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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Current position

2019-present

**Postdoctoral Researcher in the Soft Matter Laboratory**, Research Institute of Theoretical and Applied Physical Chemistry, National University of La Plata – CONICET, Argentina. Website: <https://softmatter.quimica.unlp.edu.ar/>  
Advisor: Prof. Dr. Omar Azzaroni

Project: Design of functional biomimetic nanodevices based on modified solid-state nanopores with electroactive and bioactive molecular systems.

Design and construction of nanofluidic devices based on track-etched nanochannels with applications in nanoelectronic and biosensing. The preparation involves the surface modification of asymmetric nanochannels through different mechanisms and the integration of polyelectrolytes, enzymes or building-blocks into single-pore track-etched solid-state nanochannels to build devices displaying a wide variety of functional features (i.e. ability to control and manipulate the ionic transport).

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## ACADEMIC CAREER

2014-2019

Ph.D.

**Ph.D. in Chemistry**, Faculty of Exact Sciences, National University of La Plata, Argentina.  
Center of Inorganic Chemistry (CEQUINOR)

2007-2014

Degree

**Chemist**  
Faculty of Exact Sciences, National University of La Plata, Argentina.

2007-2013

Degree

**Chemical Technician**  
Faculty of Exact Sciences, National University of La Plata, Argentina.

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## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

### Book chapter:

***“Next-generation Tiny Sensing Devices: Advances Towards Miniaturization and Fabrication Strategies, Ion track-based nanofluidic biosensors”*** Springer Editorial. Yamili Toum Terrones, Vanina M. Cayón, Gregorio Laucirica, M. Lorena Cortez, María, Eugenia Toimil-Molares, Christina Trautmann, Waldemar A. Marmisollé and Omar Azzaroni, (Accepted).

### Articles:

**1. “Biomimetic Solid-State Nanochannels for Chemical and Biological Sensing Applications”** Gregorio Laucirica, Yamili Toum Terrones, Vanina M. Cayón, María Lorena Cortez, Maria Eugenia, Toimil-Molares, Christina Trautmann, Waldemar Marmisollé and Omar Azzaroni. Trends in Analytical Chemistry, September 2nd, 2021, DOI: 10.1016/j.trac.2021.116425.

**2. “Borate-driven ionic rectifiers based on sugar-bearing single nanochannels”** Vanina M. Cayón, Gregorio Laucirica, Yamili Toum Terrones, M. Lorena Cortez, Gonzalo Pérez-Mitta, Jun Shen, Christian Hess, María Eugenia Toimil-Molares, Christina Trautmann, Waldemar A. Marmisollé and Omar Azzaroni. Nanoscale, 2021, DOI: 10.1039/D0NR07733J.

**3. “High-sensitivity detection of dopamine by biomimetic nanofluidic diodes derivatized with poly(3-aminobenzylamine)”**. G. Laucirica, Y. Toum Terrones, Vanina M. Cayón, M. Lorena Cortez, M. E. Toimil-Molares, C. Trautmann, W. A. Marmisollé and O. Azzaroni. Nanoscale, 2020, DOI: 10.1039/D0NR03634J.

**4. “Electrochemically Addressable Nanofluidic Devices Based on PET Nanochannels Modified with Electropolymerized Poly-o-Aminophenol Films”** Laucirica, G.; Cayón, Vanina M; Toum Terrones, Y.; Cortez, M. L.; Toimil-Molares, M. E.; Trautmann, C.; Marmisollé, W. A.; Azzaroni, O. Nanoscale, 2020, doi.org/10.1039/C9NR10336H.

**5. “Structure, Conformational Properties and Matrix Photochemistry of S-(tert-Butyl)trifluorothioacetate  $CF_3C(O)SC(CH_3)_3$ ”** Vanina M. Cayón, Mauricio F. Erben, Rosana M. Romano, Hans-Georg Stammler, Norbert W. Mitzel and Carlos O. Della Védova. New Journal of Chemistry, RSC, DOI: 10.1039/D0NJ03173A.

**6. “Phenyl and Pentafluorophenyl Trifluorothioacetate, and Pentafluorophenyl Trifluoroacetate,  $CF_3C(O)SC_6H_5$ ,  $CF_3C(O)SC_6F_5$  and  $CF_3C(O)OC_6F_5$ ”** Vanina M. Cayón, Mauricio F. Erben, Rosana M. Romano, Hans-Georg Stammler, Norbert W. Mitzel and Carlos O. Della Védova (im Schreibprozess)

**7. “Structure of O-alkyl-N-ethoxycarbonyl thiocarbamate and imidothiocarbonate derivatives”** Vanina M. Cayón, Sonia E. Torrico Vallejos, Carlos O. Della Védova, Oscar E. Piro, Gustavo A. Etcheverría and Mauricio F. Erben, Trends in Organic Chemistry, Vol. 19, 43 – 73 (2018).

### Ph.D. – Thesis:

***“Síntesis, estudio conformacional y estructural de ésteres, tioésteres y disulfuros halogenados”*** (2019).

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## RESEARCH STAY ABROAD

**April - June 2018**

Group: Anorganische Chemie und Strukturchemie, Faculty of Chemistry, Bielefeld University, Germany - Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Norbert Mitzel  
[www.uni-bielefeld.de/chemie/arbeitsbereiche/ac3-mitzel/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/chemie/arbeitsbereiche/ac3-mitzel/)

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## GRANTS

**2014 - 2019**

**Ph.D. Fellowship** by the National Scientific and Technical Research Council – Argentina (CONICET). Duration: 5 years.

**2012 – 2014**

**Training Scholarship Grant** – Scientific Research Commission of Buenos Aires Province, (CICPBA).

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**4.2019 - Present**

**Graduated teaching assistant (Full-time),**  
Teaching and Research Position of the Physical Chemistry Area, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Exact Sciences, National University of La Plata.

**4.2013 - 10.2019**

**Graduated teaching assistant**  
Inorganic Chemistry – Faculty of Exact Sciences and Faculty of Engineering, National University of La Plata.

**10.2013 - 4.2014**

**Ungraduated Teaching assistant**  
Inorganic Chemistry – Faculty of Engineering, National University of La Plata.

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## KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

**Analytic and characterization of materials**

- Spectroscopy (UV/VIS, IR-RAMAN, NMR, XPS, PES, synchrotron)
- Mass spectrometry (GC-MS)
- Chromatography (GC, LC, HPLC)
- Investigation of the electronic states by photoelectron spectroscopy (PES).
- Study of structural and conformational properties.
- Determination of crystalline structures (X-Ray).
- Electrochemical measurements (I-V)
- Modification of ion track membranes
- Functionalization and characterization of nanostructures

**Preparative Chemistry**

- Organic and inorganic synthesis, purification and characterization
- Vacuum manometric techniques
- Silane chemistry
- Electropolymerization
- Integration of (bio)recognition elements in material surfaces

**Teaching**

- Student tutoring/accompaniment
- Supervision and guidance of the students in the laboratory

- Quality**
- IRAM ISO 9000-9001
  - GMP and GPL
  - Training in sampling techniques – Argentine Chemical Foundation
  - Validation Analysis Method (SAFYBI)
  - Knowledge of environmental regulations (NIOSH, ASTM, ISO)
  - Monitoring and physical-chemical quality control of drinking water and wastewater.
- Languages**
- Spanish (Native)
  - English (intermediate)
  - German (elementary level - A2.2)
- IT-Skills**
- Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) (good)
  - Analysis software (ChemDraw, MestReNova, Origin, Olex, Gamry) (good)
  - Reference management (Mendeley) (good)
  - Graphics/drawing program (Adobe Illustrator CS and Corel Draw) (good)
  - Quantum chemical programs (GaussianView, CrystalExplorer) (good)
  - X-ray data analysis (Mercury, SHELX, OLEX2) (good)
  - IR and Raman data analysis (OPUS, OMNIC) (good)