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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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### EDUCATION – RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2011- Scientist, Flexible Polymers structure-property-processing relationships, Borealis, Linz, Austria.
- 2009-2011 Postdoctoral researcher, AIT Austrian Institute of Technology, Vienna, Austria.
- 2003-2008 PhD Physics, University of Ioannina, Greece. (Advisor Prof. G. Floudas; Title: “Effect of architecture and confinement on the self-assembly and dynamics of polypeptides”.)
- 1999-2003 BSc Physics, Department of Physics, University of Ioannina, Greece. (Diploma work supervisor Prof. G. Floudas: “Structure and dynamics of rigid-rod polymers with intrinsic orientational order”.)

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Polyolefins for advanced energy and infrastructure applications  
Polymers under thermodynamic confinement; dynamics and self-assembly  
Novel biomacromolecules and their hierarchical organization  
Temperature- and pressure-dependent dielectric spectroscopy

### PAPERS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- [1] “Nanostructuring polymeric materials by templating strategies” Knoll, W.; Caminade, A.-M.; Char, K.; Duran, H.; Feng, C. L.; Gitsas, A.; Kim, D. H.; Lau, A.; Lazzara, T. D.; Majoral, J.-P.; Steinhart, M.; Yameen, B.; Zhong, X. H. *Small* **2011**, 7, 1384.
- [2] “Designing polymeric nanorod arrays for optical waveguide-based biosensors” Gitsas, A.; Lazzara, T. D.; Yameen, B.; Steinhart, M.; Knoll, W.; Duran, H. *Physica Status Solidi (c)* **2011**, 8, 3179.
- [3] “Polycyanurate nanorod arrays for optical-waveguide-based biosensing”, Gitsas, A.; Yameen, B.; Lazzara, T. D.; Steinhart, M.; Duran, H.; Knoll, W. *Nano Letters* **2010**, 10, 2173.
- [4] “Effects of nanoscale confinement and pressure on the dynamics of pODMA-*b*-ptBA-*b*-pODMA triblock copolymers”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; Butt, H.-J.; Pakula, T.; Matyjaszewski, K. *Macromolecules* **2010**, 43, 2453.
- [5] “Hierarchical self-assembly and dynamics of a miktoarm star *chimera* composed of poly( $\gamma$ -benzyl-L-glutamate), polystyrene and polyisoprene”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; Mondeshki, M.; Lieberwirth, I.; Spiess, H. W.; Iatrou, H.; Hadjichristidis, N.; Hirao, A. *Macromolecules* **2010**, 43, 1874.
- [6] “Effect of pressure on the phase behavior and segmental dynamics in blends of polystyrene with poly(methylphenyl siloxane)”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; White, R. P.; Lipson, J. E. G. *Macromolecules* **2009**, 42, 5709.
- [7] “Poly( $\gamma$ -benzyl-L-glutamate) peptides confined to nanoporous alumina: pore diameter dependence of self-assembly and segmental dynamics”, Duran, H.; Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; Mondeshki, M.; Steinhart, M.; Knoll, W. *Macromolecules* **2009**, 42, 2881.
- [8] “Pressure dependence of the glass transition in atactic and isotactic polypropylene”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; *Macromolecules* **2008**, 41, 9423.
- [9] “Control of peptide secondary structure and dynamics in poly( $\gamma$ -benzyl-L-glutamate)-*b*-polyalanine peptides”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; Mondeshki, M.; Spiess, H. W.; Aliferis, T.; Iatrou, H.; Hadjichristidis, N. *Macromolecules* **2008**, 41, 8072.
- [10] “Effect of chain topology on the self-organization and dynamics of block copolypeptides: from diblock copolymers to stars”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; Mondeshki, M.; Butt, H.-J.; Spiess, H. W.; Iatrou, H.; Hadjichristidis, N. *Biomacromolecules* **2008**, 9, 1959.
- [11] “Self-assembly and molecular dynamics of copolymers of  $\gamma$ -methyl-L-glutamate and stearyl-L-glutamate”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; Dietz, M.; Mondeshki, M.; Spiess, H. W.; Wegner, G. *Macromolecules* **2007**, 40, 8311.
- [12] “Self-assembly and molecular dynamics of peptide functionalized polyphenylene dendrimers”, Mondeshki, M.; Mihov, G.; Graf, R.; Spiess, H. W.; Müllen, K.; Papadopoulos, P.; Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G. *Macromolecules* **2006**, 39, 9605.
- [13] “Role of main chain rigidity and side chain substitution on the supramolecular organization of rigid-flexible polymers”, Riala, P.; Andreopoulou, A. K.; Kallitsis, J. K.; Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G. *Polymer* **2006**, 47, 7241.
- [14] “Self-assembly of pODMA-*b*-ptBA-*b*-pODMA triblock copolymers in bulk and on surfaces. A quantitative SAXS/AFM comparison”, Wu, W.; Huang, J.; Jia, S.; Kowalewski, T.; Matyjaszewski, K.; Pakula, T.; Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G. *Langmuir* **2005**, 21, 9721.
- [15] “Effects of temperature and pressure on the stability and mobility of phases in rigid rod poly(*p*-phenylenes)”, Gitsas, A.; Floudas, G.; Wegner, G.; *Physical Review E* **2004**, 69, 041802.

## PATENTS

6/2016 Polymer composition for wire and cable applications with advantageous electrical properties 16175582.2  
6/2016 SSC-PE modified XLPE with exceptionally low DC conductivity 16175585.5  
5/2016 Soft PP composition for films and cable insulations from a non-phthalate ZN catalyst EP16170186.7  
10/2015 Biaxially oriented films made of propylene polymer compositions 15190159.2  
9/2014 Heat-resistant BOPP film with improved processability and surface roughness for capacitor grades 14184408.4  
12/2013 BOPP film with improved stiffness/toughness balance 13198134.2  
8/2013 Polypropylene with broad molecular weight distribution 13172874.3

## BOOK CHAPTER

“Nanostructured optical waveguides for thin film characterization” Duran, H; Lau, K. H. A.; Cameron, P. J.; Gitsas, A.; Steinhart, M.; Knoll, W. in *Functional Polymer Films* vol. 2, Wiley-VCH, Weinheim **2011** ISBN: 978-3-527-32190-2.

## PAPERS REVIEWER & PROPOSALS EVALUATOR

- Physical Review Letters; Soft Matter; Macromolecules; Journal of Materials Chemistry; Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics; Nanotechnology; Journal of Polymer Science Part B: Polymer Physics; New Journal of Chemistry; Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics; Materials Letters; Journal of Polymer Research; and others.
- EE FP7 NMP - Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies. National Science Foundation - DMR – Polymers (NSF, HIIA).

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 3/2017 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Multifunctional, Hybrid and Nanomaterials, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 6/2013 European Polymer Congress EPF 2013, Pisa, Italy.
- 4/2012; 9/2014 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Internat. Conf. on Nanostructured Polymers and Nanocomposites, Prague/Dresden.
- 7/2010 Macro2010 World Polymer Congress, Glasgow, UK.
- 2006; 2008; 2010 6<sup>th</sup>; 7<sup>th</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Polymer Conference.
- 4/2006 2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on Dynamics in Viscous Liquids, Mainz, Germany.
- 2002-2007 Oral & poster presentations in the Panhellenic Conf. on Solid State Physics and Material Science.

## INVITED LECTURES

- 27/9/2010 National Hellenic Research Foundation, Theoretical and Physical Chemistry Institute, Athens, Greece. “Polymer nanorods for optical waveguide-based biosensors”.
- 31/7/2007 Institute of Macromolecular Chemistry, Prague, Czech Republic: “Self-assembly and dynamics of synthetic and biological copolymers”.

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2011 Front cover of the *Physica Status Solidi* (c) November issue.
- 2008 Best Poster Award in the 7<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Polymer Conference.
- 2005-2008 Research Grant from the European Social Fund and the Greek Ministry of Development (PENED03ED856, in cooperation with Thrace Plastics Co. S.A.).
- 2003-2005 Scholarship, Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (FORTH).
- 2003 Graduated from the Physics Department 3<sup>rd</sup> among those entered in 1999 (about 130 students).
- 1997, 1999 Honours in the Greek National Student Astronomy Challenge.

## ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013- Deputy Secretary and IT responsible at the Ister Rowing Club.  
1-2/10/2010 1<sup>st</sup> Hellenic Youth Astronomy Conference, Volos, Greece; Head of the organizing committee.  
28/9-1/10/2008 7<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Polymer Conference, Ioannina, Greece

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013- Trainer at the Borealis Business Academy.  
2004-2008 University of Ioannina. Teaching assistant in the undergraduate courses: *Thermodynamics*; *Solid State Physics*; *Mechanics Laboratory*; *Computers Laboratory*.

## FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- English Proficient (C2 of CEFR – Certificate of Proficiency in English)
- German Proficient (C1 of CEFR – Oberstufe Deutsch, Österreichisches Sprachdiplom Deutsch)
- Spanish Basic (A1 of CEFR at Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, Santander, Spain)

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

Rowing: practicing (Masters B) & instructing; Trained in first aids.  
Public awareness of science; Member of the Astronomy and Space Society (Greece)