



# Advanced analysis techniques for the development of innovative materials and devices







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### Mission of the Facility

- Supply of new materials
- Design, development, characterization of materials and devices
  - Investigation of materials' properties
  - State-of-the-art Instrumentation

Support to materials production

Open to external organizations



### Instrumentation @ NanoMicroFAB

Transport properties measurements

Scanning probe microscopy

X-ray Diffraction techniques

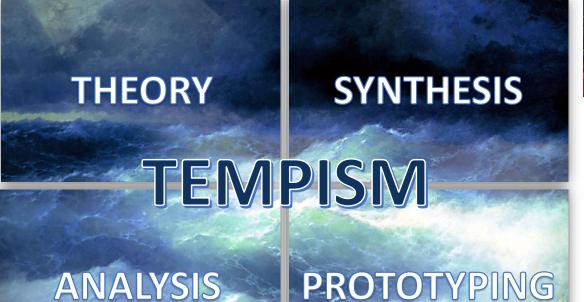


## **TEchnology Material Platform of CNR-ISM**

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**THEORY** 







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**SYNTHESIS** 

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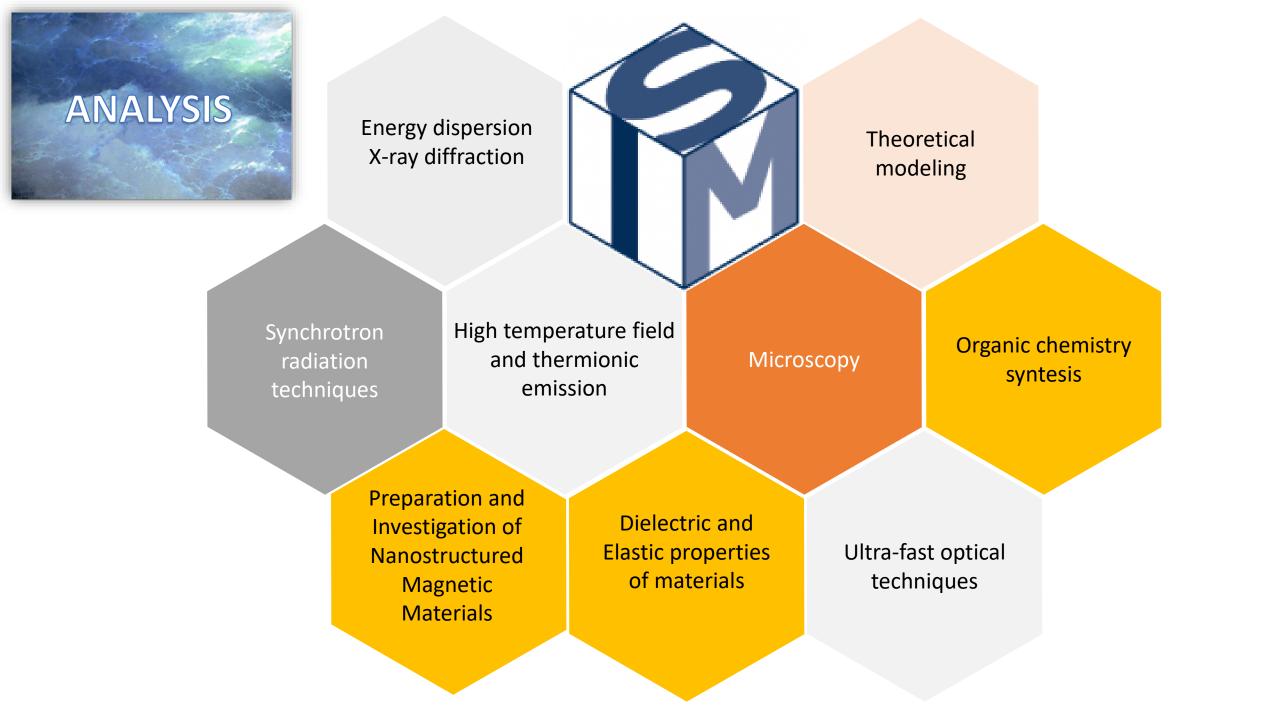
**ANALYSIS** 



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**PROTOTYPING** 

TEMPISM = about 150 instruments/services (internally & externally available)







## X-ray Diffraction

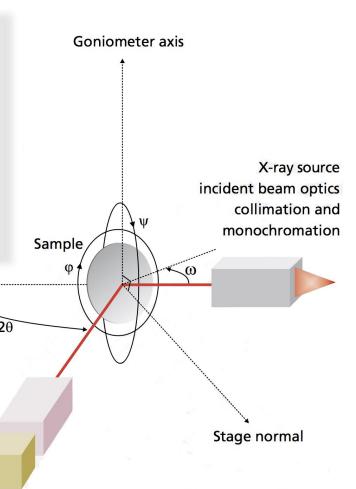
Detector and

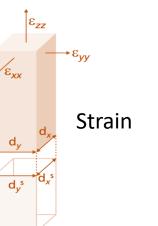
diffracted

beam optics

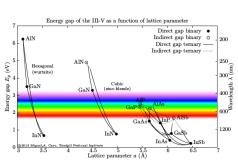
rotation 2θ

- $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scans
- Recriprocal space maps
- $\omega$  Rocking curves
- X-ray reflectivity



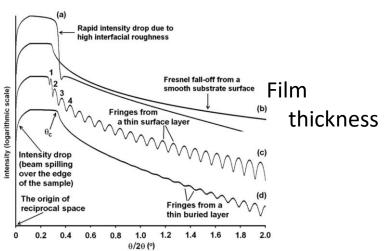


#### Alloy composition



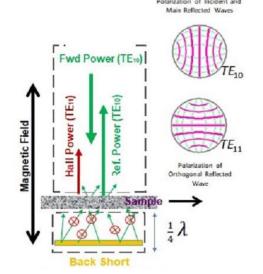


**Defects** 





## **Transport properties**

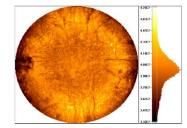


#### **Contactless measurements**

Non-destructive determination of carrier concentration and mobility

Electronic properties mapping up to 4"

wafers



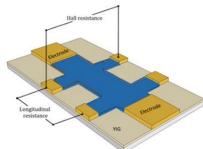


#### Magnetotransport

Hall mobility

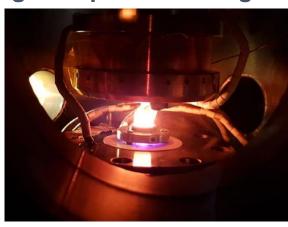
Material resistivity

Contact resistance



Measurements as a function of temperature

## Transport & electron emission @ high temperature & high flux



#### **VTEC**

#### Vacuum & Temperature Electronic Characterization

UHV 10<sup>-9</sup> Torr

- √Thermionic Emission
  - ✓ Electrode distance down to 30 ± 5 um
  - √Mass spectrometry in situ
  - ✓ Rapid Thermal Annealing
- ✓UHV Field Emission
- ✓ Photo-Thermionic Emission
- ✓ Photoconductivity (200-1300 nm)
- ✓ Total Photo Emission Yield (190 1150 nm)
- ✓I-V and C-V curves
- ✓Impedance Spectroscopy
- ✓ Four Point Probe

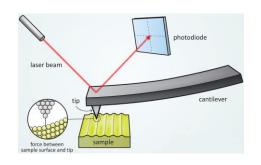
T up to 1800 °C

T from RT to 800 °C





## **Scanning Probe microscopy**



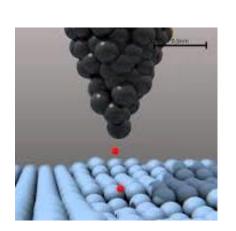
#### **Atomic Force Microscopy**

Surface structure morphology

Tribology properties of materials at the micro-scale

Reversed head geometry to couple fluorescence analysis with laser sources

Compatible with incubator for cellular analysis



#### **Scanning Tunneling Microscopy**

Surface atomic structure

Electronic structure of surfaces and thin films

"In operando" electronic device investigations





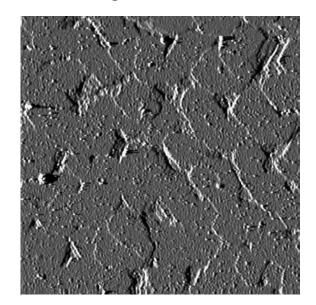


## Example of materials' characterization @ the nanoscale

 $\beta$ -Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/Si(111)

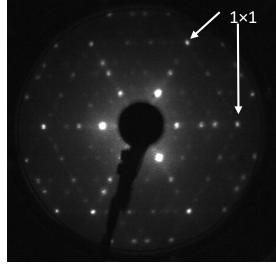
surface structure

STM image 500x500 nm<sup>2</sup>



Roughness 0.503 nm Grains average diameter ~100 nm

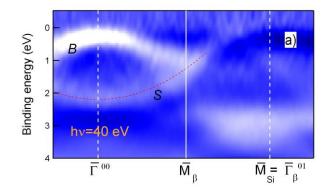
Electron diffraction

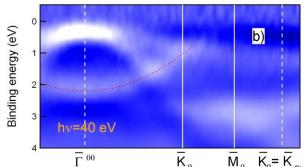


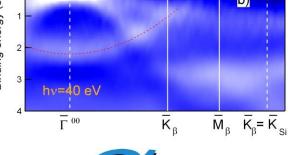
STM image 50x16 nm<sup>2</sup>

#### electronic structure

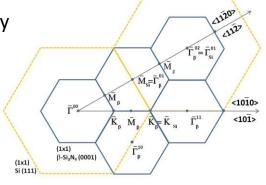
Angle resolved photoelectron spectroscopy

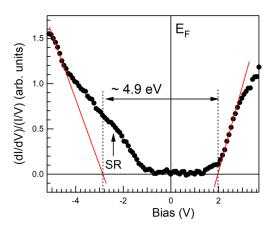












Scanning tunneling spectroscopy

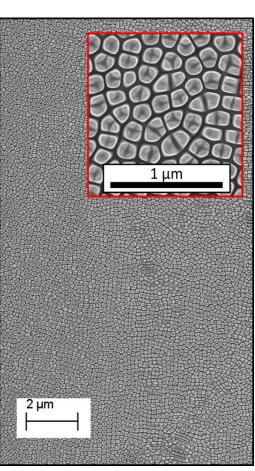


## Example of materials' characterization @ in temperature

Black diamond for solar energy conversion

Fabrication





Photoelectronic Device characterization in characterization in temperature and under temperature of the material high radiation flux **ACCUMULATED FLUENCE** Photon energy hv (eV)



## Not only materials...also bio applications

#### Nanoarrangement of the erythrocytes membrane and aging

A novel approach to study normal and pathological RBCs, has been developed. The method discriminates normal and cytoskeleton defective (pathological) erythrocites according to the behaviour of the plasma membrane roughness

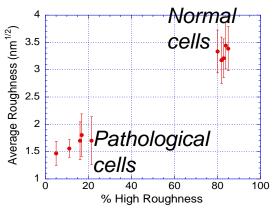
cytoskel nanostru membra

Normal

Normal

Destructured membrane

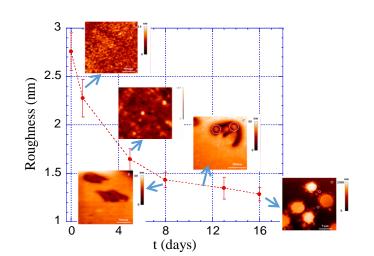
In pathologies related to cytoskeleton, the normal nanostructure of the membrane changes...



...and the average value of roughness strongly decreases

Application to study the RBCs' aging.

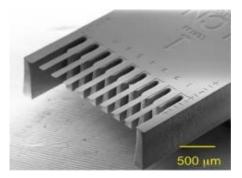
AFM data show that coupling the nanoscale imaging and quantitative morphometry can reveal the progression and reversibility of the cell aging.



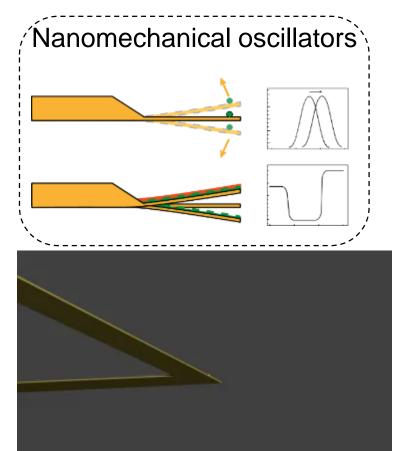


#### The cantilever without the AFM

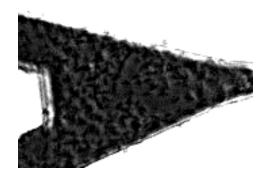




Cantilevers had been used as nano-mechanical oscillators as stand-alone sensors.



Combining the movement sensitivity of a cantilever with the nanomechanical sensor setup we developed a nanoscale motion sensor, determining the fingerprint of the metabolic activity of living systems: exploiting the connection between movement and life

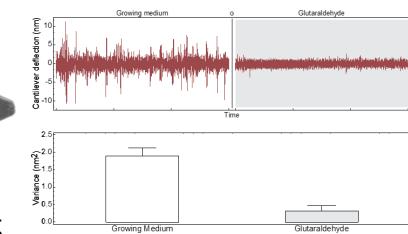


Longo et al., Nature Nanotechnology, 2013

Mouse osteoblasts studied with the nanomotion sensor and through optical microscopy



Recogn. 2013



## Thank you for the attention



Open Research Infrastructure to support companies operating in the field of micro-nanoelectronics

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