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For Hap synthesis, methodology proposed by Enríquez et al. (Enríquez-Pérez, Ma. Angeles, Castrejón-Sánchez, Víctor Hugo, Rosales-Davalos, Jaime Y Díaz-Camacho Francisco Javier A., 2020), was followed. HAp was prepared using eggshell impregnated with  $H_3PO_4$  and subsequently calcined for 2 h at 800 °C.

Se hizo la recolección de cascaron de huevo (900 g), se lavó con agua corriente y después con peróxido de hidrogeno al 70%, después se secó a 80 °C por 48 h. El material seco se trituro con un mortero de agata y se pasó por un tamiz #80, posteriormente se impregnó el material con ácido fosfórico 1 M por 5 h, después se hacen lavados con agua destilada hasta un pH neutro. El material se calcina a 800°C, los tiempos de calcinación se establecieron en 2, 4 y 6 h. El cerámico obtenido se muele en un mortero de agata y se pasó por un tamiz #80.

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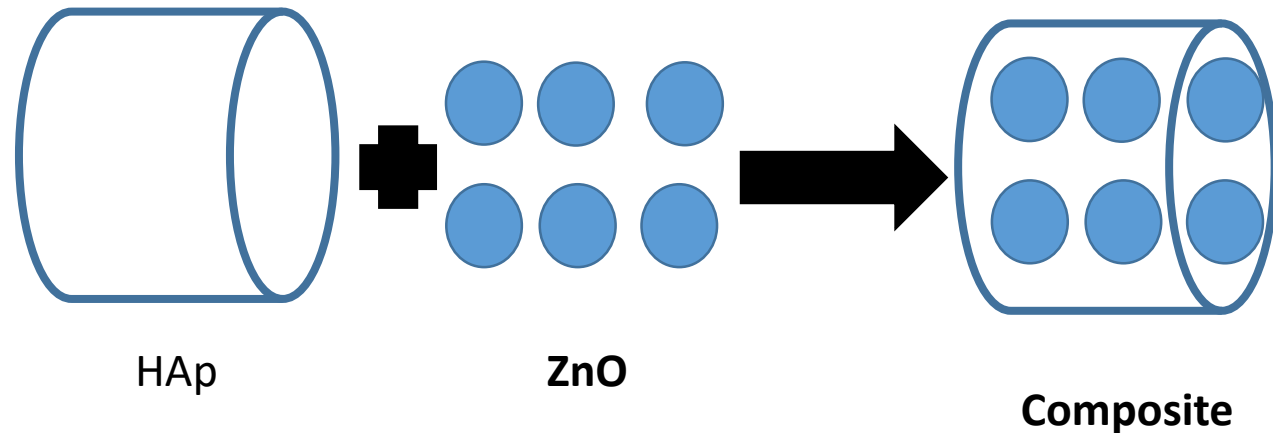
# Introduction



In present work, a composite material synthesis is reported using HAp and ZnO

They were obtained reusing eggshells and by sol-gel method, respectively. Later, both components are coupled.

Composite material is tended to be used in organic dyes degradation.



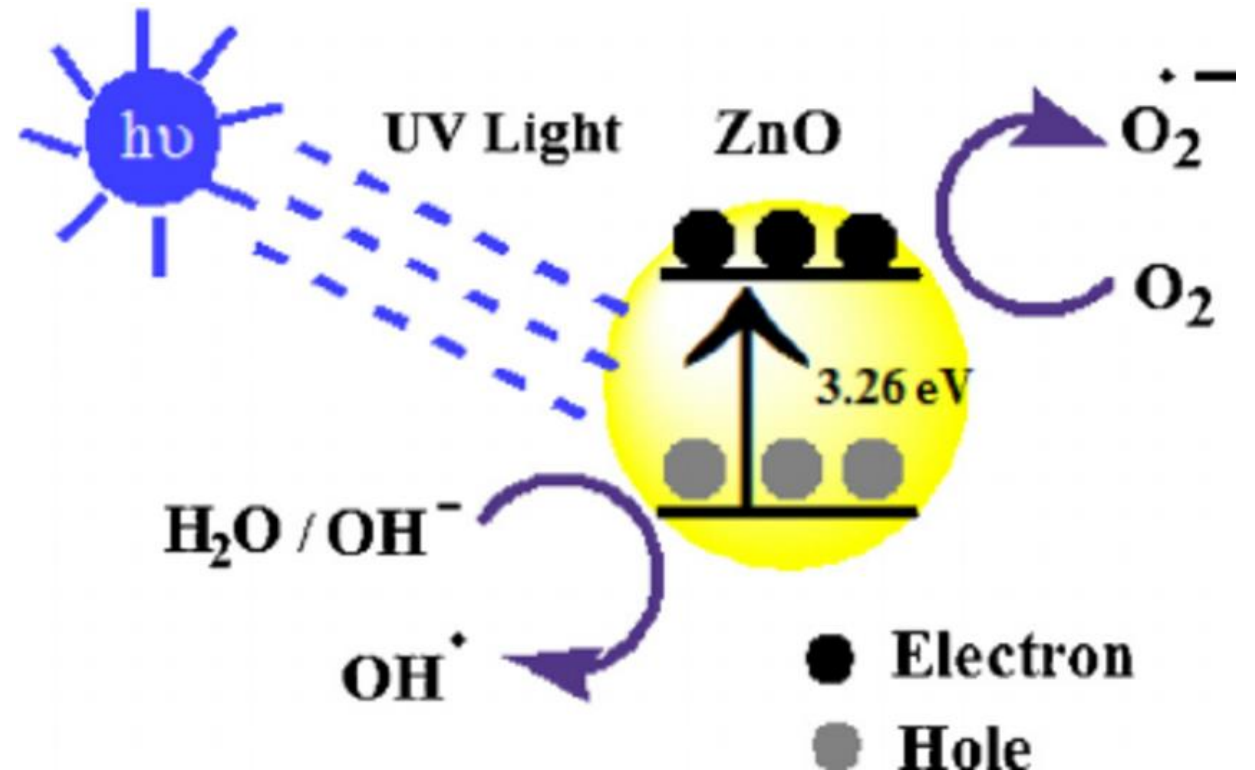
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## Oxide-based semiconductor photocatalyst

$\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CuO}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$ ,  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  
 $\text{ZrO}_2$ , **ZnO**

Bandgap value for ZnO permits activation using UV light for **photodegradation of organic pollutants**

**ZnO (hexagonal wurzite)**  
Bandgap of 3.3 eV  
Exciton binding energy of 60 meV.



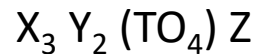
The **ZnO** is a material that can be used in heterogeneous photocatalysis

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Hydroxyapatite (HAp) is made up by calcium, phosphor and hydrogen atoms, according to next formula:  $\text{Ca}_{10}(\text{PO}_4)_6(\text{OH})_2$ .

HAp belongs to a larger group of compounds known as apatites.

General formula

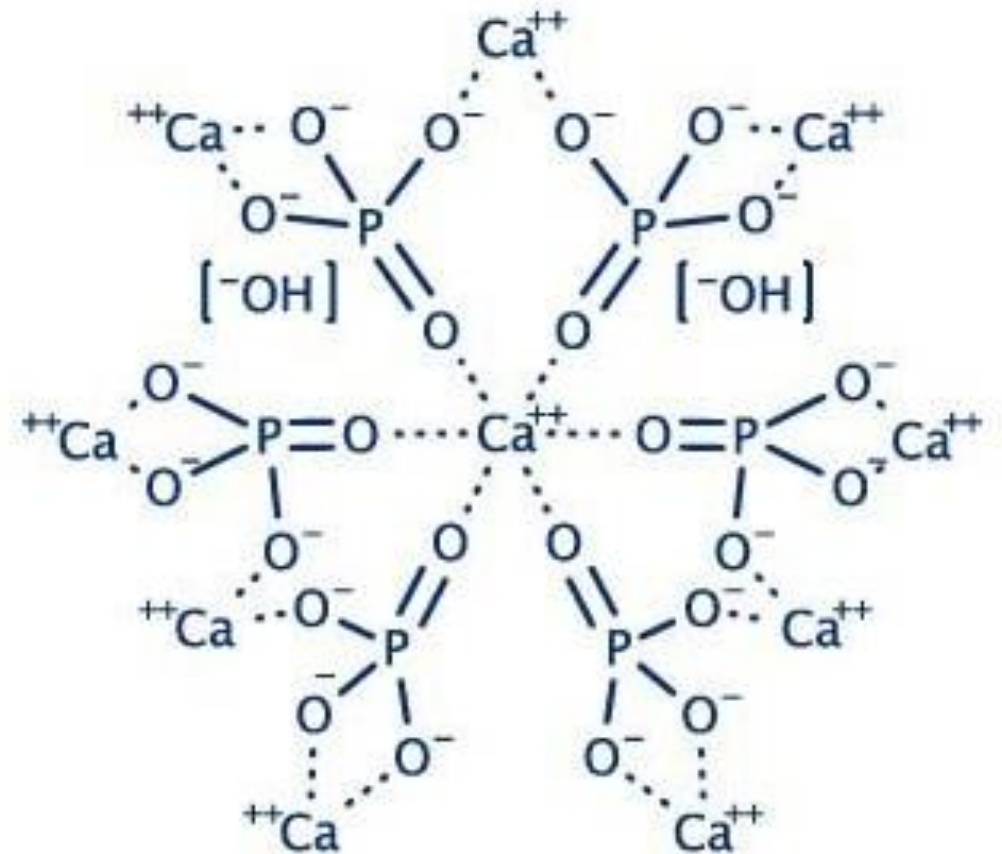


Where:

X o Y= Ca, Sr, Ba, Re, Pb, U, Mn and sometimes Na.

T = P, As, V, Si, S y C (as  $\text{CO}_3$ ).

Z = F, Cl,  $\text{OH}^-$  y O



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The eggshell is wash with water and peroxide, after it is dry at 80 °C

The eggshell is impregnated with  $H_3PO_4$  and subsequently calcined for 2 h at 800 °C.

## Sol-gel synthesis of Zinc Oxide

Solution A: Ethanol (heat at 60 °C) and admix with zinc acetate (slow stir).

Solution B: Ethanol (heat at 60 °C) and admix oxalic acid (slow stir).

Blend Solution A + Solution B under continuous magnetic stirring.

The solution is aged for 24 h. Later, it is calcined at 650 °C for 30 min.

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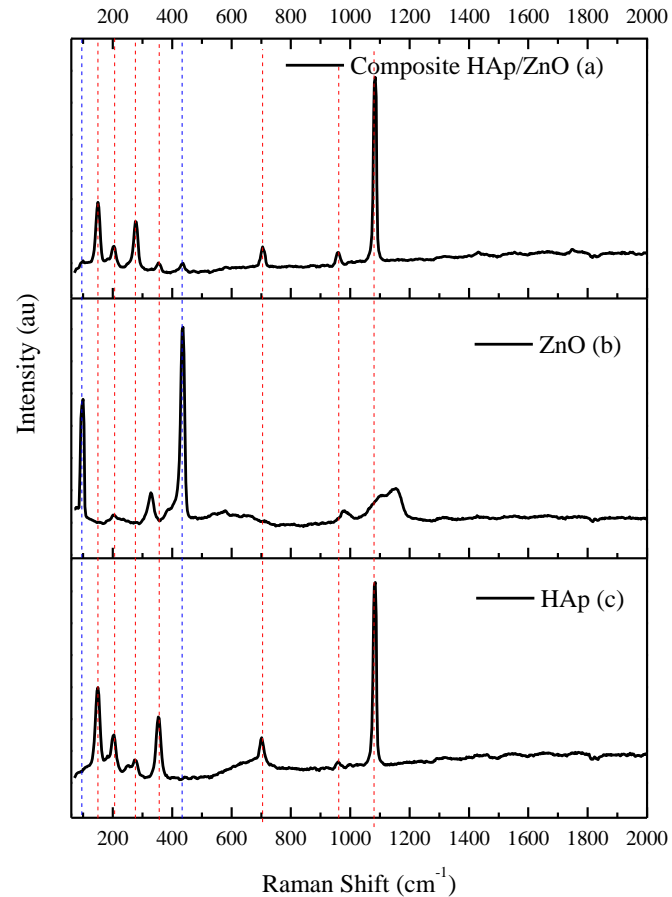
Hydroxyapatite (HAp) / Zinc oxide (ZnO)  
composite by sol-gel method.

Composite was prepared mixing HAp powders with Zinc under magnetic stirring for 2 h and it was annealed at 650 °C for 30 min.



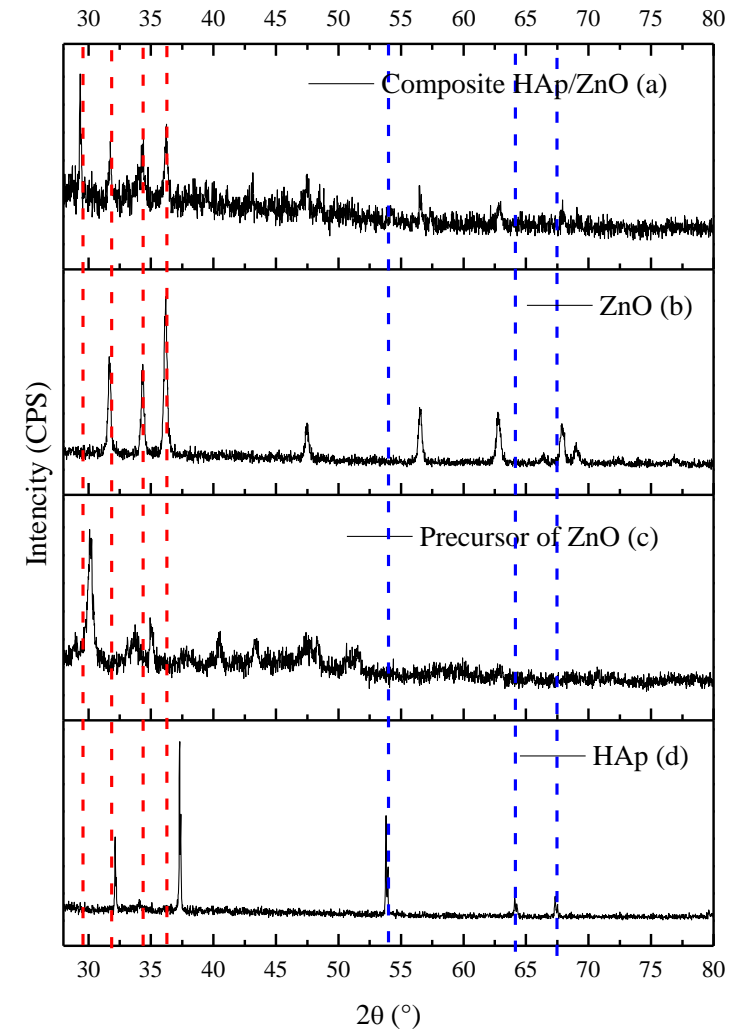
# Results

## Raman Spectroscopy



**Figure 1** Raman spectra of the composite (a), ZnO (b) and Hydroxyapatite (c) synthesized. *Source: own elaboration*

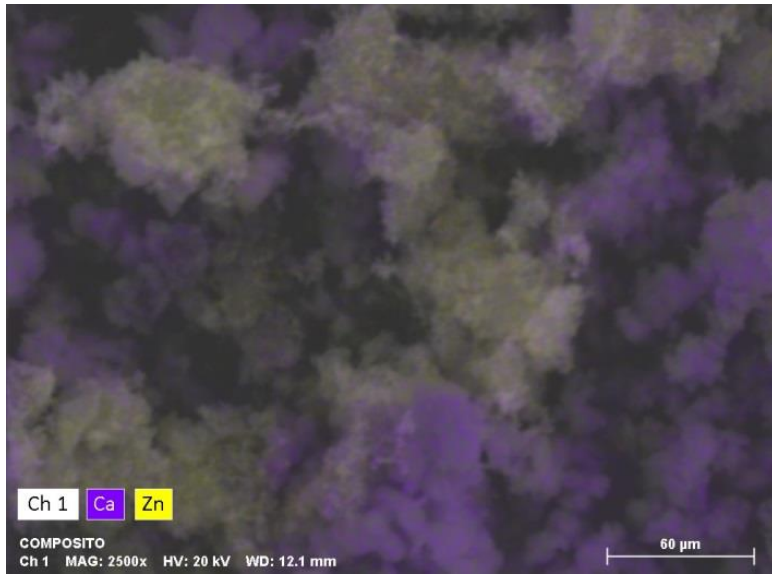
## X-Ray Diffraction (XRD)



**Figure 2.** Diffractograms of the composite (a), ZnO (b) ZnO Precursor (c), and synthesized Hydroxyapatite (d). *Source: own elaboration*

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## Scanning Electron Microscopy



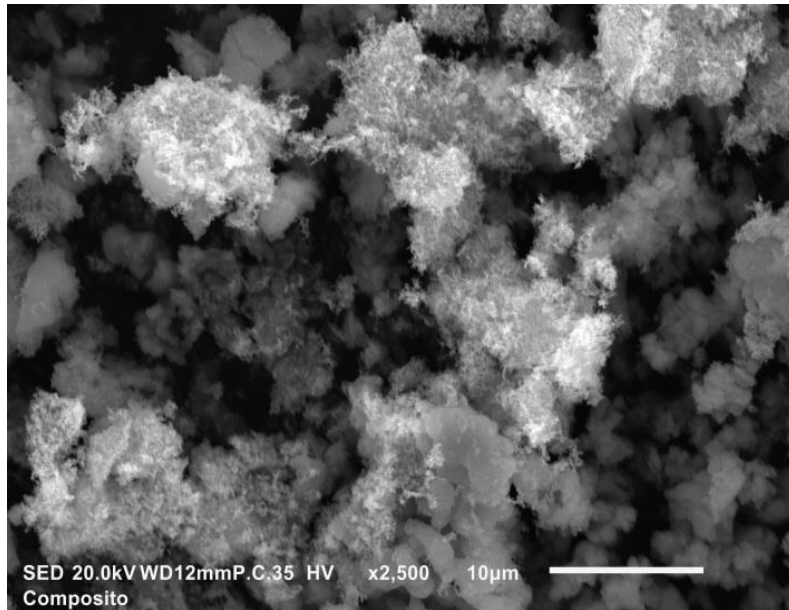
**Figure 3.** Mapping for Zn (yellow) and Ca (purple) Source: Own elaboration

| Atoms | ZnO<br>(% At.) | HAp<br>(% At.) | Compósito<br>(% At.) |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| C     | -              | 22.59          | 34.28                |
| O     | 57.26          | 53.13          | 45.47                |
| Zn    | 42.74          | -              | 7.63                 |
| P     | -              | 0.12           | 0.32                 |
| Ca    | -              | 24.16          | 12.3                 |
| Ca/P  |                | 201            | 38.44                |
| C/P   |                | 188            | 107                  |
| Ca/Zn |                | -              | 1.61                 |

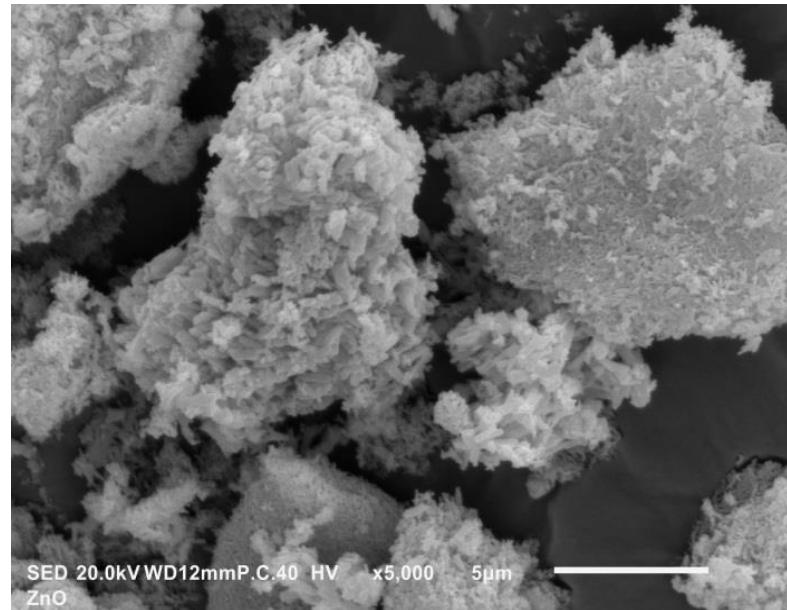
**Table 1.** Elemental analysis results for ZnO, HAp and Composite. Source: own elaboration

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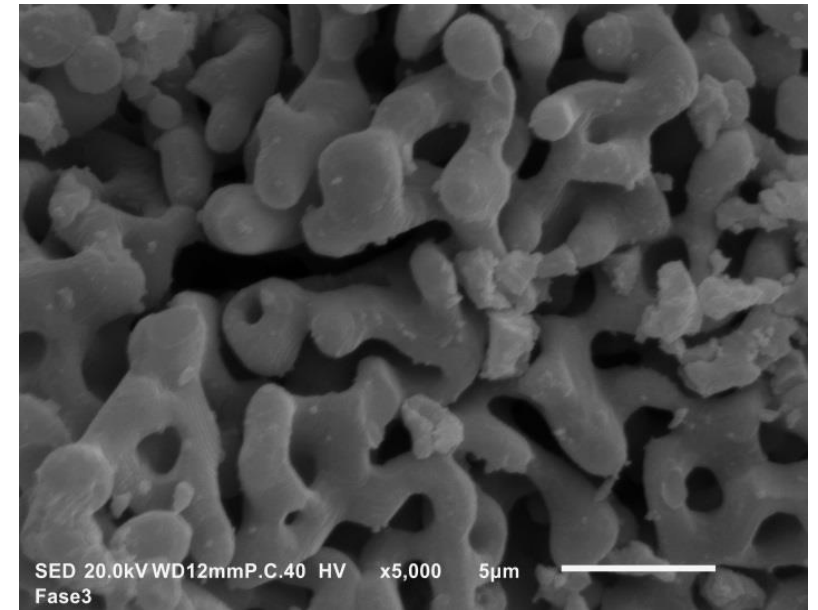
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**Figure 4.** SEM image of composite. *Source: own elaboration*



**Figure 5.** SEM Image of ZnO. *Source: own elaboration*



**Figure 6.** SEM Image of Hydroxyapatite. *Source: own elaboration*

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