

Functional polymer nanotubes by wetting of ordered porous templates: a platform for innovative applications

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The project intends to exploit wetting processes to prepare polymer nanotubes for nanocapsules or nanomechanical devices in the area of drug release and more specifically in the area of inhalation. For this purpose, bio-erodible polymer nanotubes with dimension of the order of 50 µm in length and with very high monodispersity are required in large quantities. The novel process of wetting-assisted templating allows for the first time to prepare these kinds of nanostructures with very high precision. However, the dependence of the wetting phenomena on the solvents and on the molecular weight of the polymers, their selective removal from the template and their aggregation are not yet understood and will be addressed in this project.

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