

CNR



NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF ITALY

President: Prof. Luigi Nicolais



- *It acts as a knowledge hub fostering competences through a widespread network at national and international level.*
- *CNR human resources consist of 8000 employees of whom 6000 carry out research activities.*
- *The ongoing reorganization process will lead to the aggregation of competences fostering the realization of a platforms in a specific areas of strategic interest.*

- **7 Macro-Areas (Departments):**

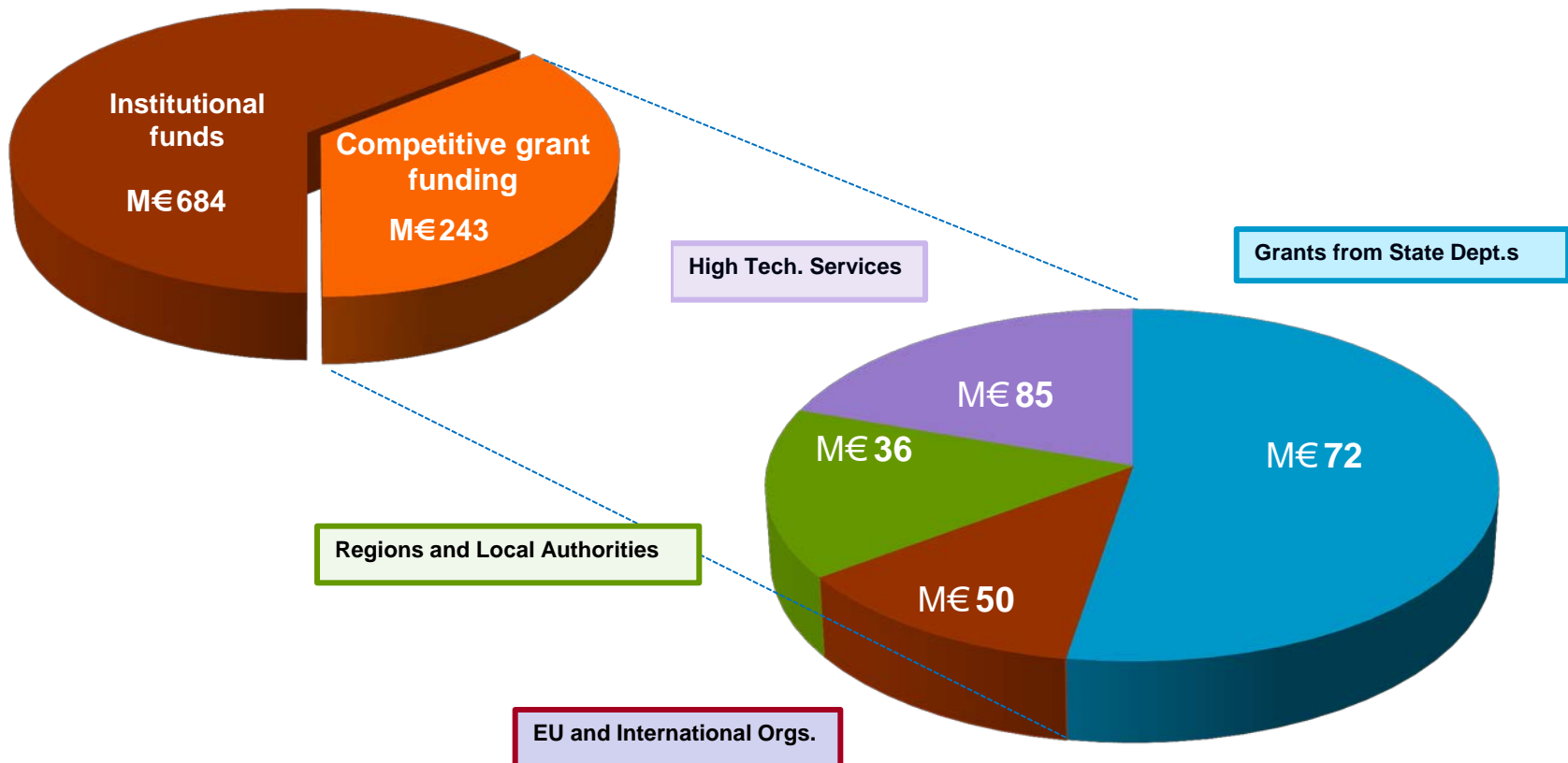
- Earth system Sciences - Environmental Technologies
- Bio-Agrifood Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Engineering - ICT - Energy and Transport Technologies
- Human and Social Sciences - Cultural Heritage
- Physical Sciences - Technologies of the Matter
- Chemistry - Materials Technologies

- **109 Research Institutes performing research activities and developing capabilities**

- **20 Research Centers**



FINANCIAL RESOURCES 2012



Scimago Institution Ranking 2011

SIR World Report 2011
<http://www.scimagoir.com>

WR	RR	CR	Organization	Sector	Country	Region	Output	IC(%)	Q1(%)	NI	Spe	Exc
1	1	1	Chinese Academy of Sciences	GO	CHN	AS	144,269	21.5	40.5	0.9	0.6	11.3
2	1	1	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique	GO	FRA	WE	130,977	49.0	61.9	1.4	0.5	18.7
3	1	1	Russian Academy of Sciences	GO	RUS	EE	88,907	35.0	24.2	0.5	0.7	5.9
4	1	1	Harvard University	HE	USA	NA	69,995	34.4	79.0	2.4	0.5	35.7
5	2	1	Max Planck Gesellschaft	GO	DEU	WE	49,987	65.0	72.2	1.8	0.7	29.3
6	2	1	University of Tokyo	HE	JPN	AS	48,947	26.3	56.7	1.2	0.5	17.9
7	2	2	National Institutes of Health United States	HL	USA	NA	46,819	35.3	84.3	2.3	0.7	40.1
8	3	1	University of Toronto	HE	CAN	NA	45,771	41.1	65.7	1.8	0.4	24.3
9	3	1	Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas	GO	ESP	WE	42,087	49.4	68.8	1.4	0.6	21.9
10	4	3	Johns Hopkins University	HE	USA	NA	41,399	29.8	74.5	2.1	0.6	30.1
11	3	2	Tsinghua University	HE	CHN	AS	41,197	18.6	26.8	0.8	0.7	6.6
12	5	4	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	HE	USA	NA	41,059	25.3	70.3	2.0	0.4	25.6
13	1	1	Universidade de Sao Paulo	HE	BRA	LA	40,196	24.8	39.4	0.8	0.5	9.9
14	4	3	Zhejiang University	HE	CHN	AS	40,140	15.7	28.6	0.7	0.6	7.4
15	6	5	University of Washington	HE	USA	NA	39,428	26.2	71.7	2.1	0.4	28.6
16	7	6	Partners HealthCare System	HL	USA	NA	38,096	28.5	80.7	2.6	0.7	36.5
17	8	7	University of California, Los Angeles	HE	USA	NA	37,994	29.3	70.7	2.1	0.4	28.9
18	4	1	Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche	GO	ITA	WE	37,928	42.5	63.8	1.3	0.6	17.7
19	9	8	Stanford University	HE	USA	NA	37,885	29.5	69.8	2.3	0.4	29.1
20	10	9	Veterans Affairs Medical Centers	HL	USA	NA	36,902	16.3	77.8	2.0	0.7	30.6

DEPARTMENTS



- **7 DEPARTMENTS**

- EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCES - ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES
- BIO-AGRIFOOD SCIENCES
- BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES
- ENGINEERING - ICT - ENERGY AND TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGIES
- HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES - CULTURAL HERITAGE
- PHYSICAL SCIENCES - TECHNOLOGIES OF THE MATTER
- **CHEMISTRY - MATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES**

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



Integrated approach for the development of advanced structure and systems

Luigi Ambrosio

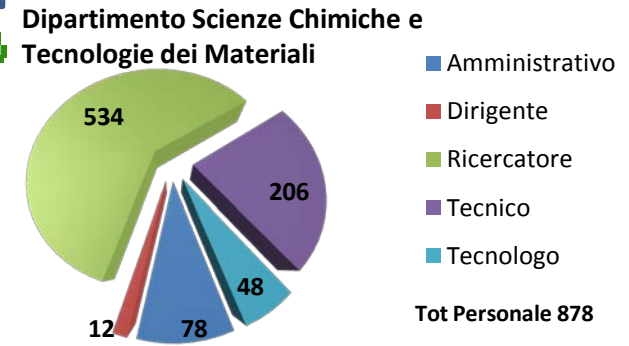
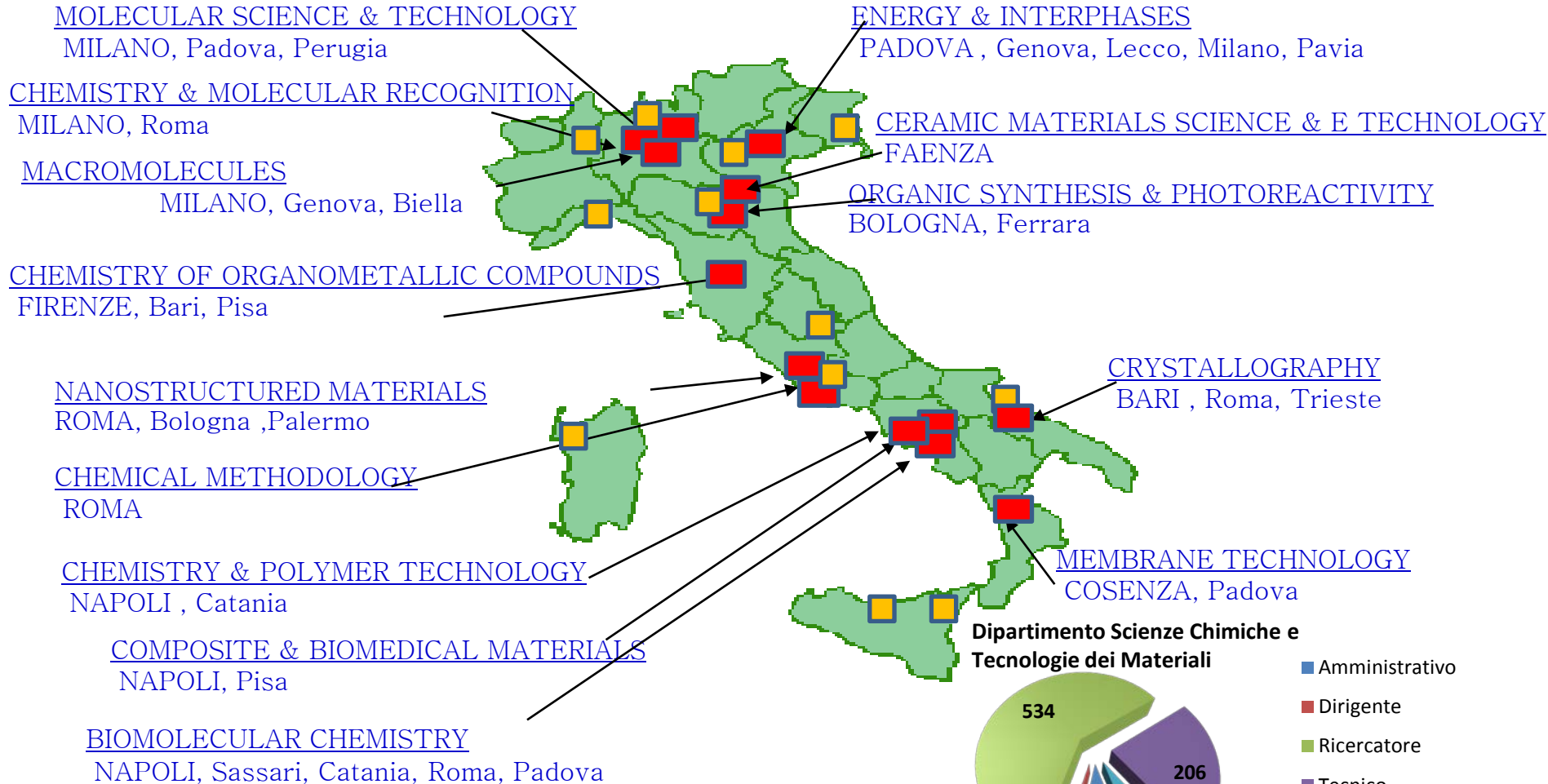
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INSTITUTES



RESEARCH PLATFORMS

SUSTAINABLE CHEMISTRY

ADVANCED MATERIALS KEY ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES

NANOMEDICINE

- Enzymatic reactions
- Hydrogen generation and storage
- Carbon Capture and Sequestration
- Energy from renewable sources
- Biorefinery
- Chemical processes with low environmental impact
- Modelling

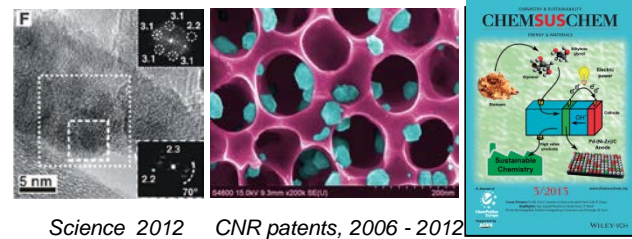
- Nanostructures
- Polymers & Composites
- Ceramics & Composites
- Metals & Composites
- Biodegradable Materials
- Multifunctional Biomaterials
- Coatings & Adhesive
- Nanostructured Membranes
- Optoelectronic & Photonics
- Sensors
- Rapid Prototyping

- Tissue Engineering
- Natural biopharmaceutical molecules
- Drug delivery
- Drug discovery
- Nanoparticles
- Biosensors
- Nutraceuticals
- Teradiagnostic
- Modelling

Health Energy Transports Cultural Heritage Made in Italy Building Industrial Processes

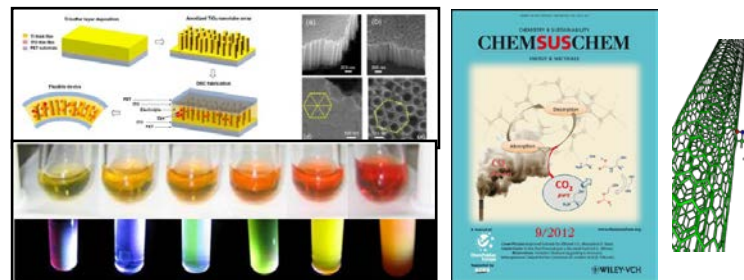
Advanced Manufacturing

- *New sustainable chemical processes with high efficiency and selectivity.*
- *Electro/photocatalysis for applications in the energy sector*
- *Hydrogen chemistry and technology: production, storage and employment in fuel cells.*



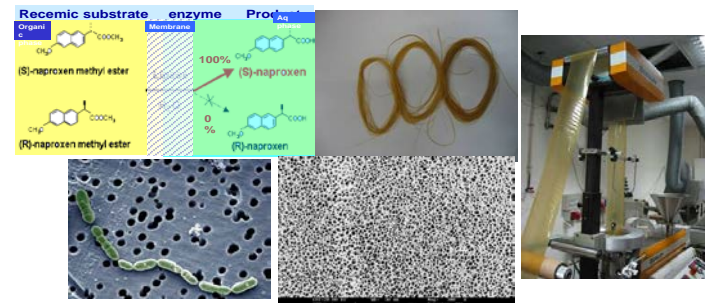
Science 2012 CNR patents, 2006 - 2012

- *Organic and organometallic compounds for third generation photovoltaics*
- *Technologies for C1-chemistry: CO₂ exploitation and confinement (CCS)*
- *Organic, inorganic and hybrid polymeric materials with functional properties*

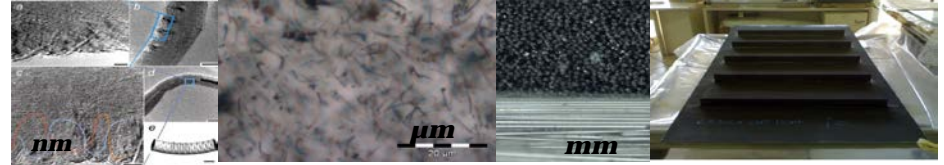


CNR patent, 2011

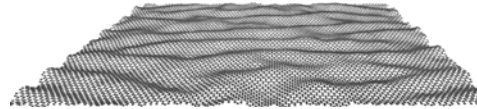
- *Functional nanostructure membranes*
- *Protein based thermoplastic products*
- *Packaging*



- *Multi scale polymer nano-composite*

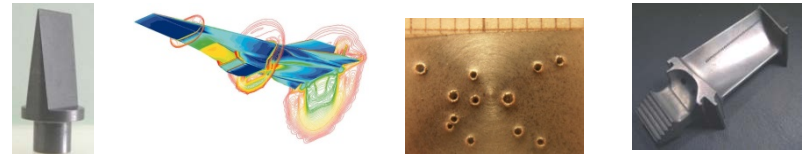


- *Graphene based materials*



GRAPHENE FLAGSHIP

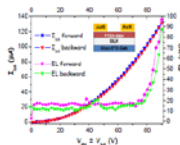
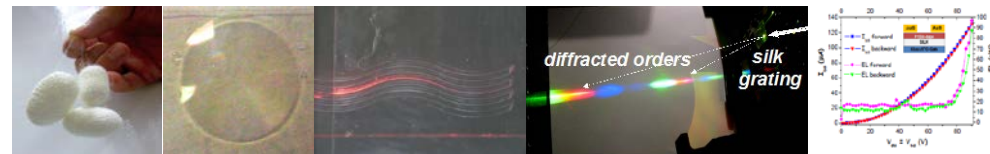
- *Ceramics and metals for extreme conditions*



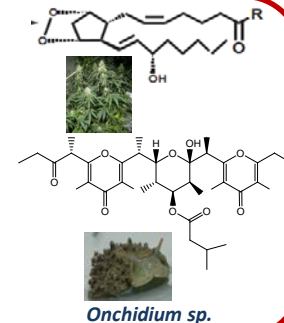
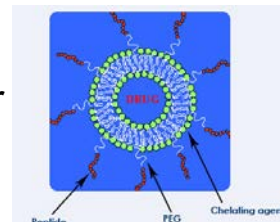
- *Materials technology for cultural heritage*



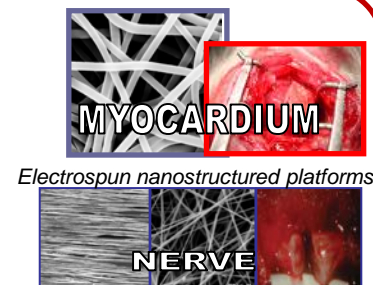
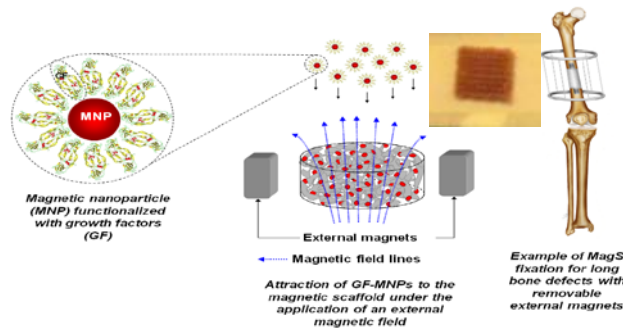
- *Silk fibroin in optoelectronics devices: Transistors & light emitting transistors*



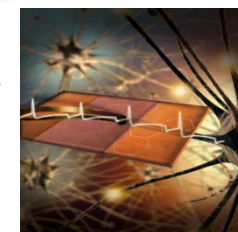
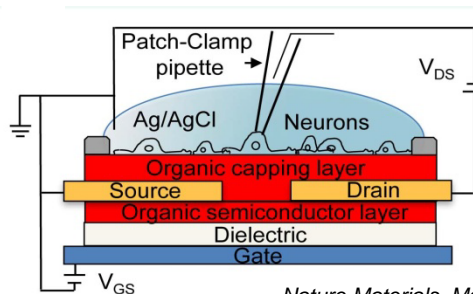
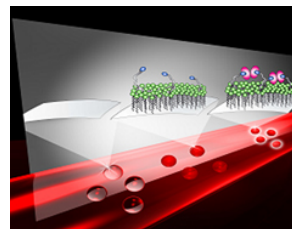
- Development of new drugs and diagnostics on molecular basis.
- Protein expression, Structural and Computational Biology, Cellular Biology, HTS technologies.
- Isolation and characterization of new molecules from natural substances for health, cosmetics and pharmaceuticals.



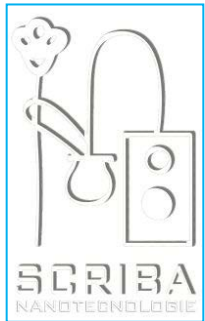
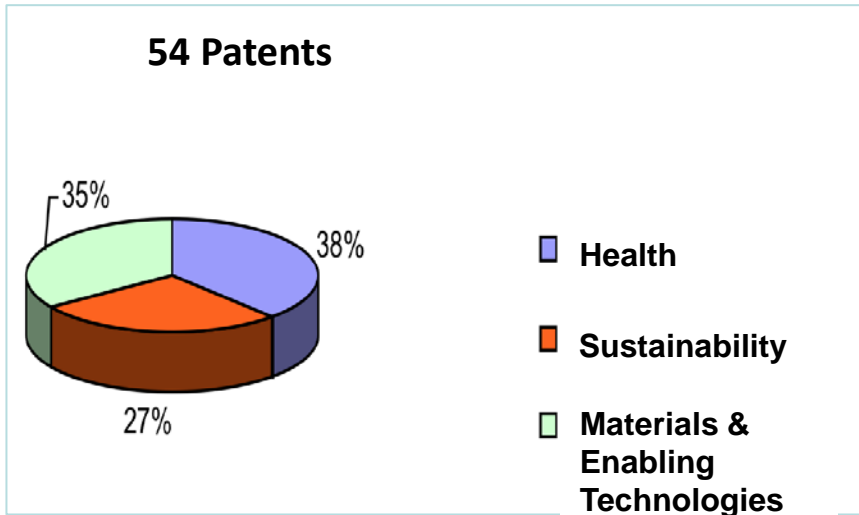
- Magnetic nano-composite scaffolds
- Electrospun nanostructured platforms.
- Hydrogels for Protein release for central nervous pathology



- Biosensors
- Bio-electronics platforms - Transparent Organic Cell Stimulating and Sensing Transistors for neural cells



PATENTS & SPIN-OFF



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

ROLE IN EUROPEAN STRATEGY

Member of High Level Group
Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)

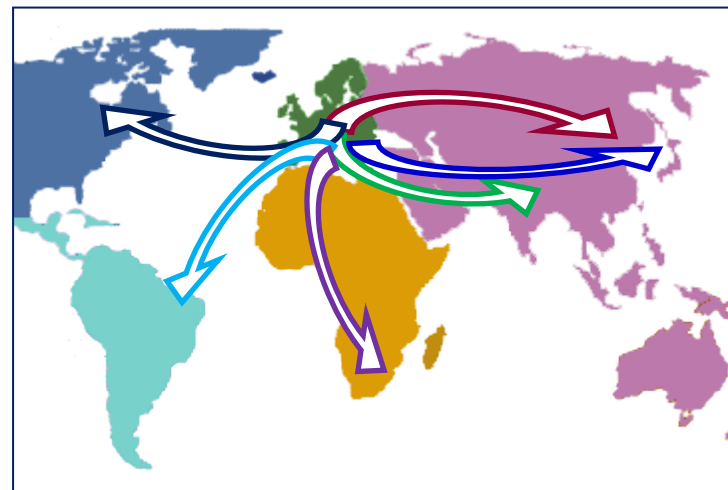
Tenders – *Methodology, work plan and roadmap for cross-cutting KETs activities in Horizon 2020.*

NANOREG – Coord. Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment - The Netherland
A common European approach to the regulatory testing of nanomaterials.



INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

- **Advanced Materials & Silk Platform**
- **Nanostructures**
- **Biomaterials for Health – Advanced Materials - Education**
- **Advanced Materials - Education**
- **Green Chemistry – Biotechnology**
- **Advanced Materials - Membranes**





COMPOSITE MATERIALS

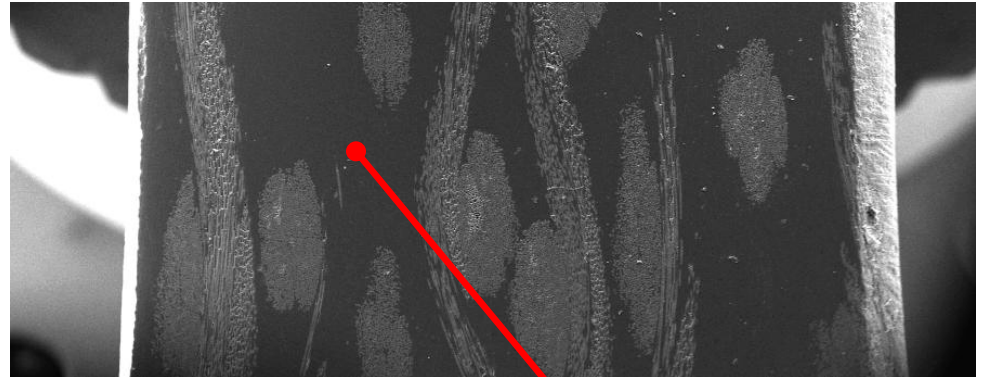
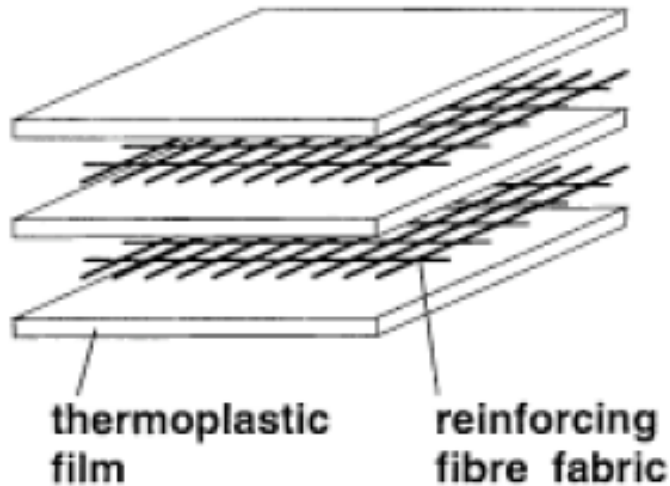
BIOMATERIALS



Department of
CHEMICAL SCIENCE and
MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY

COMPOSITE MATERIALS

Fiber reinforced nanocomposites



Polymers

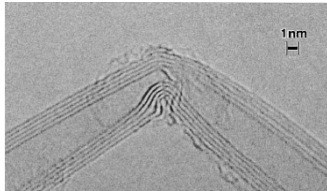
- Polyolefins: PP
- Thermoplastic polyurethanes (TPU)
- Polyesters: PET
- Biopolymers: PCL (natural fibers)
- Engineering thermopl: PES, PEN, PEEK

Nanocomposites

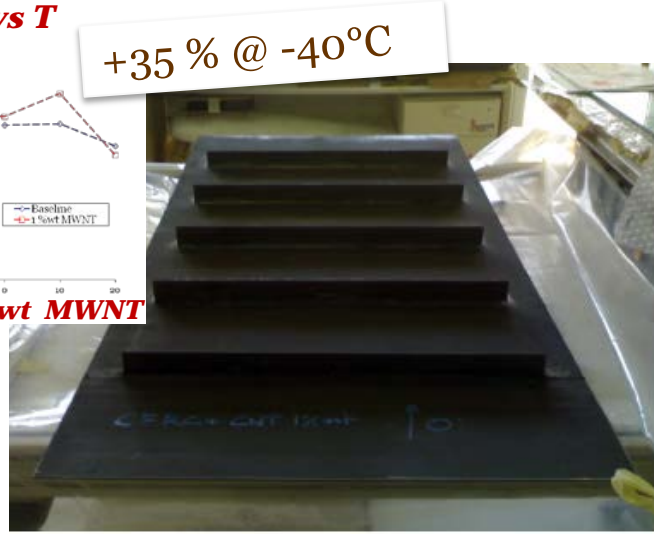
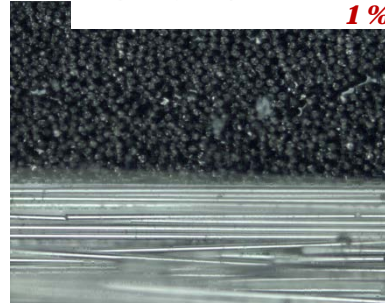
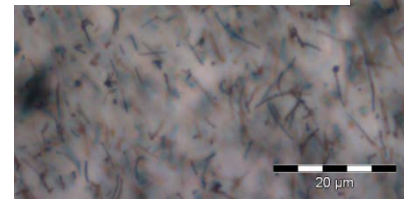
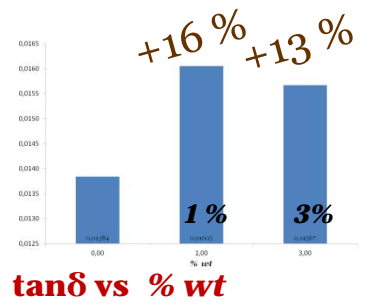
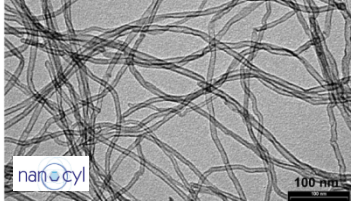
- CNT
- Clay
- Silica
- Graphene

Multi scale composites enhancing damping features

The activities were performed in the framework of the project "ARCA" granted to IMAST Scarl by Italian Ministry M.I.U.R.



Cfr. S. Iijima, J. Chem. Phys. 104 (5), 1996



A. Martone, C. Formicola, M. Giordano, M. Zarrelli. "Reinforcement Efficiency of Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotube/epoxy nanocomposite" – Composite Science and Technology, Volume 70, Issue 7, pp. 1154-1160 (2010) DOI: 10.1016/j.compscitech.2010.03.001

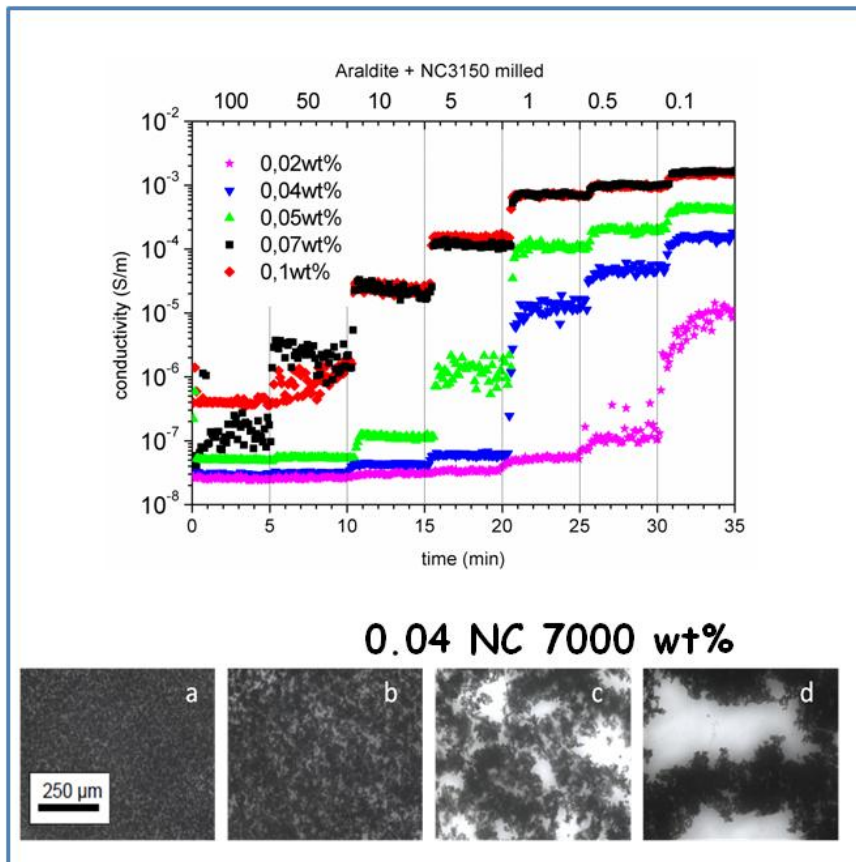
A. Martone, G. Faiella, V. Antonucci, M. Giordano, M. Zarrelli. "The effect of the aspect ratio of carbon nanotubes on their effective reinforcement modulus in an epoxy matrix" - Composites Science and Technology (2011) DOI: 10.1016/j.compscitech.2011.04.002

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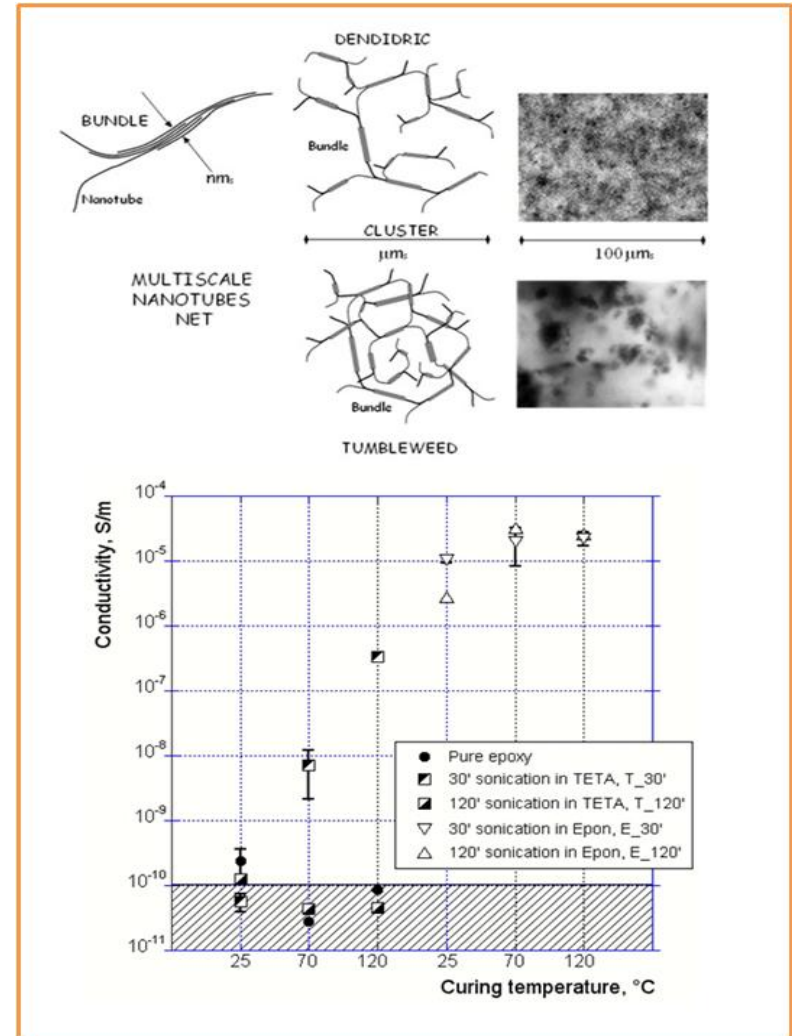
CNT COMPOSITES WITH TUNED CONDUCTIVITY

Conductive nanotube **network** is tuned to modulate the insulator to conductive transition at a fixed carbon nanotube concentration

By shear



By sonication

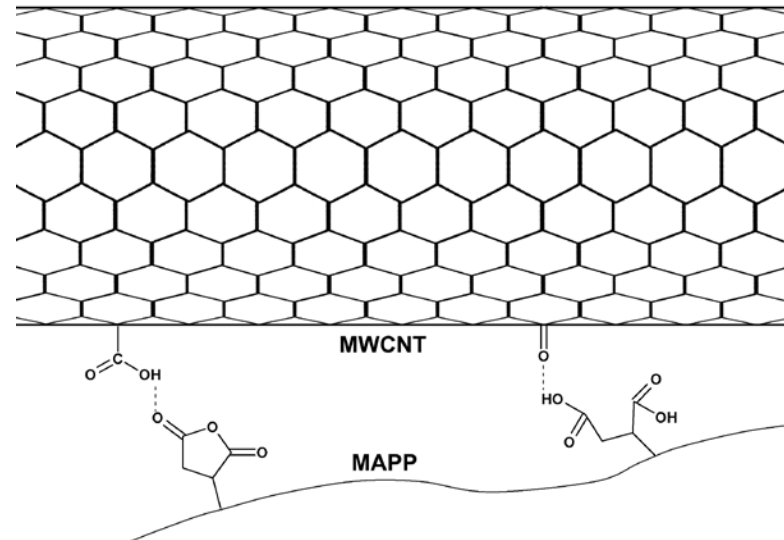
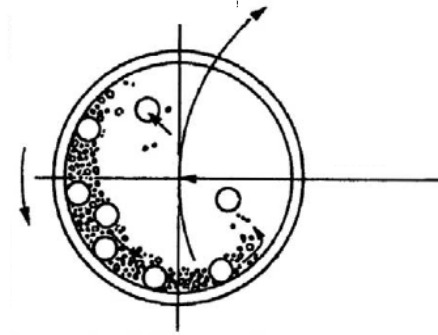


MULTI SCALE COMPOSITE: INTERFACES

A novel approach to functionalize CNT surface :

the solid state mechano-chemical treatment at room temperature.

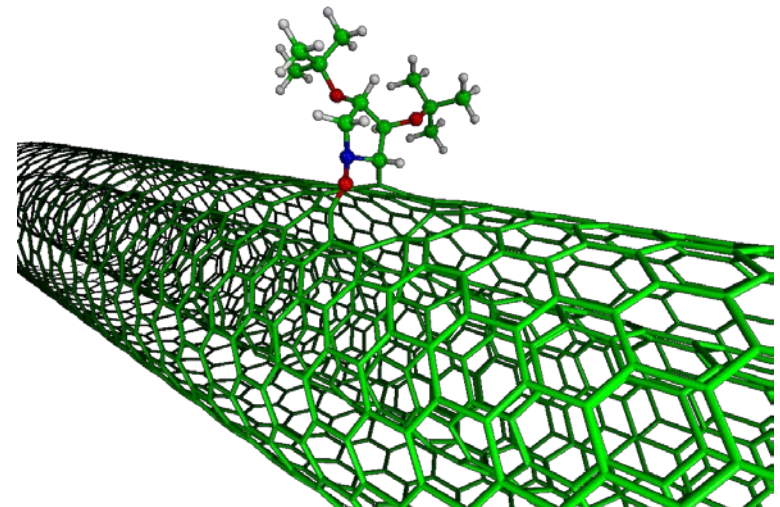
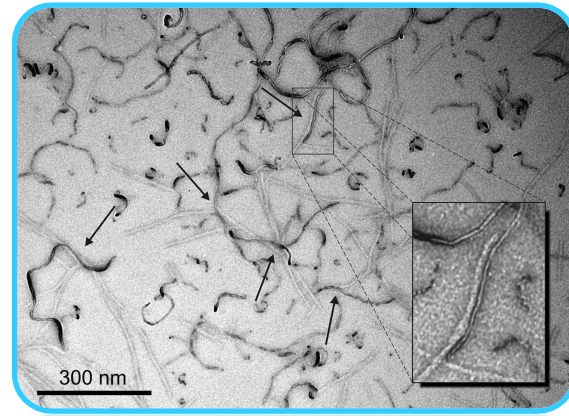
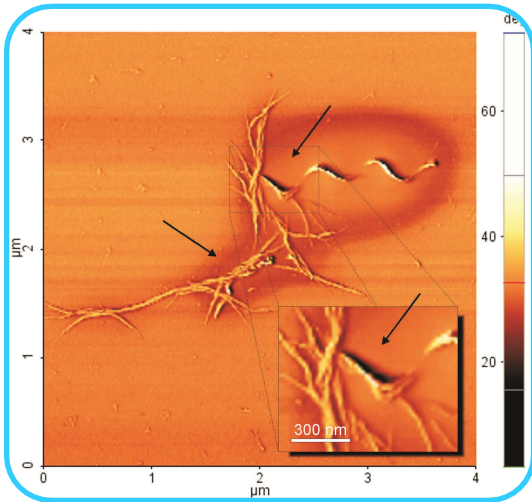
The mechano-chemical methodology consists of mixing CNTs with suitable Precursor molecules and then proceeding the reaction through the high-energy ball impacts.



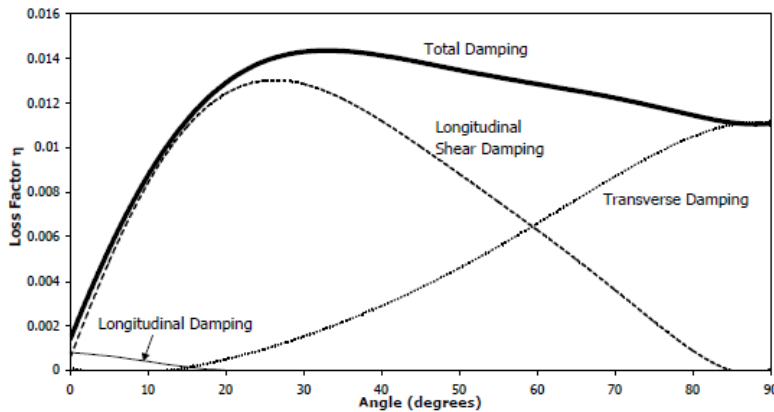
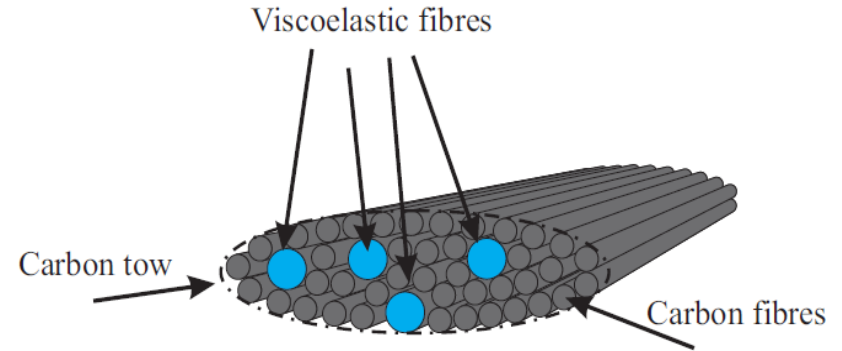
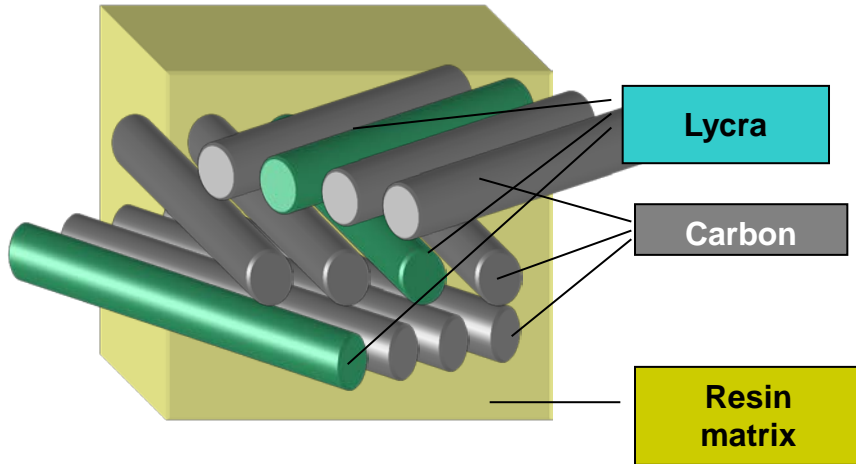
Scheme of the possible interactions between maleic anhydride groups of MAPP multi-wall carbon nanotubes

Gel-functionalized Carbon Nanostructure Composite Materials

Soft Matter. (2011), 7, 10660-10665



Hybrid Composite



A possible strategy for improving material damping capacity is to use the distinguishing anisotropy behaviour of composites to define an hybrid architecture able to dissipate energy not mainly in interlaminar damping but capable to in elongational mode.

GRAPHENE TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

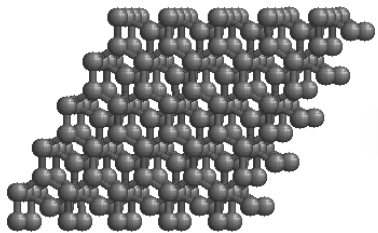
APPLICATIONS

**TRANSPARENT
CONDUCTING DISPLAYS**
(ITO replacement)

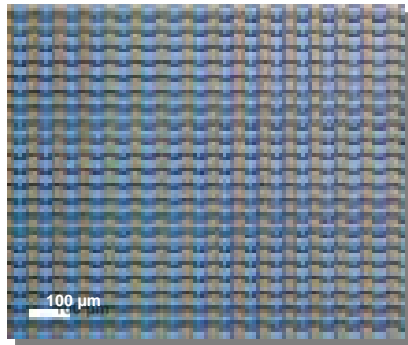
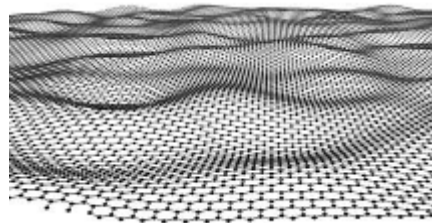
ELECTRON ACCEPTOR
(excellent charge mobility,
very high surface area)

COATINGS
(inert, high barrier to
oxygen and moisture)

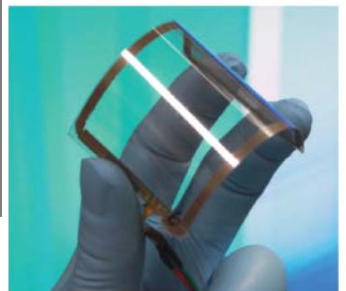
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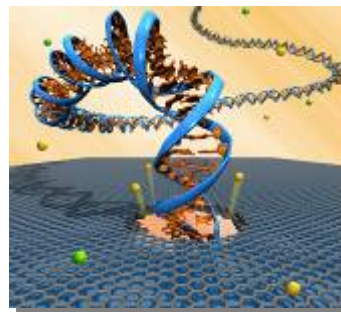
GRAPHENE
(NEWEST AND MOST STUDIED
CARBON-BASED MATERIAL)



**High-frequency
electronics**



**Transparent displays
and touch screens**



Biological sensing

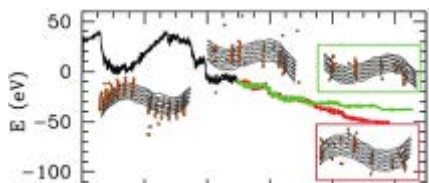


Smart materials

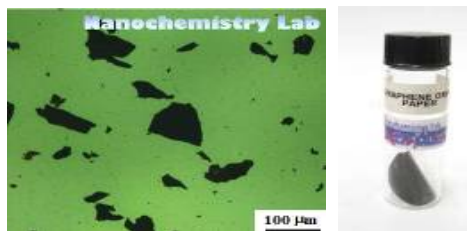


**Electric charge and
hydrogen storage**

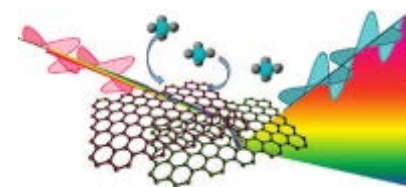
GRAPHENE RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



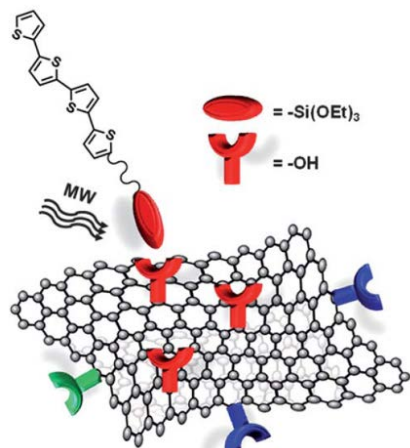
Hydrogen storage, charge transport
V. Pellegrini and M. Polini,
CNR-NANO Pisa



Graphene - Organic Hybrid materials
V. Palermo, ISOF Bologna



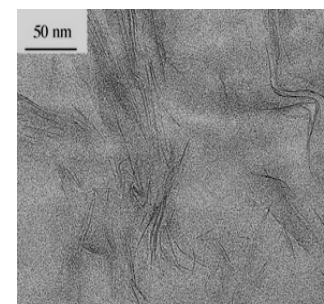
Real-Time Monitoring of graphene growth by Ellipsometry
G. Bruno - IMIP Bari



Chemical functionalization
M. Melucci, G. Giambastiani, ICCOM
Florence



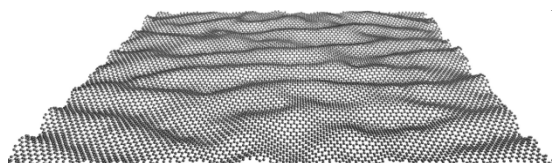
SPM and SEM characterization of epitaxial and CVD graphene
V. Morandi, F. Giannazzo
IMM Bologna + catania



Graphene-polymer nanocomposite
G. Carotenuto - IMCB-CNR

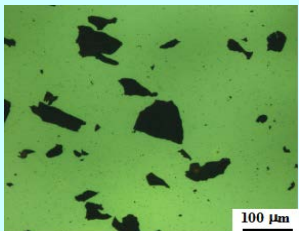
GRAPHENE NANO-TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

GRAPHENE



Nanochemistry Lab

SINGLE SHEETS



SOLUTIONS



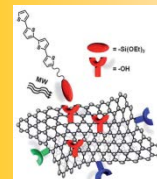
BULK MATERIALS



➤ Coordination of two EU projects on graphene-organic hybrids (1 Marie Curie ITN + 1 ESF EUROCORES)

➤ CNR is one of the official Partner of the GRAPHENE FLAGSHIP initiative

MAINSTREAM RESEARCH



EUROPEAN PROJECTS

GENIUS
GOSPEL

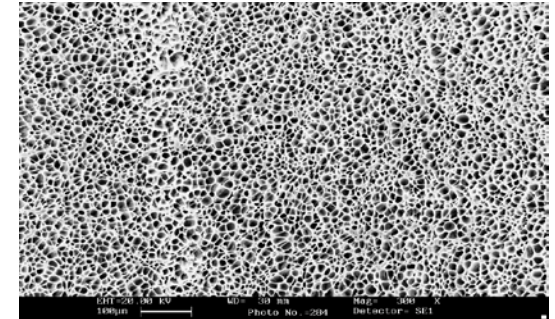
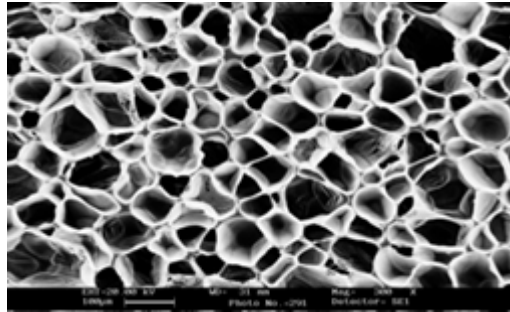
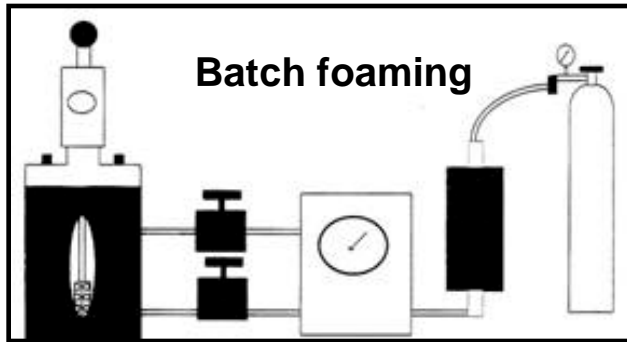
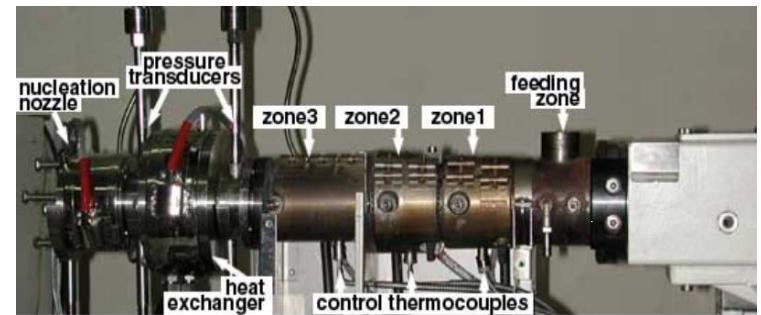
INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATIONS

NOKIA
BASF
The Chemical Company

New Initiative:
FET FLAGSHIP
1 Billion €10 years
GRAPHENE FLAGSHIP



THERMOPLASTIC FOAMS



Process-properties: rheology, gas solubility and diffusivity, modelling

Materials

Neat matrices

Commodity: PE, EVA, PS

Thermoplastic polyurethanes (TPU)

Polyesters: PET, PEN, PLA, PCL

Biopolymers: Zein, Collagen

Engineering: PES, PC, PPSU, PEI

Nanocomposites

EVA: clay

PP: clay

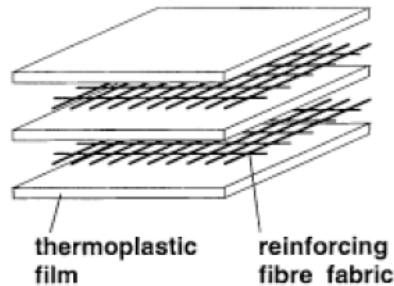
TPU: MWCNT

PET: MWCNT, Clay

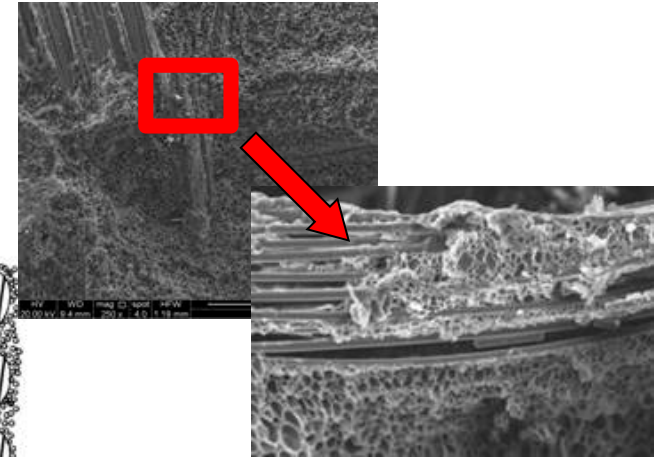
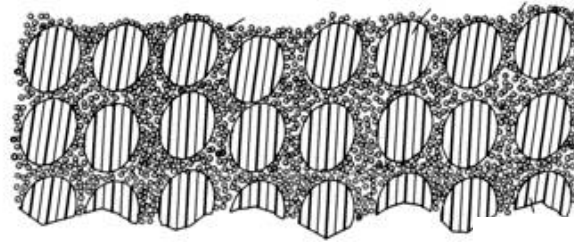
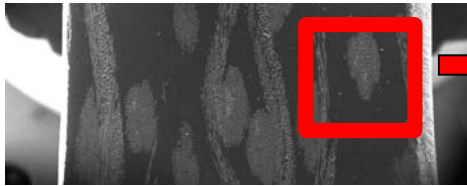
PEN: SiO₂, Expanded Graphite, clay (MMT)

PES: SiO₂, Expanded Graphite

Multifunctional lightweight materials having porous and reinforcement phases hierarchically organized from nano to micro scale

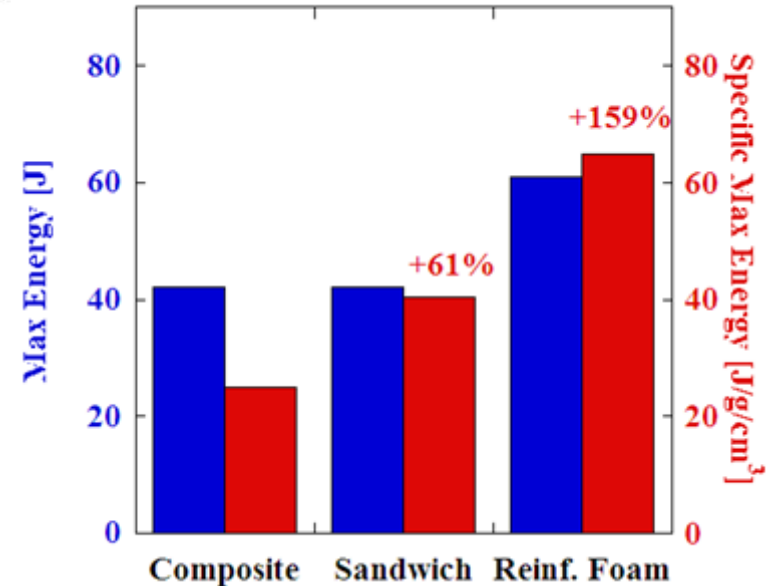


Controlled generation of microcellular structure into the polymeric matrix and between fibers through Graphite nanoparticles

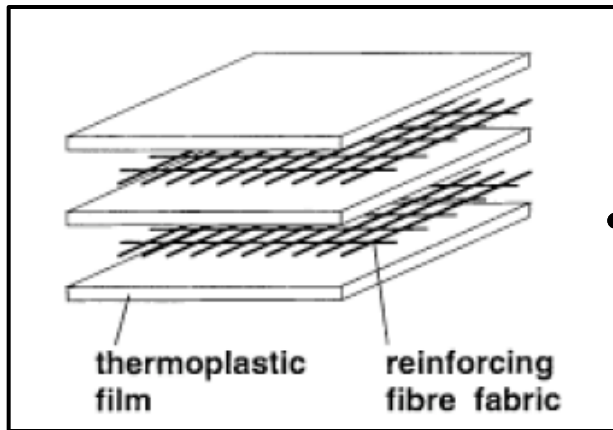


LARGE AMOUNT OF IMPACT ENERGY:

- Deformation mechanism involving both the foamed matrix (combination of compression and shear) and the glass fiber fabric layers
- plastic deformation of the foamed matrix in a large area around the falling weight

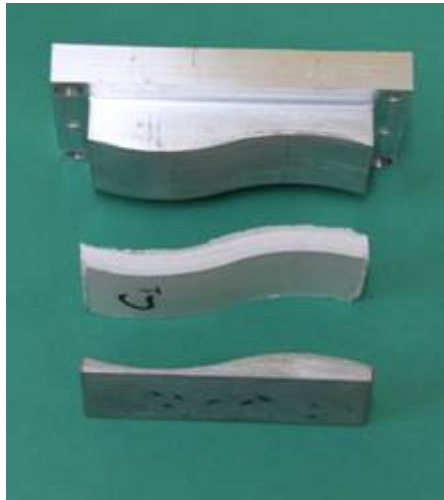
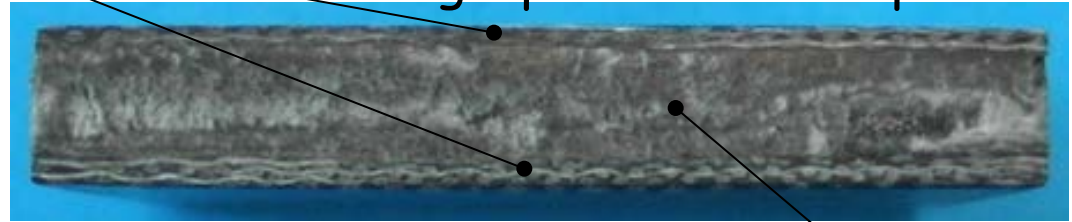


Sandwich structures: in situ foaming



Thermoplastic nanocomposite skins

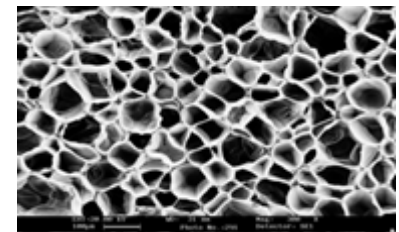
PEN/graphene nanocomposites



In situ foaming



Nanocomposite foamed core

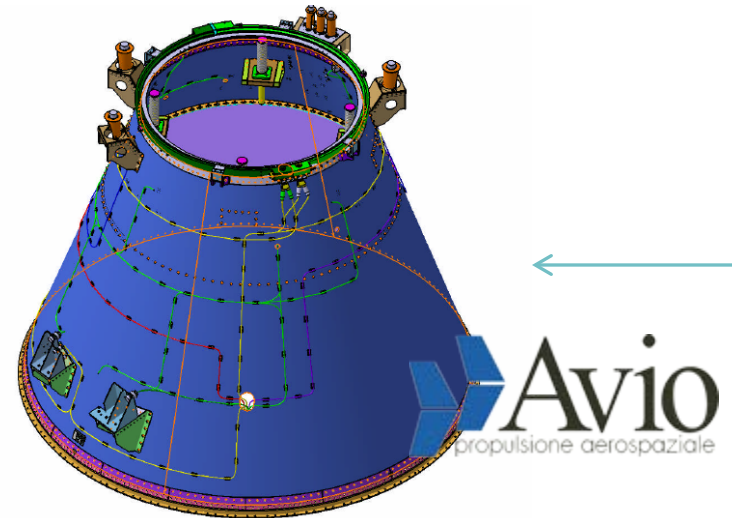
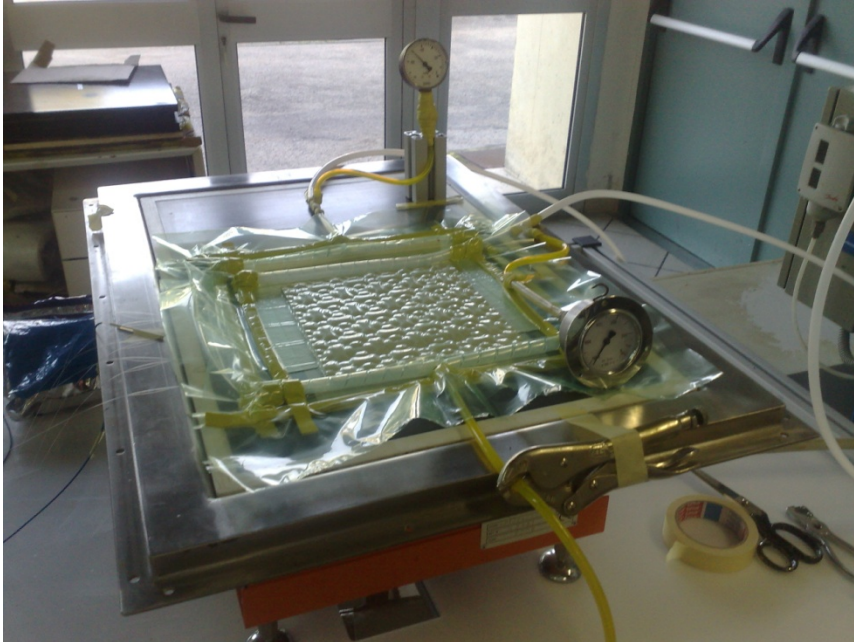


Complex structures and shapes can be obtained by combining foaming of the core and skin consolidation directly in the mold

“Out of autoclave” manufacturing technology development

Pulse Infusion

Resin infusion by pulsed rubbery mold



Optimization for the manufacturing of phenolic cone

DAC - Technology Aerospace District

formed in the 2012 with participation of 30 government and private subjects:

- 8 major aerospace companies;
- 11 SME (among which 8 consortium grouping 124 high tech companies),
- 11 Government Research Organization (including 5 Universities).



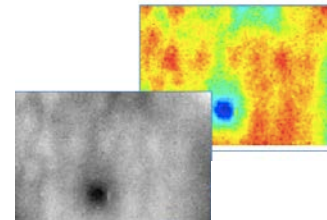
CNR will be involved in several R&D strategic projects for the commercial aviation

- Technologies & Processes for composite materials



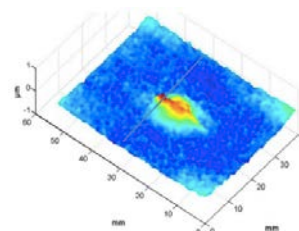
(es. CFRP component)

- Non Destructive Inspection and Testing



(es. impact damage in carbon fiber composite panel detected by optical interferometric method)

- New methods for stress analysis for complex structures and advanced materials



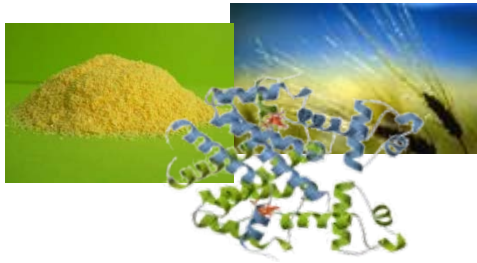
(es. Full-field stress in a composite component map in presence of delamination.



BIOMATERIALS

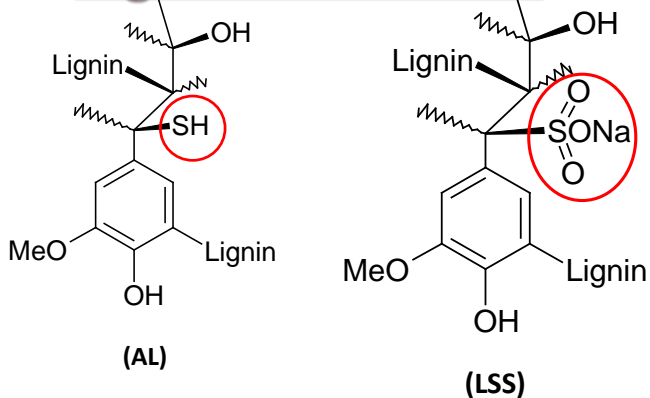
Thermoplastic zein-lignin structures

Natural source, maize: zein

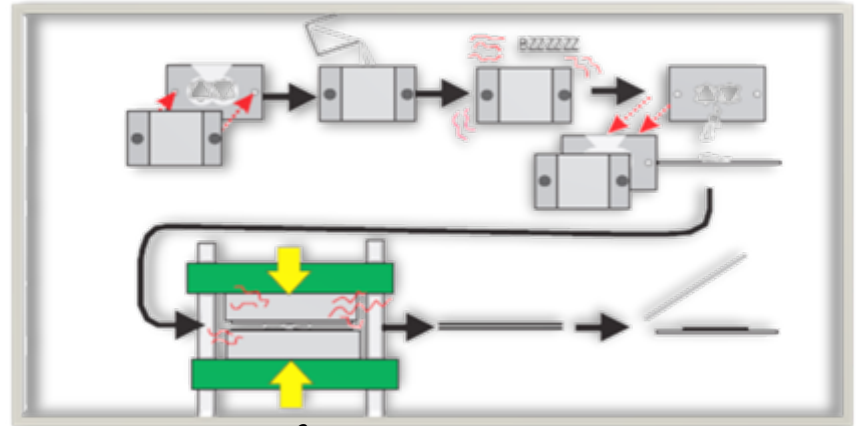


+ PEG400 (plasticizer)

Lignin substances



Process



Mixing: $T=70^{\circ}C$, 50rpm, 10min

Compression moulding: $T=70^{\circ}C$, $P=50bar$



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Effect of Supramolecular Structures on Thermoplastic Zein–Lignin Bionanocomposites

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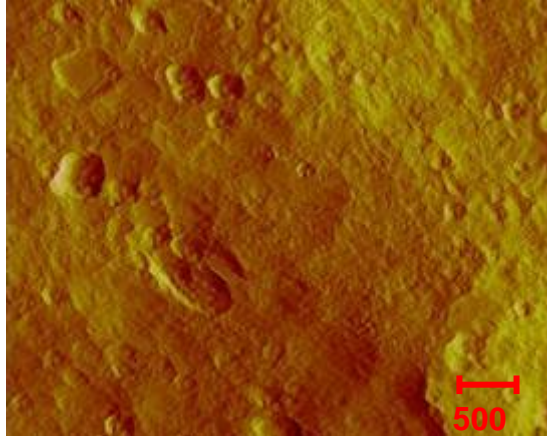
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ABSTRACT: The effect of aldehyde lignin (AL) and sodium lignin sulfonate (LSS) on the structure of thermoplastic zein (TPZ) was studied. Protein structural changes and the nature of the physical interaction between lignin and zein were investigated by means of X-ray diffraction and Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy and correlated with physical properties. Most relevant protein structural changes were observed at low AL contents (10%), where strong H-bondings between the functional groups of β and the amino acids in zein induced a restructuring of zein and a macromolecular interaction in β helix, β sheet, and β -turn secondary structure. This restructuring allowed for an extensive protein conformational modification which, in turn, resulted in strong improvement of the physical properties of the bionanocomposite.

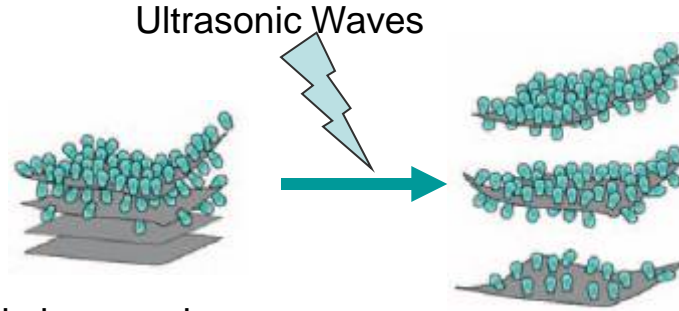
PEG (%wt on zein+PEG)	25
Lignin substances (%wt on zein+PEG)	1-3-10

Thermoplastic zein/graphene bionanocomposites

Controlling the electrical conductivity of proteins with graphene

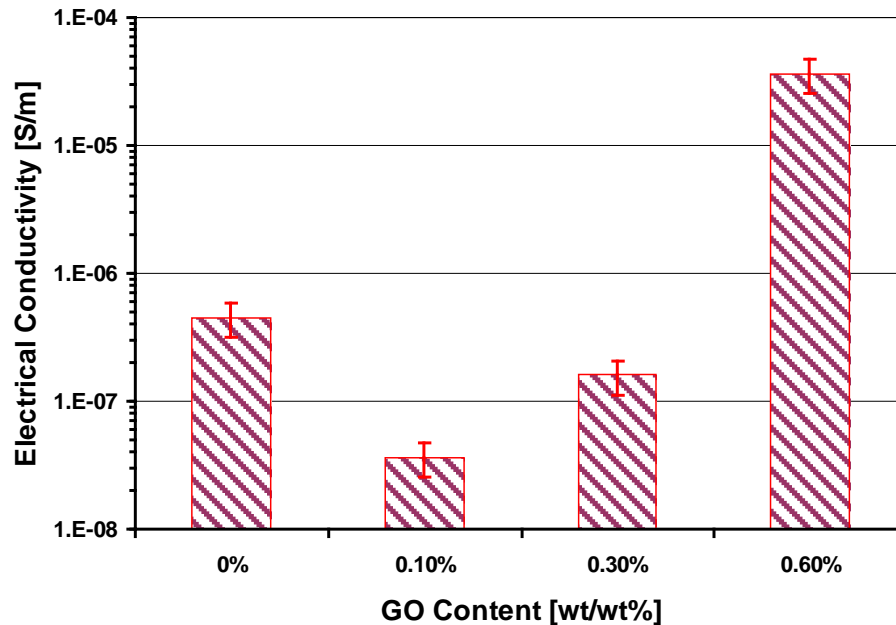


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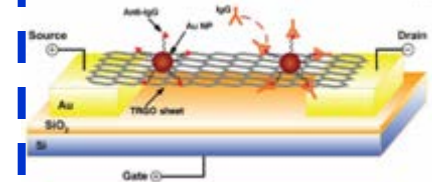


Protein layer makes
the surface of
graphite hydrophilic

Protein-coated sheets of
graphene detach from
graphite



Electroactive
Polymers



Bio-sensors



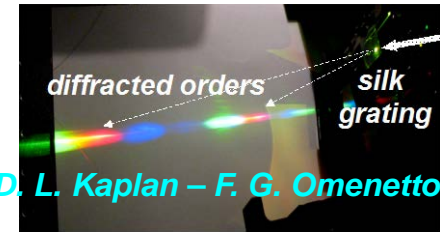
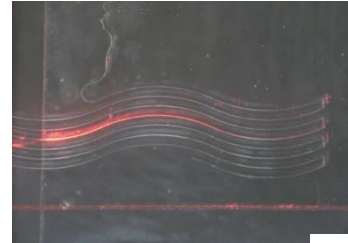
Smart Materials

SILK TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

Silk for optical and photonic devices

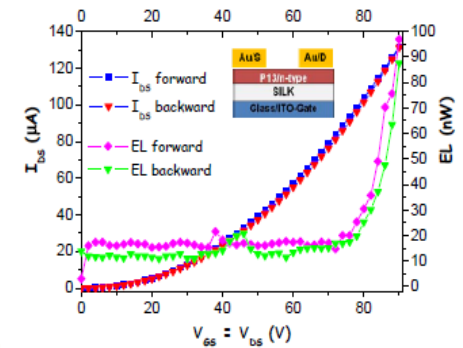
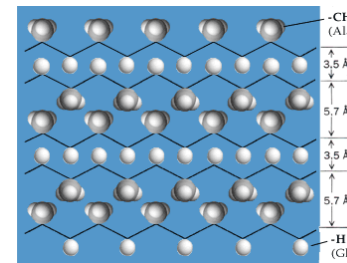


Printed silk waveguides



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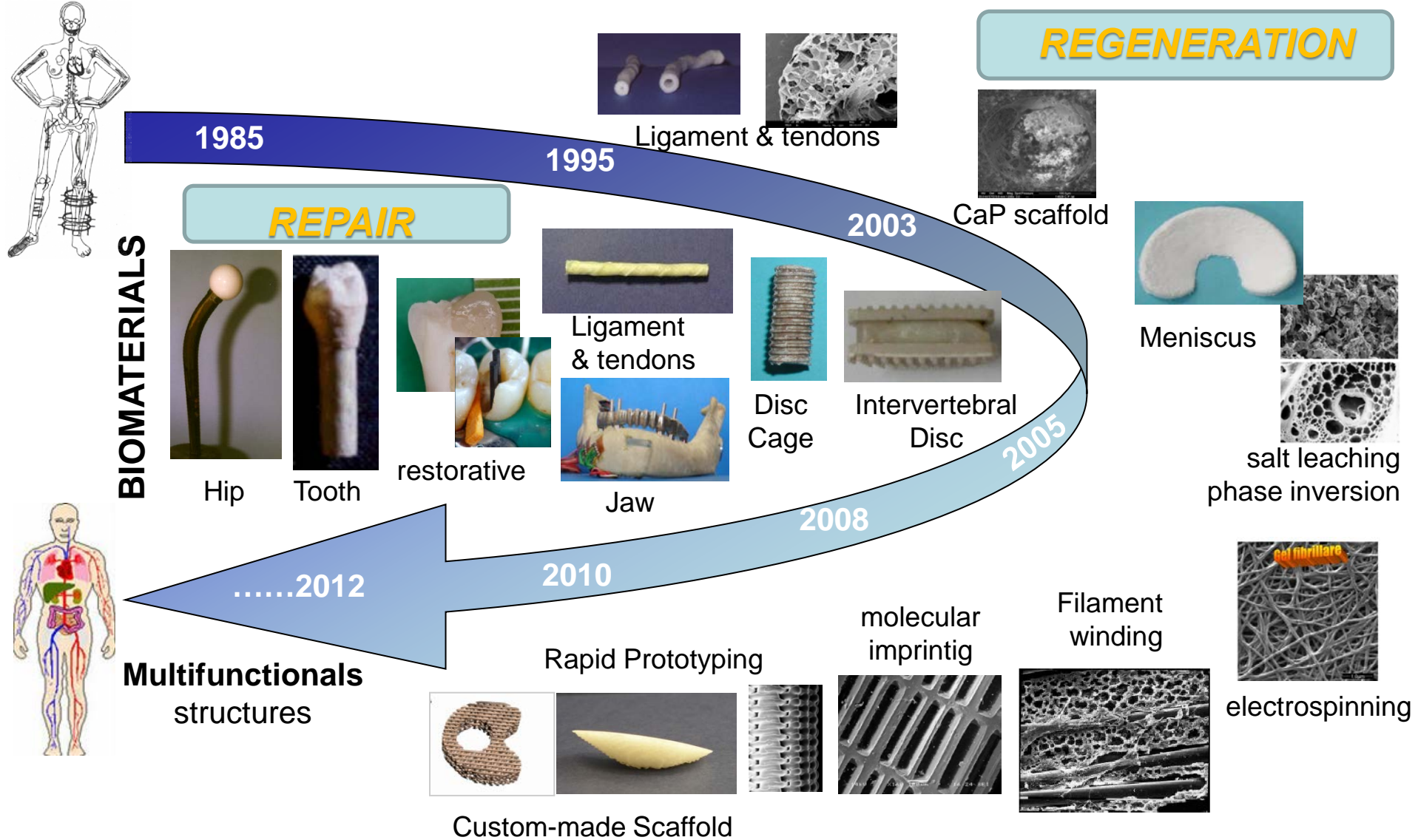
Integration of silk fibroin in optoelectronic devices: transistors e light emitting transistors



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Evolution of Composite Biomaterials

Tissue Repair & Regeneration





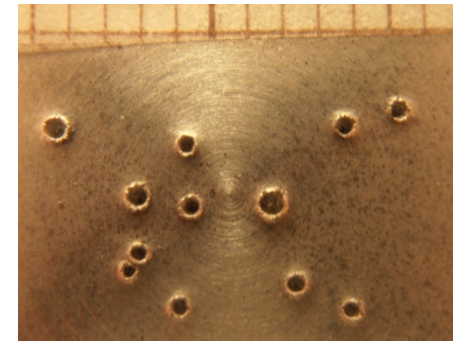
Structural metals and ceramics for severe conditions

Structural metals for severe conditions



New structural metallic materials for high temperatures

- Mechanical and microstructure characterization
- Deformation and damage mechanisms, constitutive equations



Ultra High Temperature Ceramics for Aerospace

- Borides and carbides of early transition metals: ZrB_2 , HfB_2 , ZrC , HfC , TaC .
- Extremely high melting point, strength, high thermal and electrical conductivity, stability at $T > 1600^\circ C$ in aggressive environment
- Applications: aerospace, nuclear plants

Prototypes produced at ISTECC-CNR

Mission BION_M1 (METEORIT experiment)



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Ceramic holder



10 cm

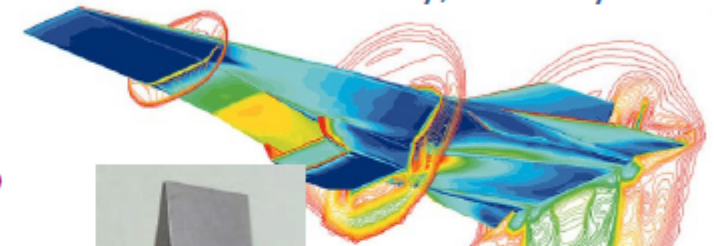
Sharp wedge
for lab arc-jet tests



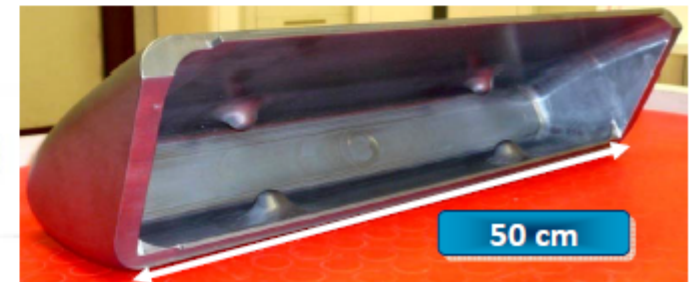
Leading edge



10 cm



Tm ($^\circ C$)		ρ (g/cm 3)
3890	TaC	13.9
3880	HfC	12.7
3540	ZrC	6.7
3380	HfB $_2$	11.2
3305	HfN	13.8
3245	ZrB $_2$	6.1
2950	ZrN	7.1



50 cm

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