

Growth and characterization of advanced materials

Photonics and optical properties (excitons)

Organic molecules
from molecular
electronics to the study
of the first peptides in
early Eath

Theory of Condensed Matter Physics – Computational Methodologies

The Group



Website



Research lines

- Ground state properties (geometry, phonons.....)
- Excited state properties:
 electronic band structures
 optical properties
 excitons
 chiroptical spectroscopies
 magnetic properties
- Plasmonics and Molecular Plasmonics

ab initio: DFT, PostDFT, PostHF

Multiscale QM/classical

The Projects







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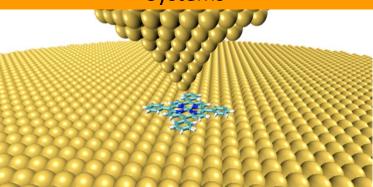






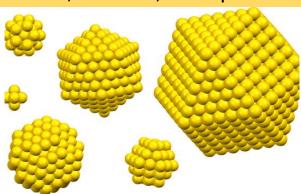


Light-Matter Interaction in Complex
Systems



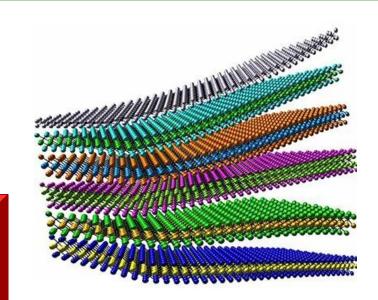
OD Materials:

Molecules, Clusters, Nanoparticles



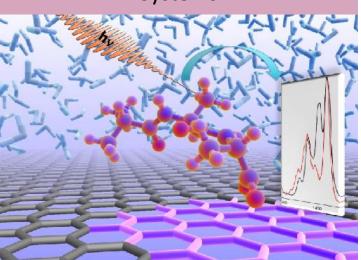
Computational Research of New Materials and Modeling of Complex Systems

2D Materials:Graphene, XEnes,TMD and beyond



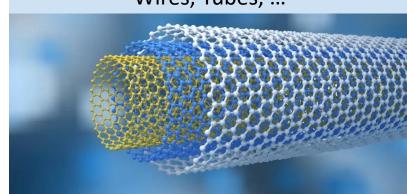
Soft Matter

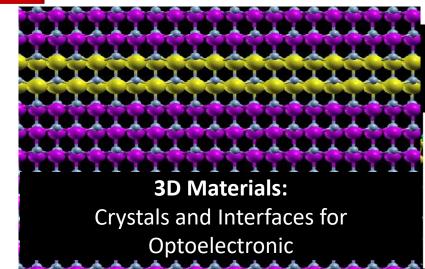
Water, Organic, and Biological Systems



1D Materials:

Wires, Tubes, ...







Nonequilibrium Theory and Simulations of Many-Body Quantum Systems

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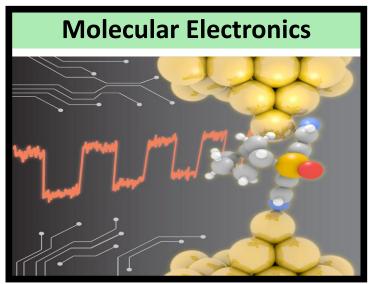
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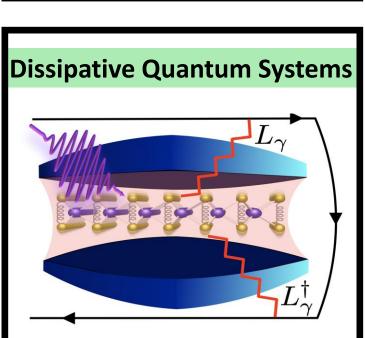
Collaborations

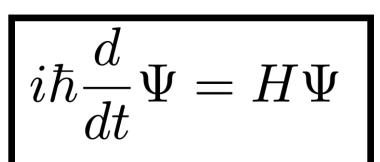


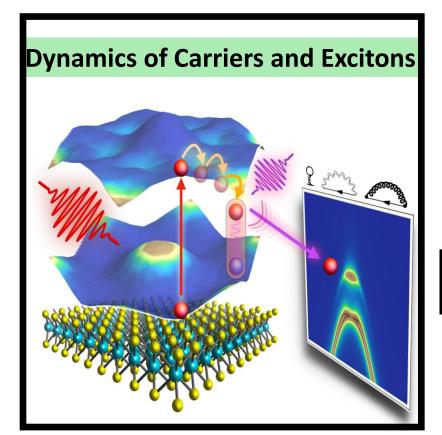


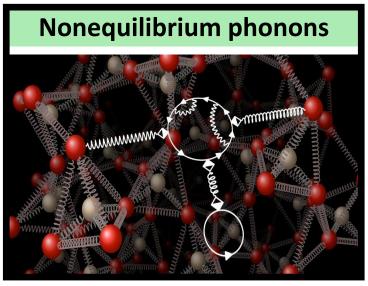
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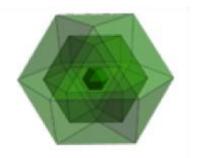
Research on ultrafast quantum particles and their mutual interactions

Many-Body Theory Group

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Nanomaterials for Photonics lab



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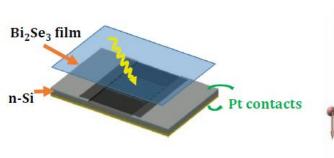
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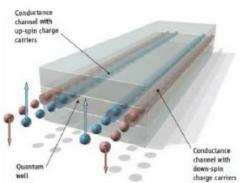
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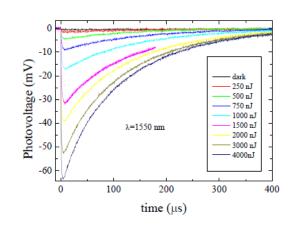


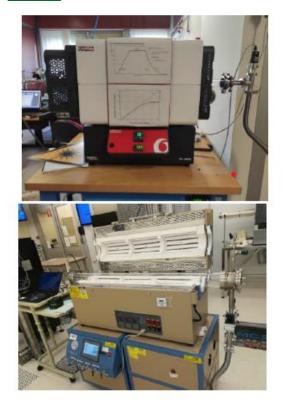
Physical and chemical vapour deposition growth and characterization of thin films and nanostructures of topological insulators

Investigation of heterojunctions based on topological insulators for Vis and IR photodetection









The Projects

- Regione Lazio, FOTONICS (2021-2023) INFN, QUANTEP (2021-2023) PRIN 2022 PNRR, SPIGA (2023-2025)
- University Project, ISTRICE (2022-2024), University Project TESLA (2022-2024)

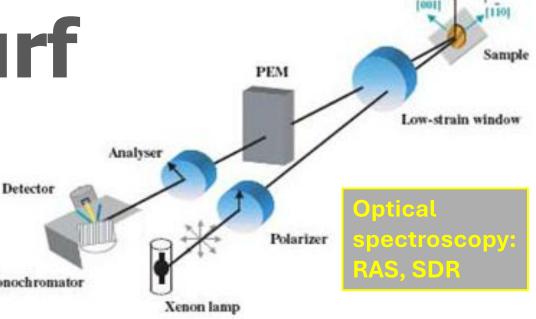




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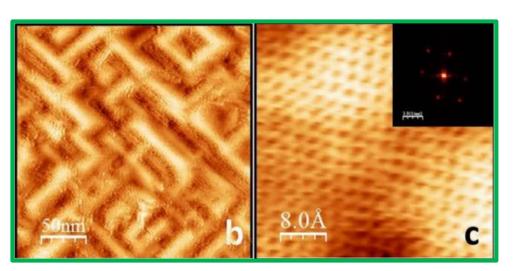


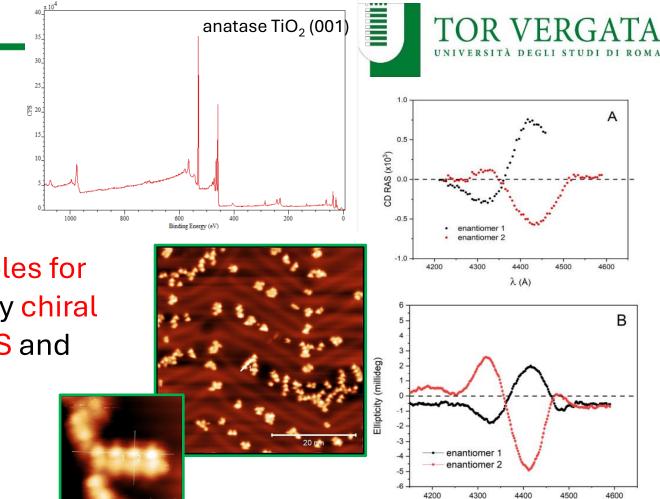


Research activities

• XPS study of prebiotic conditions for the formation of peptide bonds in early Earth rocks or interstellar dust (STILES project)

 Molecular films of porphyrins and/or corroles for sensoring applications. Study by STM and by chiral symmetry-sensitive optical techniques (RAS and SDR) (GREEN project)





• 2D materials: growth and morphological and spectroscopic characterization with atomic resolution of Graphene/Ge, Borophene, GeAs, ZrSe₂ (HYBORON project)



LowDLab

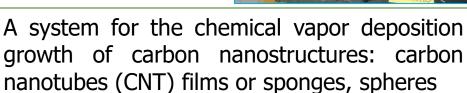


Prof. Manuela Scarselli Dipartimento di Fisica

Ultra high vacuum system equipped with

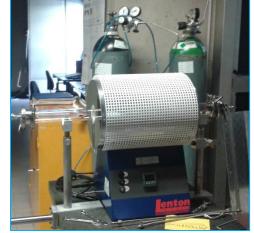
- scanning tunneling microscope (STM)
- atomic force microscope (AFM)
- x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
- low energy electron diffraction (LEED)
- triple e-beam evaporator
- e-gun





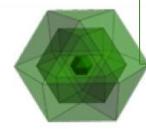








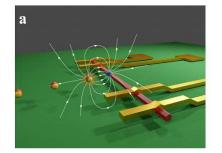
- 4 evaporators
- gas-line
- sample heater



Research activities

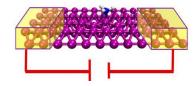
Funded projects:

Multidimensional nANodevice archItectures For lOw-perturbation singLeion Detection (INFN-MANIFOLD)





Metal clusters decoration of Borophene nanostructures with enhanced Hydrogen adsorption and release properties (PRIN 2022 - **HYBORON**)

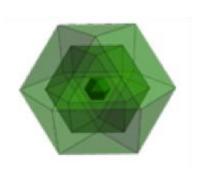


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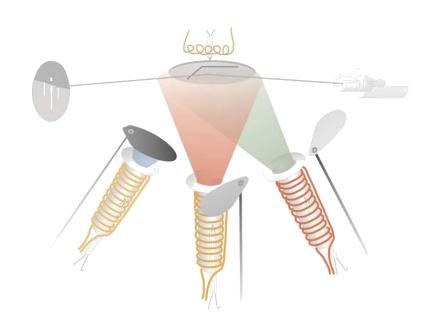
- o INTEL: Synthesis and applications of Transition Metal Dichalcogenides (& prof. L. Camilli)
- Prof. Arduini, Dip. Scienze e Tecnologie Chimiche Tor Vergata => CNT sponges for water purification from heavy metals
- Prof. Gunnella, Dip. Fisica, Università di Camerino => Metal cluster for Borophene nanostructures for hydrogen storage
- Prof. Rosolen, Uni. Sao Paulo, Brazil => Development of electrochemical sensor with carbon nanomaterials



Molecular beam epitaxy and electron spectroscopy lab



Prof. Fabrizio Arciprete
Dr Sabrina Calvi
Dr. Simone Prili
Dr. Adriano Diaz Fattorini
Dr. Christian Petrucci



Research activities



Main activities:

Phase-change materials and heterostructures for memory and artificial intelligence applications:

- ☐ Growth via molecular beam epitaxy(MBE)
 - Ge-Sb-Te based alloys
 - 2D Materials with transition metals (Ti, Mo, W)
- ☐ Morphological, sctructural and electronic characterization
 - Atomic Force Microscopy (AFM)
 - Photoemission spectroscopies (XPS and UPS)
 - X-ray diffraction and Raman spectroscopy

Funded projects:

- Horizon 2020 «BeforeHand»
- PRIN2020 «EMPHASIS»

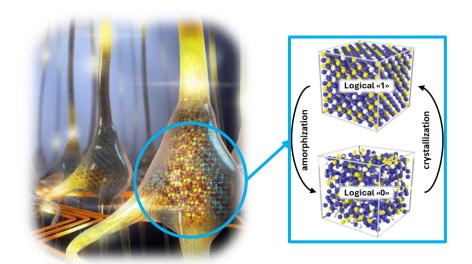


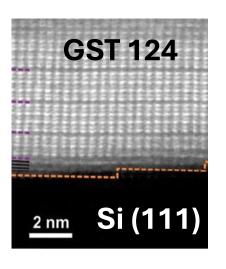


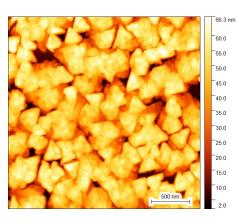
Collaborations:

- CNR-IMM ARTOV
- IBM
- ST Microelectronics
- Sapienza Università di Roma











Low-Temperature Microscopy and Spectroscopy lab

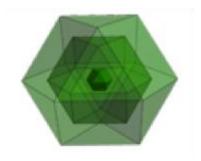
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PhD candidate: Antonio Caporale

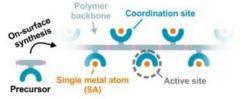
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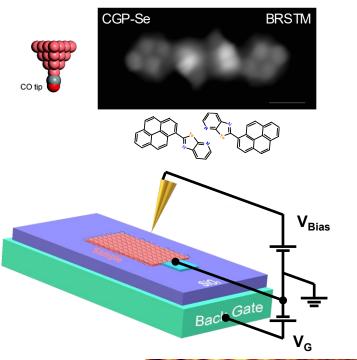
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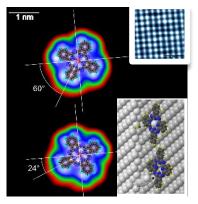


On-surface synthesis towards single metal atom platforms PRIN 2020 Atypical

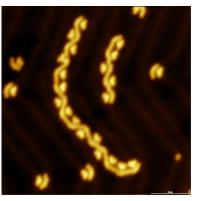


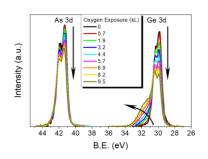
On-surface molecular recognition via non-covalent interaction

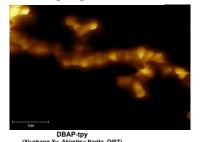


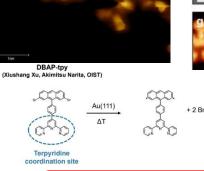


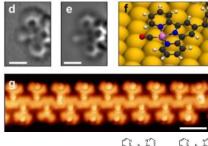






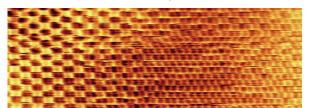






Chemical stability of 2D materials

STM on gate-tunable samples



Synthesis and characterization of topological insulators and 2D materials beyond graphene PRIN 2022 PNRR **Spiga** & University grant **SSITI**



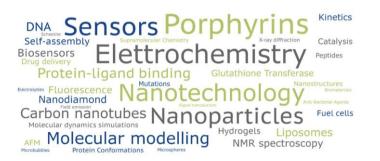
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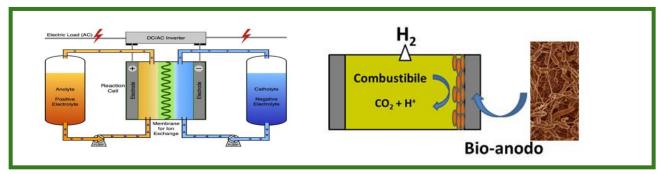


Research Activity



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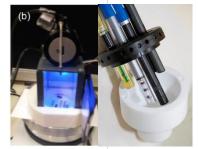


Energy transition



Health





Environment





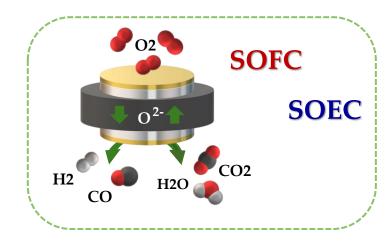
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Solid Oxides Research Group (SORG)



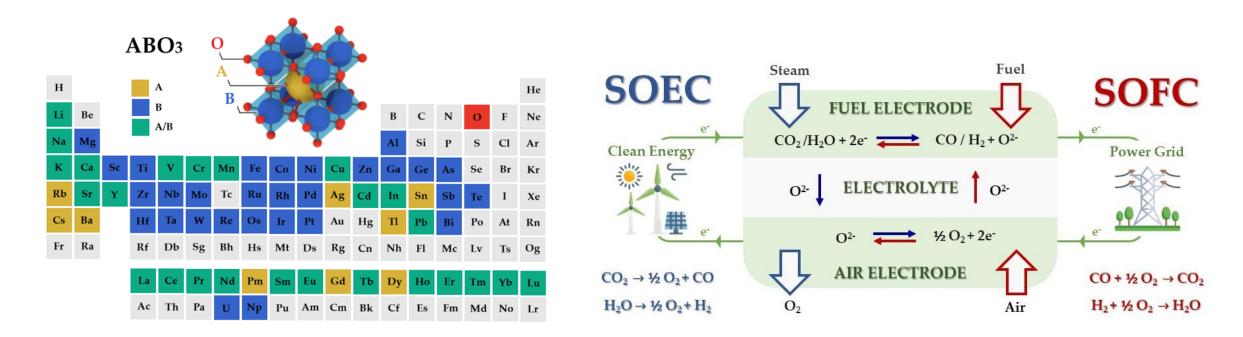
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Research Activity



Development of mixed oxides for electrochemical devices for energy conversion and storage. The experimental activity concerns the chemical synthesis of powders, the structural and microstructural characterization, the fabrication of electrochemical cells operating at high temperature (SOFC/SOEC) and the electrochemical tests.



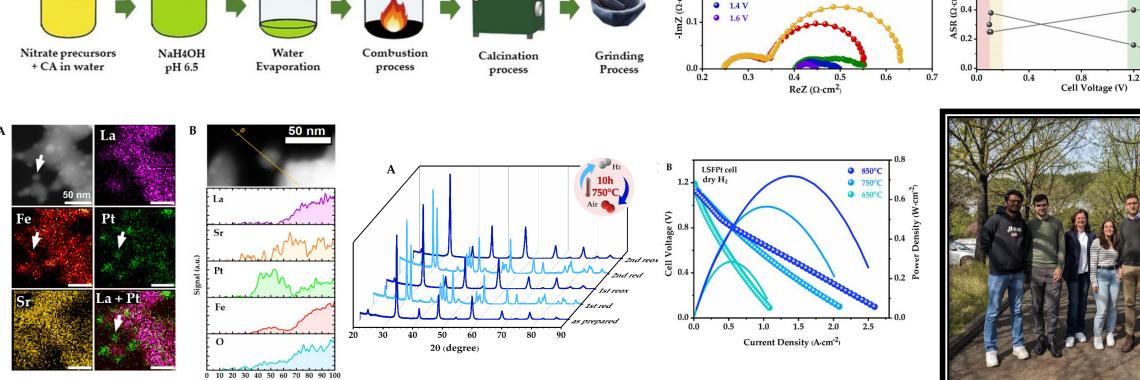
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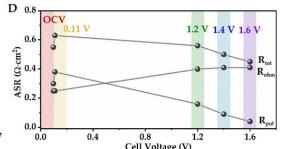
distance (nm)



- Synthesis and characterization of oxides for oxygen electrocatalysis
- Development of oxides for high temperature electrolyzers/fuel cells

750°C, 6h





LSFPt cell

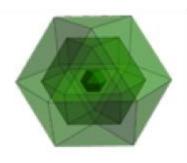
100 CO₂, 850 °C



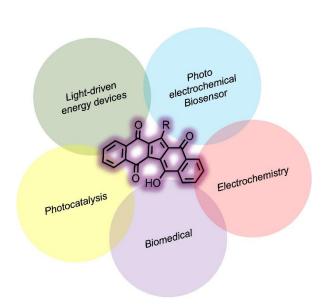
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O2C Group — *Organic and Organometallic Chemistry*

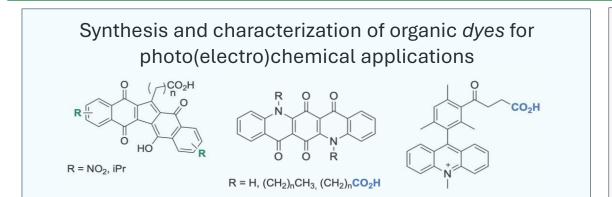


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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES







Collaborations: Prof. A. D'Epifanio (Università di Roma Tor Vergata); Prof. A. Sartorel (Università di Padova); Prof. A. Fontana (Università G. D'Annunzio di Chieti); Prof. S. Bettini (Università del Salento); Prof. X. Sala (Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona); Dr. N. Romero (Université de Toulouse); Prof. V. N. Nemykin (University of Tennessee).

Funded projects: NEST PNRR – NANOCARB High Surface Area Carbon Nanostructures as Electronic Transducers for Artificial Photosynthesis

PRIN 2022 – PROMETEO Photoelectrocatalytic modules for oxidative C-H activation

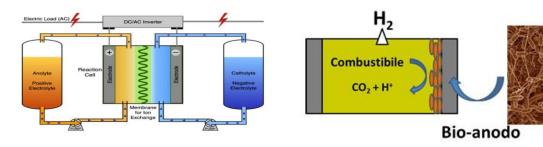
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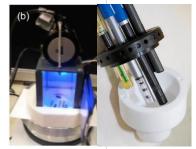


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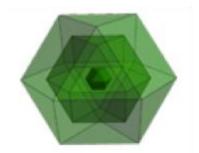
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Biochemistry and Biomaterials for Tissue Regeneration

Sonia Melino's team:

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Prof.ssa Sonia Melino

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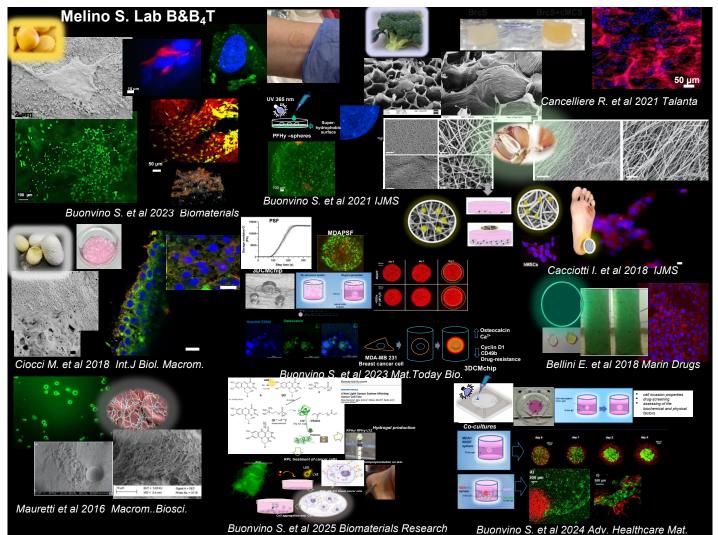




RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



- -Fabrication and Characterization of 3D cellular models for regenerative medicine and cance
- New biomaterials synthesis from wastes for cellular scaffold production



Projects

2022-2025 PI nel WP: Modelling of 3D approaches of multicellular spheroids structures for estimating the risk of disease initiation and progression. Progetto PNNR PE6 European Union Next Generation EU via MUR-PNRR HEAL ITALIA "Health Extended Alliance for Innovative Therapies, Advanced Lab-research, and Integrated Approaches of Precision Medicine

2023 **Principal Investigator** (PI) nel Progetto European Union Next Generation EU via Ministry of Health - HUB LIFE SCIENCE – Advanced Diagnostic- Italian network of excellence for advanced diagnosis (INNOVA)

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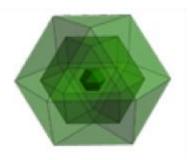




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Physical Chemistry of Macromolecules



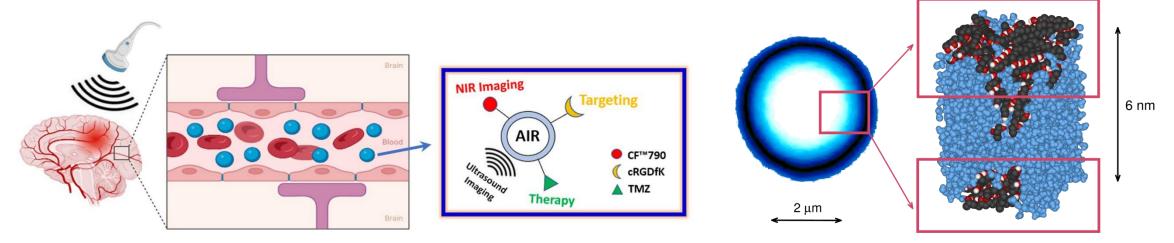
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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



Design and development of multi-responsive macromolecular systems for applications in biomedicine (imaging, drug delivery, tissue engineering), dosimetry, and conservation of cultural heritage



Multifunctional polymer-shelled microbubbles for selective targeting and elimination of brain tumors

European and Italian Projects: **EU**: - Microbubble driven multimodal imaging and theranostics for gliomas; - Acoustic markers for enhanced remote sensing of radiation doses; - Glioma Targeting by Drug Loaded Engineered Microbubbles; **IT**: - PRIN, Novel strategies for sensitized ultrasonic neuromodulation;

- BRiC: Study of cellular alterations induced by exposure to professional ultrasound; - INFN, Droplets as Injectable Dosimeters; - Umberto Veronesi Foundation: Engineered PVA 1025

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



Collaborations: Department of Cardiovascular Sciences KU Leuven; DIBRIS University of Genova; The National Center for Oncological Hadrontherapy (Pavia, IT); Health Physics of Complex Structures of Radiation Oncology «Sant'Orsola» (Bologna, IT); Harwell Science and Innovation Campus Oxfordshire, UK























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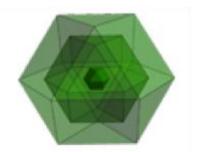
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Research Activity



- The research activity focuses on the design, synthesis, and morphological—structural—functional characterization of materials for applications in the biomedical field, sensing technologies, environmental protection, cultural heritage preservation, microelectronics, energy, and catalysis.
- The materials of interest include innovative systems based on carbon, two-dimensional (2D) materials, conductive polymers, oxide and metal nanoparticles, as well as hybrid and composite materials.

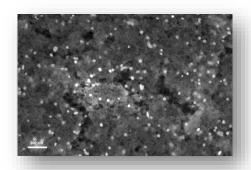
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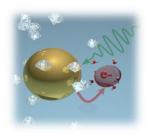
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* Synthesis of nanodiamond/gold and nanodiamond/silver coupled particles for applications in plasmonics, catalysis, and sensing.

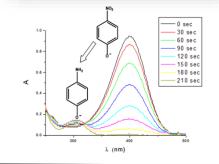


In collaboration with ISM-CNR
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- Plasmonics -





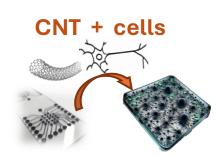
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- Catalysis -





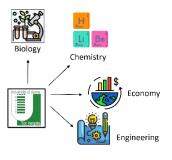
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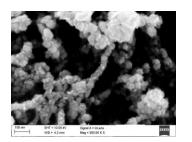
* Realization of CNT-based hybrid networks for cellular interfacing

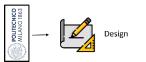


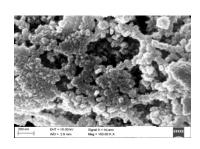


Reuse and upcycling of domestic wastewater









Zero Mile[®] is the system already designed for the up-cycling of dishwasher wastewater

Nanodiamonds is the project to up-cycle the plastic microfibers from washing machine into nanodiamonds

Funding by the Italian Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security



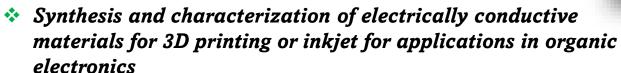
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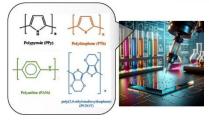




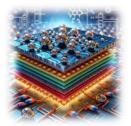
Printing and characterizations of flexible electronic circuits

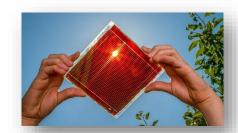


In collaboration with ISM-CNR Dr Francesco Toschi



- Conjugated Polymer Nanostructures for Organic Electronic Devices
- * MXene-Based Systems for Batteries and Supercapacitors
- Synthesis and Characterization of Perovskite Nanostructures for Optoelectronic Devices









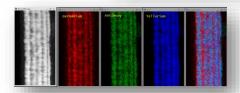


In collaboration with IMM-CNR Dr.ssa Raffaella Calarco

- Sputtering-RF Deposition of Chalcogenide Thin Films and Multistructures for Phase Change Memory (PCM) Applications
- These systems enable neuromorphic computing with low consumption and are applicable to sustainable mobility (safety and energy efficiency)







Project: PRIN2020 EMPHASIS - NEuroMorPHic devices bASed on chalcogenIde heteroStructures - prot. 20203K2T7F 002 [2022-2025]

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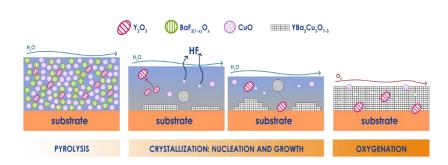
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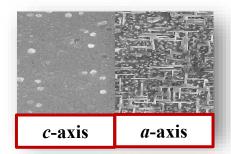


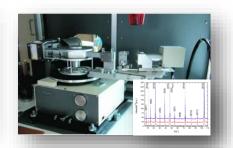
In collaboration with ENEA Dr.ssa Valentina Pinto

- * Nucleation and Growth Study of High-Tc Superconductors
- **Synthesis of YBCO by Solution Deposition Process, for Oriented Growth:**



- structural, morphological and superconducting characterization by XRD, SEM, optical microscopy and R(T) (Resistance-Temperature)







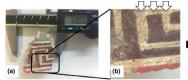


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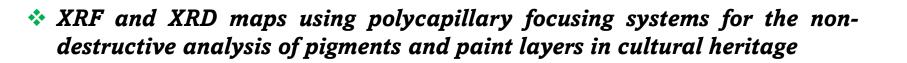










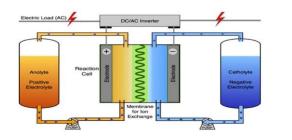


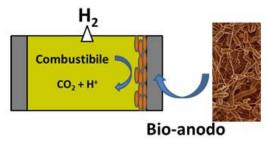
Research Activity



The Department of Chemical Science and Technologies has been selected as one of the 11 best Chemistry Departments in Italy.

The X-Chem project involves the strengthening of three main lines of research:



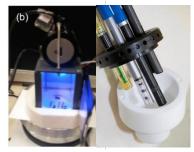




Energy transition

Health







Environment

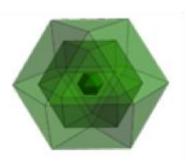


Bachelor's Degree in Materials Science and Master's Degree in Science and Technology of Materials

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Nature-Inspired Functional Materials



Prof. Emanuela Gatto
Dott.ssa Raffaella Lettieri
Prof. Mariano Venanzi



Research Activity





Solar cells

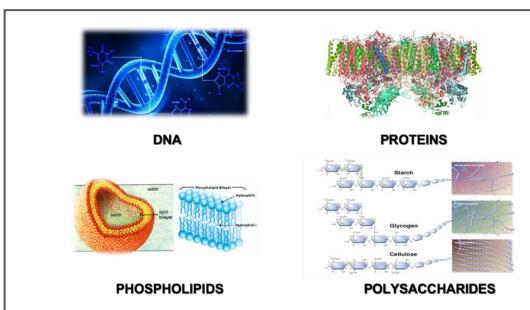




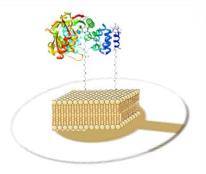
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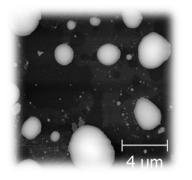
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Experts in natural polymers for applications in the field of sustainable materials



Sensors



Medical devices

Research Projects













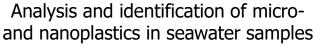
Biopolymer-based organic solar cells

National Research Doctorate in Photoinduced Processes and Technologies

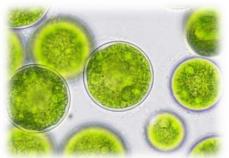
Prof. Aldo Di Carlo, dott. Luigi Vesce CHOSE Dott.ssa Marta De Zotti, University of Padua Use of wine waste for the production of sustainable materials **PON Doctorate**

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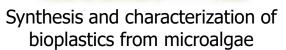












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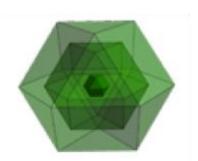
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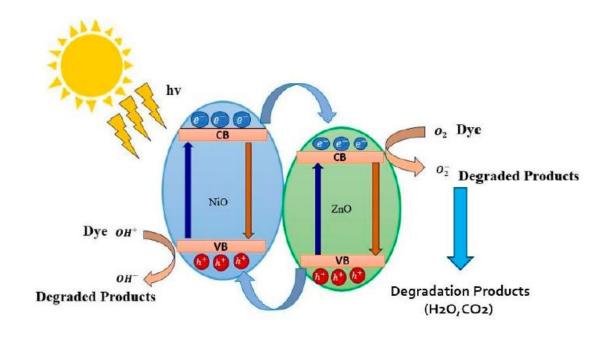
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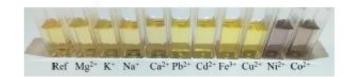


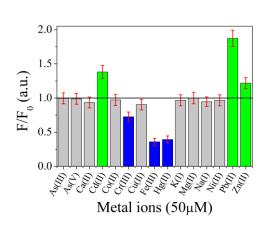


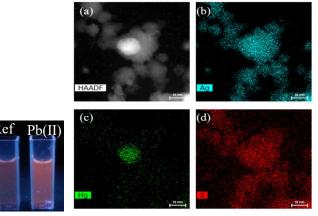
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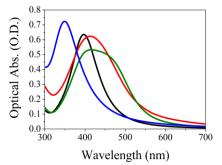


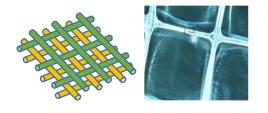
Heavy metal-ion optical sensors based on absorption and/or fluorescence by Silver nanostructures



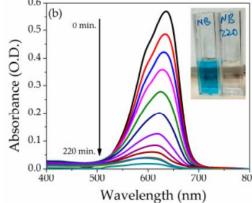


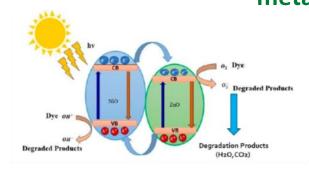




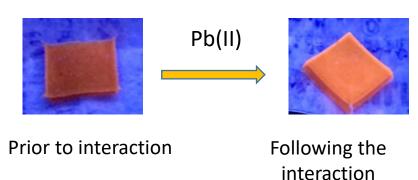


Photocatalytic degradation of organic pollutants by means of metal oxides





Water filtration with 3D printed polymer filters





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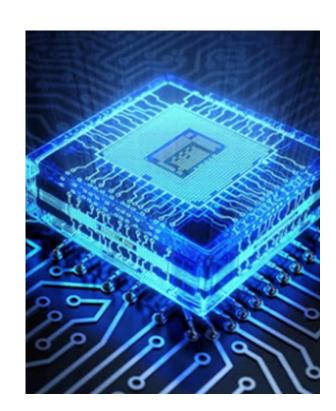
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Silicon Photonics Lab



QUANTEP-Experimental Platform for Quantum Technologies

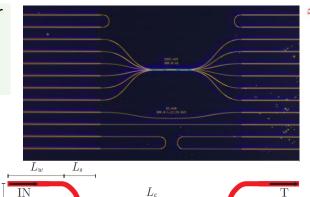
CSN5 Project

Wavelength 1550.752 nm



Creation of a platform based on Silicon Photonics for development and characterization of circuits for quantum computing in linear optics;

- Integration of SPD (single photon detectors);
- Integration of SPS (single photon sources);
- Integration of polarization control circuits.



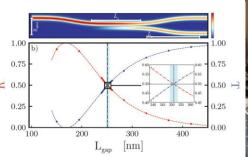
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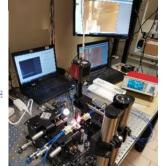
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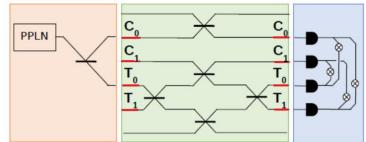


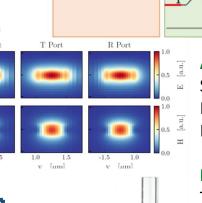


Photon-pair

CNOT-gate

Detection

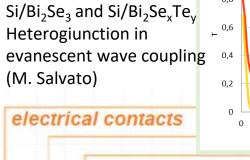


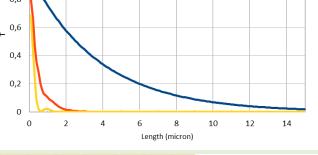


Ansys Lumerical

Software Package for **Photonics Simulation &** Design

FDTD – Finite Difference Time Domain solver **MODE** - EigenMode Expansion (EME) solver





Si wg

Optica Source Optical Coincidence Detector

cladding opening

Integrated Single Photon HT-Detector

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CHOSE, Centre for Hybrid and Organic Solar Energy

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Research Activities



Materials and processes for new generation photovoltaics with organic and perovskite semiconductors

Deposition through printing techniques (but also thermoelectric devices, supercapacitors, artificial retinas...)

Inks

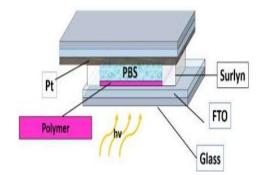


Printing Techniques





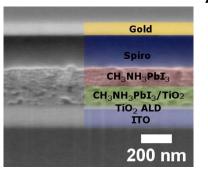
Biohybrid devices



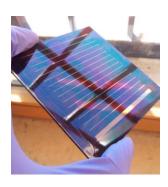
Solar cells & other devices



Nanostructured Multilayers

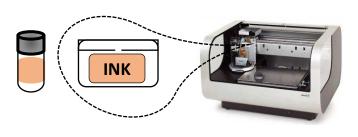


Photovoltaic modules



Even flexible







Resaerch Projects Available

Perovskite Photovoltaics

Organic Photovoltaics

Thermoelectric Devices

Bio-Hybrid Devices and Artificial Retina Supercapacitors

Tandem Cells

Light Harvesting Outdoors, Indoors & in Space



Flexible Solar Cells



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Metallurgy and Materials Science

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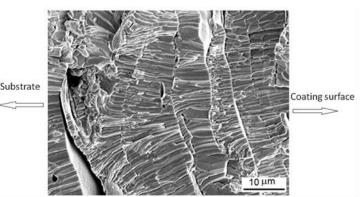
Research Activity



1) Welding and repair of Ni-Superalloys

Laser welding of Ni-superalloys for aerospace applications.

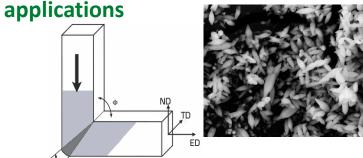




4) Metallic materials for biomedical

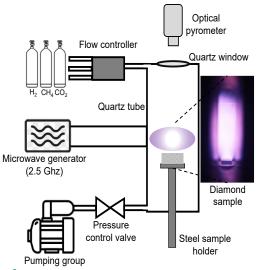
Turbine blade repair

by welding

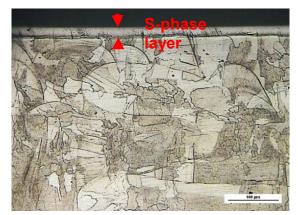


5) Additive manufacturing of metallic materials. Lattice structure.

2) Plasma-assisted thermochemical treatment of austenitic stainless steels



Optimization of parameters (temperature, plasma atmosphere, duration) of the low-temperature (T<500 °C) thermochemical cementation treatment with plasma-assisted process for stainless steel 316L.



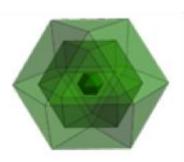
6) Characterization of metallic materials by means of: XRD, optical and electronic microscopy, instrumented indentation, mechanical spectroscopy



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Research Activity





R&D and technological transfer in the field of Material Science and Technology.

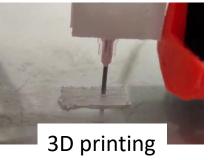
Polymers, composites, elastomers, ceramic, metallic and cement materials, with particular emphasis on multifunctionality, additive manufacturing (3D printing) and sustainability.

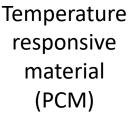




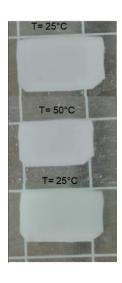
- •3D printing of biobased scaffolds
- •Innovative Hosts for Phase Changing
 Material (PCM) (Thermal applications)











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