

## PUBLICATIONS / PATENTS/ PRESENTATIONS:

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"Experimental evidence of nano-galvanic couples in nano-amalgams, employed for high throughput hydrolysis", Abdul Malek, Edamana Prasad, and **Tiju Thomas**

"Systematic comparison between in-situ derived Al and Al-Hg nanoamalgams for hydrogen generations from waste water", Abdul Malek, Edamana Prasad, and **Tiju Thomas**

"Anomalous band gap increase in stable (>1 year), digestively ripened Cu sub-oxide ultra-small quantum dots (<3 nm)", Bhusankar Talluri, Edamana Prasad, and **Tiju Thomas** (soon to be submitted to Ceramic International).

"Phase behavior of ultra-small, stable, digestively ripened, ZnO QDs ( $r < 2$  nm) in discotics", Bhusankar Talluri, Niya Mary, Sandeep Kumar, and **Tiju Thomas**, (under preparation)

"Barium tantalum oxides: phase stability and optical band gap studies on solution-combustion derived systems, and band structure evaluations", Kousika A, R Harikrishna, and **Tiju Thomas**

"Nitridation kinetics in solution-derived barium tantalum oxides and systematic study of band structure modification through high pressure nitridation", Kousika A, R Harikrishna, and **Tiju Thomas**

“Barium tantalum oxynitride: thermophysical computations and empirical dielectric dispersion studies”, Kousika A, R Harikrishna, and **Tiju Thomas**

“Electronic structure modification of  $\text{BiVO}_4$  through high pressure, ammonoothermal processing, for photoanode applications”, A Malek, A Kousika, Bhusankar T, **Tiju Thomas**

“Systematic optical property investigation in  $\text{Na}_{0.5}\text{Bi}_{0.5-x}\text{Eu}_x\text{TiO}_3$ ”, Wojciech Jadwicienczak, Praveena Kuruva, and **Tiju Thomas**, (under preparation)

“Ab-initio studies on thermoelectric properties of Eu doped sodium bismuth titanate”, Mousumi U. Kahaly, and **Tiju Thomas** (under preparation)

“Photocatalytic disinfection of water from Nairobi using Cu doped ZnO”, Vincent O. Madadi, **Tiju Thomas**, and Shem O Wandiga, (under preparation)

“Atmospheric pressure dielectric breakdown as a means of recycling water remediation materials”, Yoon Kee Kim, and **Tiju Thomas**, (under preparation)

“Photoluminescence studies on calcium tungstates”, R Harikrishna, BM Nagabhushana and **Tiju Thomas**

"Nano Si and Si:CNT in-situ, arc-discharge synthesis and electrochemical characterization", Sneha S, Madhubala, Raja A, Bhusankar T, Kousika A, **Tiju Thomas**

Papers on (i) replacement of sodium borohydride in amalgam based hydrolytic processes, (ii) QD seeded monodisperse nanoparticles, (iii) QD-polymer electrospun composites for electrochemical liquid phase sensing, (iv) unified mechanistic modeling of DR in ceramic nanoparticles (Lee-Clark hybrid model; anisotropy; enthalpic and electrostatic corrections; defect chemistry; predictive modeling), (v) Bond Valence method for **sintering dynamic simulations** in complex ceramic, (vi) As sensor using rGO/MnOx system, (vii) As in water: a comprehensive review

Two review articles - one on nitrides and carbides; the other on As in water are underway. A book chapter on “Synthesis of pnictide and chalcogenide superconductors” is underway.

(more Malek, Kousika, Bhusankar, Santosh, Tanvi collaborations planned)

### **Conference publications**

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3. *"Hydrogen generation from waste water via galvanic corrosion of in-situ formed aluminum amalgam"* (2016) (Indian Patent application no. 201641027502)