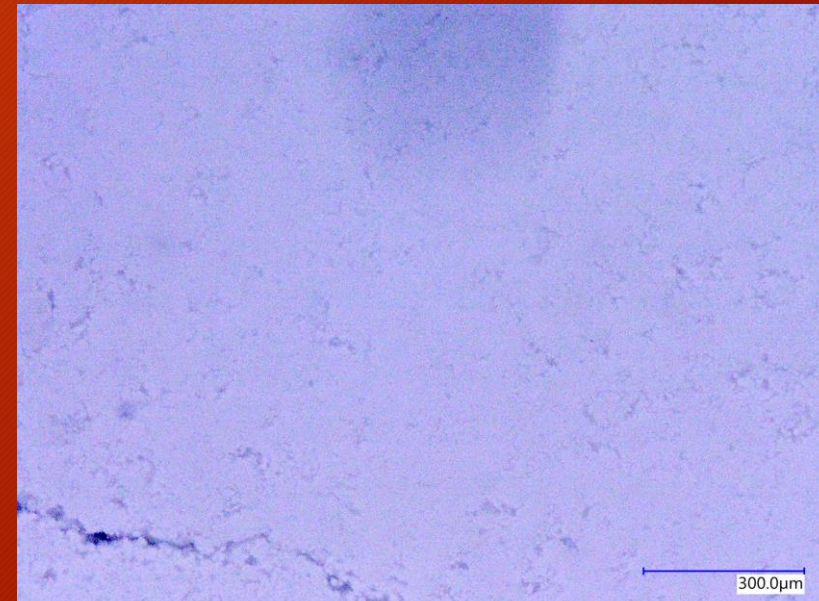
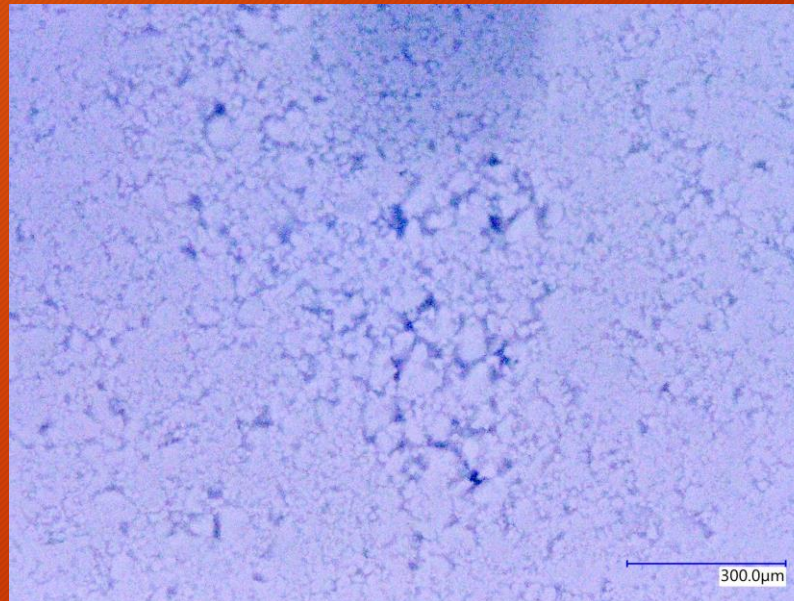
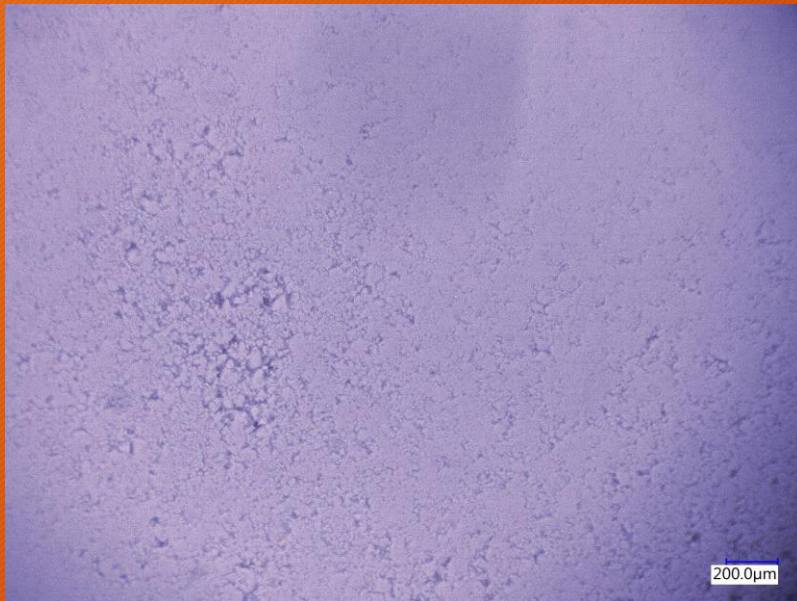
# Samples analysis results using Keyence for calcinated eggshells at 900 °C for 7h



Samples analysis results using Keyence for 10% CaO (12h) + 90% SiO<sub>2</sub> with PEG



Samples analysis results using Keyence for 40% CaO (7h) + 60% SiO<sub>2</sub> with PEG



# Research Plan



## 1. semester (successful):

- 1) Powder technology (Dr. Balázs Csaba)
- 2) Biomaterials for medical applications (Dr. Balázs Csaba)

## 2 semester:

- 1) Transmission electronmicroscopy for structural investigations of different materials (Dr. Balázs Katalin), (not yet passed the exam)
- 2) Selected chapters of material testing methods I.: FTIR, HPLC/MS (Dr. Erzsébet Takács), SEM, STM, AFM (Dr. Judit Telegdi), (not yet passed the exam)
- 3) Hungarian I (Dr. Szloboda József Sándorné Katalin), successful

## Conferences:

Submitted an abstract to participate in [Virtual] EUROPEAN CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION ON ADVANCED MATERIALS AND PROCESSES - EUROMAT 2021, September 12-16 (Poster)



# Research Plan



Powder number	Powder	CaO (g)	SiO <sub>2</sub> (g)	
1	10% CaO (12h) + 90% SiO <sub>2</sub>	10	90	100 g
2	20% CaO (12h) + 80% SiO <sub>2</sub>	20	80	100 g
3	30% CaO (12h) + 70% SiO <sub>2</sub>	30	70	100 g
4	40% CaO (12h) + 60% SiO <sub>2</sub>	40	60	100 g
5	50% CaO (12h) + 50% SiO <sub>2</sub>	50	50	100 g
6	60% CaO (12h) + 40% SiO <sub>2</sub>	60	40	100 g
7	70% CaO (12h) + 30% SiO <sub>2</sub>	70	30	100 g
8	80% CaO (12h) + 20% SiO <sub>2</sub>	80	20	100 g
9	90% CaO (12h) + 10% SiO <sub>2</sub>	90	10	100 g
10	40% CaO (7h) + 60% SiO <sub>2</sub>	40	60	100 g

# Research Plan



- ✓ Preparation of bars and discs under the pressure of 200MPa in dry conditions for each composition
- ✓ Sintering them under different temperatures (800, 900, 1000 °C) for 1h (for tribology, hardness, bending strength, density tests along with emerging them in SBF solution for testing the biological properties)
- ✓ Analyzing all the samples (the powders along with sintered forms) by different technical tools (Keyence, SEM-EDS), XRD and some of them with TEM/FTIR/ XPS
- ✓ Continuing the literature overview on Ca-Si as dental closure materials



Thank you for your attention

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