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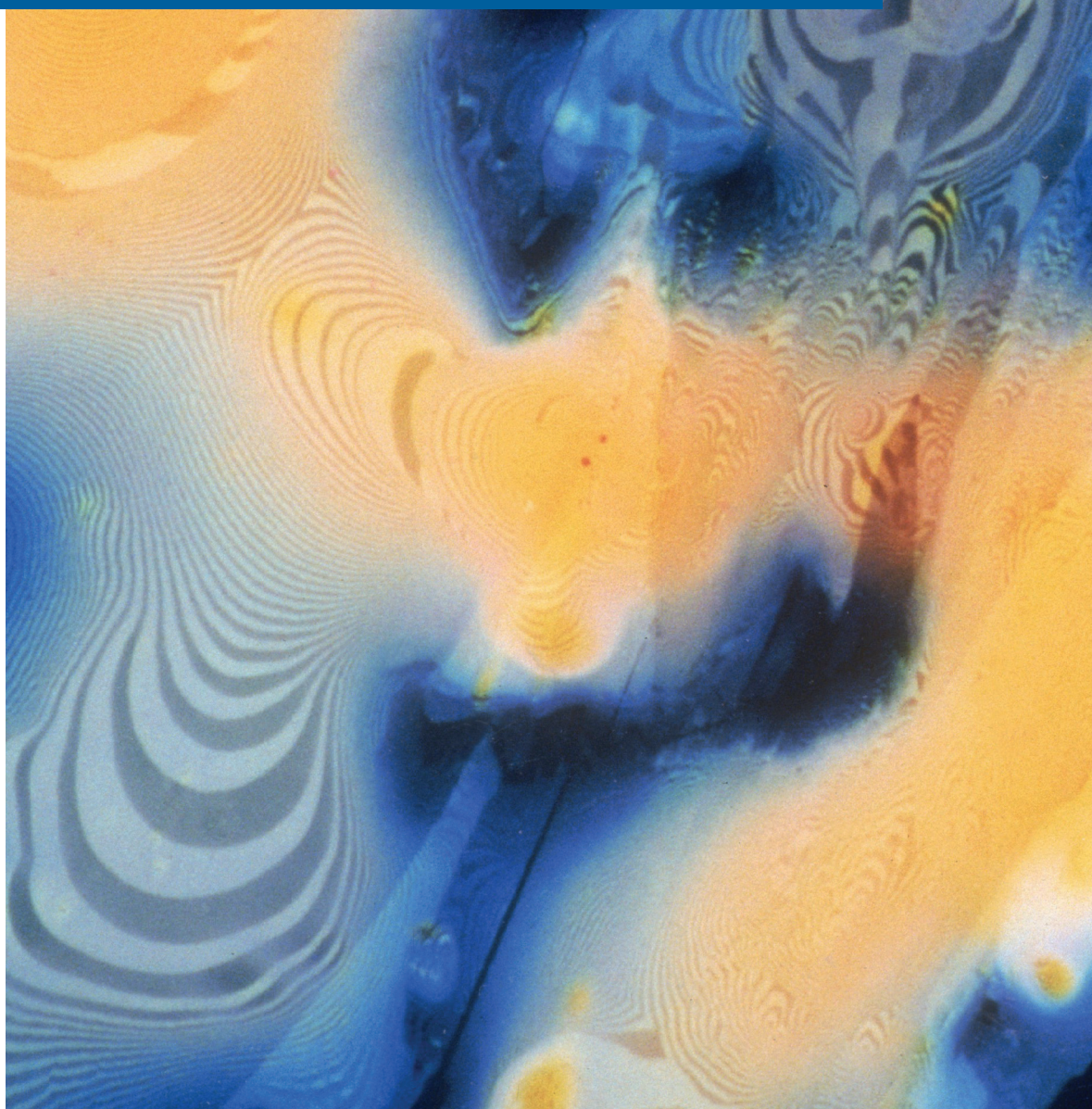


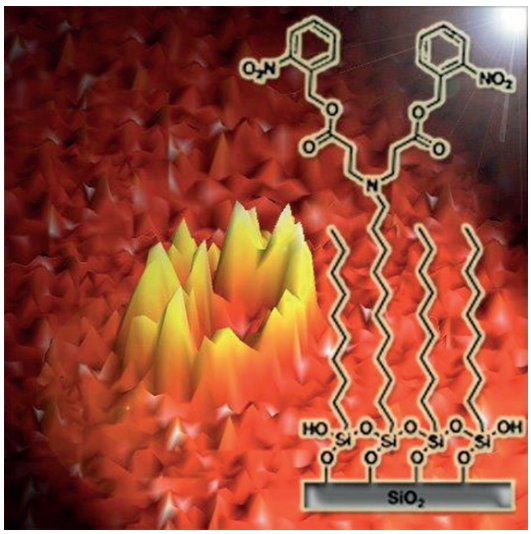
GDR B2i
Bioengineering of interfaces

OBJECTIVES

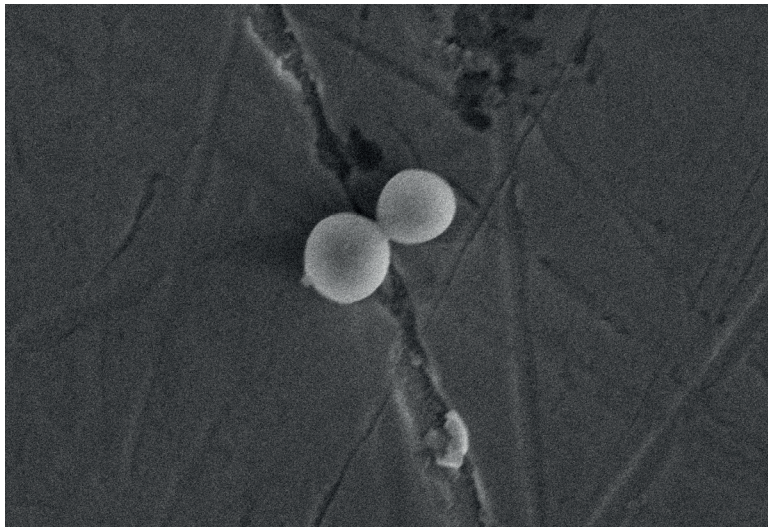
The mission of the GDR B2i is to federate the French and French-speaking European communities around a multidisciplinary theme whose research activities focus on biointerfaces.

The purpose of the GDR B2i is to encourage synergies between the different disciplines in order to allow the emergence of innovative and transversal projects. Faced with current public health challenges, medical devices (biomaterials, implantable devices), biochips, Lab-on-a-chips, biosensors and nanomaterials are used in a wide range of applications ranging from medical to environmental analysis through food control (dosage of GMOs, mycotoxins, pathogens, etc.).

The bioengineering of interfaces therefore aims to control the physical, chemical and biochemical properties at the interfaces of materials in order to control their stealth and specificity.



Engineering of mixed SAMs on SiO_2



***Staphylococcus aureus* (golden staphylococcus) @ titanium surface.**

THEMATICS

- Development of complex biointerfaces: functionalization, printing and nano-structuring
- Characterization of biointerfaces, opportunities and perspectives: towards *operando* characterizations and *in silico* calculations
- Biointerfaces at the heart of medical devices
- Transversal action: a major issue: microorganism / surface interactions

Titanium #Total hip prothesis.

200 RESEARCHERS
INVOLVED IN
50 LABORATORIES

PROSPECTS

The multidisciplinarity and transversality of biointerface research are clearly highlighted when considering the fields of research of GDR B2i teams.

From a scientific point of view, the actions of GDR B2i have highlighted new directions but also new needs both in the development and in characterization of biointerfaces. Thus, the scientific axes have seen their scope redrawn by the arrival of new teams, but also with the creation of a new transversal axis targeting the wanted or unwanted interactions between microorganisms and interfaces.
Thus, new ways of functionalization and development of complex interfaces are investigated with the contribution of nanostructured architectures in 3 or 4 dimensions but also with more selective and multiple functionalizations. *In situ* and / or *operando* characterizations, but also the coupling of spectroscopic and microscopic techniques, are highlighted while emphasizing *in silico* calculations aspects. New directions towards the field of biomedicine are undertaken, with applications in the field of on-board sensors and miniaturized devices; we also note the emergence of the application for diagnosis and therapy of the use of nanoparticles. Finally, a major issue, which is the interaction between various microorganisms and surfaces, is now addressed; these interactions can be harmful as in the case of biofilm formation or desired in the context of the detection of pathogens or the use of microorganisms in the field of energy.

Finally the GDR B2i wishes to:

IMPROVE ITS EUROPEAN INFLUENCE, in particular with the integration of French-speaking European laboratories providing new skills both in characterization (with for example the JRC laboratory in Ispra in Italy), and in development and application (with the CSEM in Neuchâtel in Switzerland).

IMPROVE INTERACTIONS WITH INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS AND END-USERS with the creation of an "industrial club" but also the integration of laboratories from other institutions, namely CEA, INSERM, UGA, working on biomaterials, bioengineering and life sciences.

IMPROVE ITS NETWORK AND THE TRAINING OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS creating a club of doctoral and post-doctoral students who would allow them to take a more active part in the life of GDR B2i, to be a driving force for new actions and for the future to create at the end of the 10 years life of the GDR B2i. This club would also make it possible to set up networking for the future of young graduates and their integration into the world of research, both academic and industrial.

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