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# La ricerca dei nuovi materiali al dipartimento di Chimica, Materiali e Ingegneria Chimica “G. Natta”

Speaker

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# CMIC: A sustainable department for a sustainable world



Dipartimento di Chimica, Materiali e Ingegneria Chimica  
“Giulio Natta” is the center of the “chemical culture” in  
Politecnico di Milano

Research interests cover many of the most relevant research fields of:

- ↳ **chemistry**
- ↳ **chemical engineering**
- ↳ **biological – biomechanics**
- ↳ **materials science and engineering**

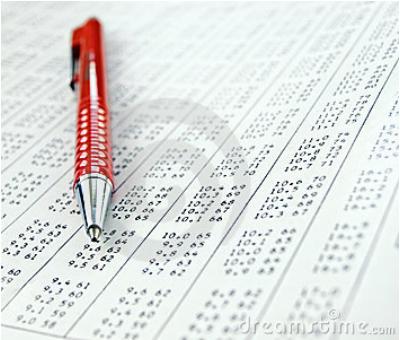
Department ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Italy for the quality of research for the period 2001-2010 in the subject "Industrial and information Engineering" by ANVUR –MIUR Agency

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## Main figures

### CMIC department

- ↳ 120 faculties (113 permanent)
- ↳ 50 administrative (13) & technical staff (37)
- ↳ 25 laboratories
- ↳ About 90 PhD students
- ↳ more than 120 temporary researchers/year,



### Majority of students from

- ↳ “Chemical Engineering”,
- ↳ “Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology”,
- ↳ “Biomedical Engineering”, “Design”,
- ↳ “Civil & Construction Engineering”

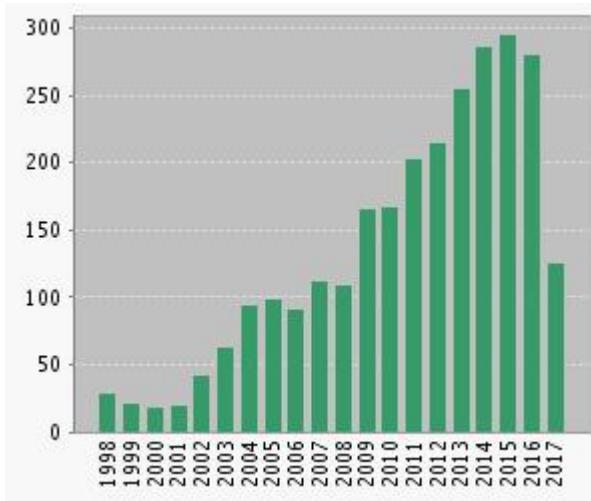
Overall 500 people working in the Department

Research and consultancy turnover of about 8M€/year\*  
(more than 50% from industrial sources)

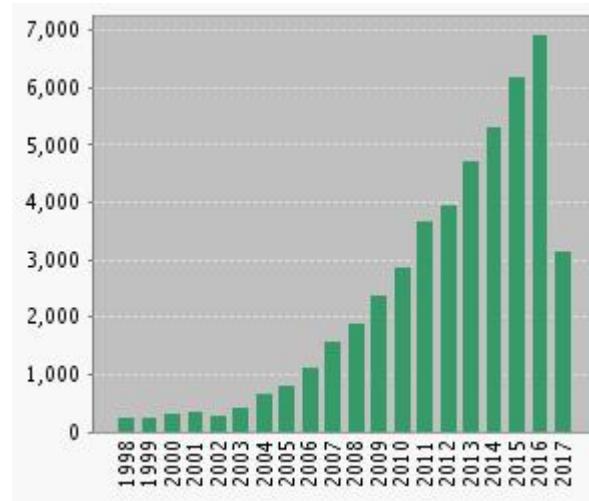
- ↳ \* No salary

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## ISI Publications, Patents & Citations



*Published of ISI papers*



*Citations of ISI papers*

***h-index = 73***

<i>International patents</i>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>		

**3 ERC projects (active): *FoldHalo, NICHOID, MINERVA***

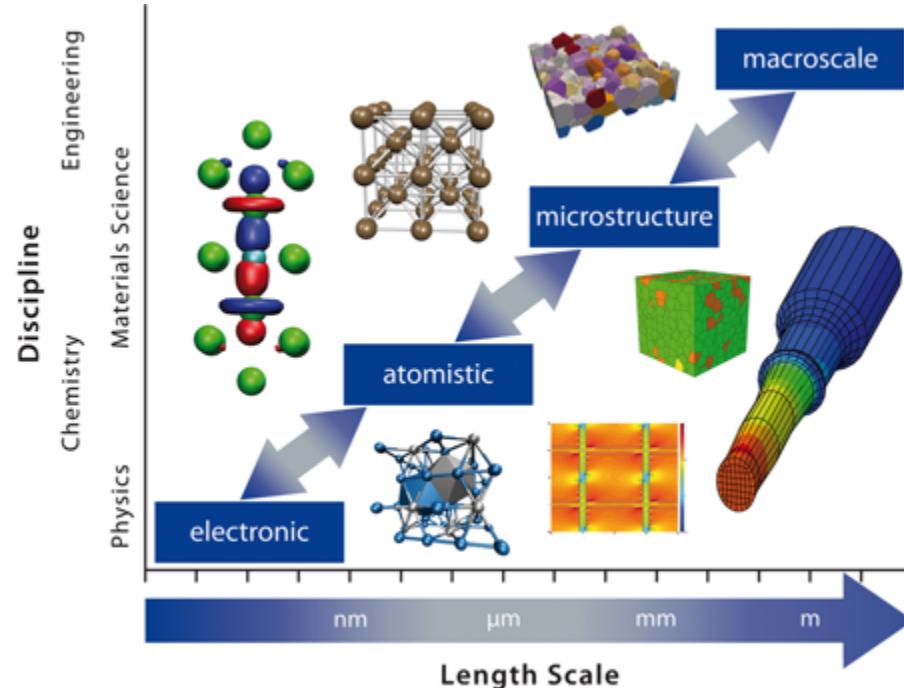
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## The CMIC dept. conjugates

- ↳ Chemistry
- ↳ Chemical Engineering
- ↳ Biological – biomechanics engineering
- ↳ Materials science and engineering

## “A Multiscale department”

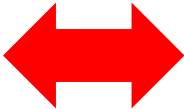
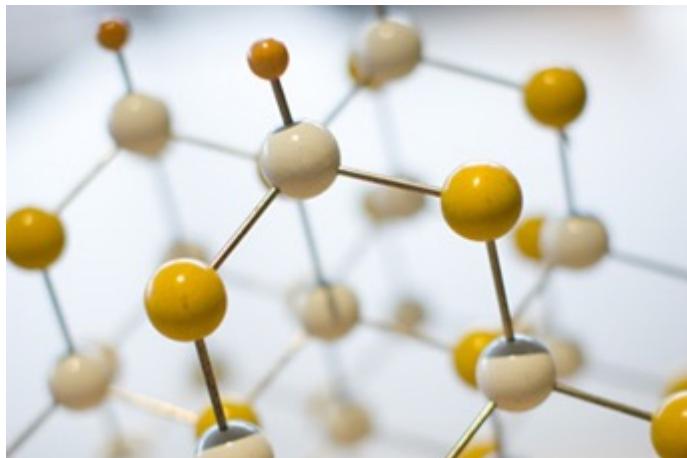
- ↳ The scientific development of these disciplines is deeply stimulated by the unique necessity to solve problems on dimensional scales
- ↳ from molecules to large industrial plants
- ↳ 12 orders of magnitude, both in time and space



# CMIC: A sustainable department for a sustainable world

The “multiscale approach” is the favorable environment for cooperation with industry: developing technology together is more fruitful than technology transfer: two worlds thinking together instead than independently

- ↳ more than 50% of research and consultancy turnover coming from industrial sources – both corporations & SMEs



# CMIC: A sustainable department for a sustainable world

The CMIC Dept. increased its presence in industrial fields away from the merely chemical one

- ↳ energy
- ↳ electronics
- ↳ cultural heritage
- ↳ Biomaterials & biotechnology
- ↳ food
- ↳ material durability & protection,

The increasing importance of the same concepts of sustainability and quality is imposing a strong necessity to evaluate and manage phenomena on progressively smaller scales



# CMIC Labs



# SAMM

SERVIZIO DI ANALISI MICROSTRUTTURALI DEI MATERIALI

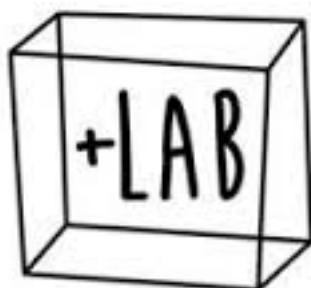


# LaBS

# PoliLaPP

# ChIP lab

# Bio MAT Lab



Fondazione  
**CEN** CentroEuropeo  
Nanomedicina



CREEK



POLYMER  
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ENGINEERING  
**E**  
LAB

The Protein Factory



## Three horizons to serve research and industry needs

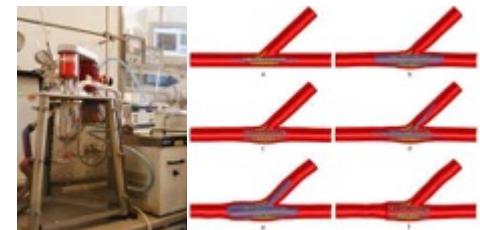
### Horizon 1: tests and measures

- ↳ LAC, LP3, SAMM
- ↳ Access by fee



### Horizon 2: technology development

- ↳ all listed
- ↳ access by a contract with the department



### Horizon 3: clear sky research

- ↳ all listed
- ↳ access by a contract with the department



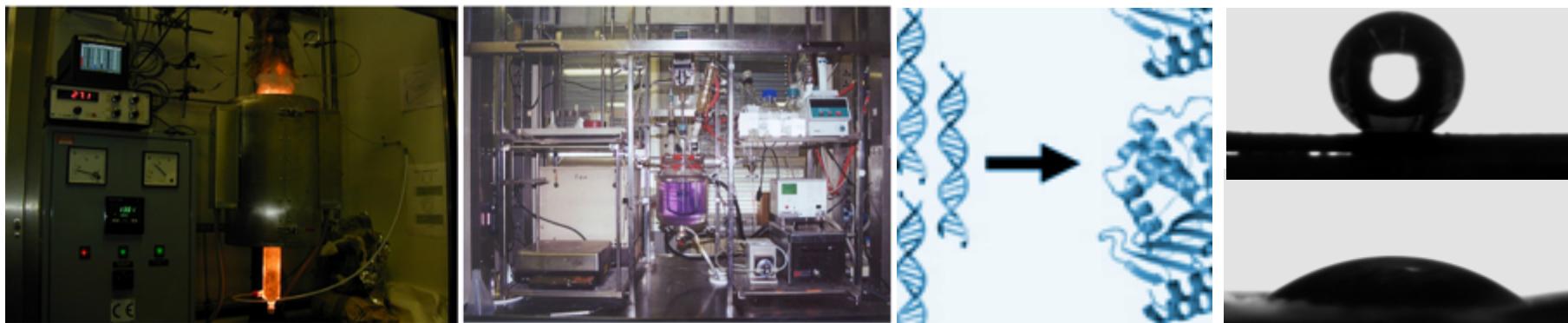
# CMIC Labs

## 1. Chemistry-oriented laboratories

Fluorine Laboratory (FLab).

Nanostructured Fluorinated Materials (NFMLab).

Organic Chemistry Laboratories (OCLabs).



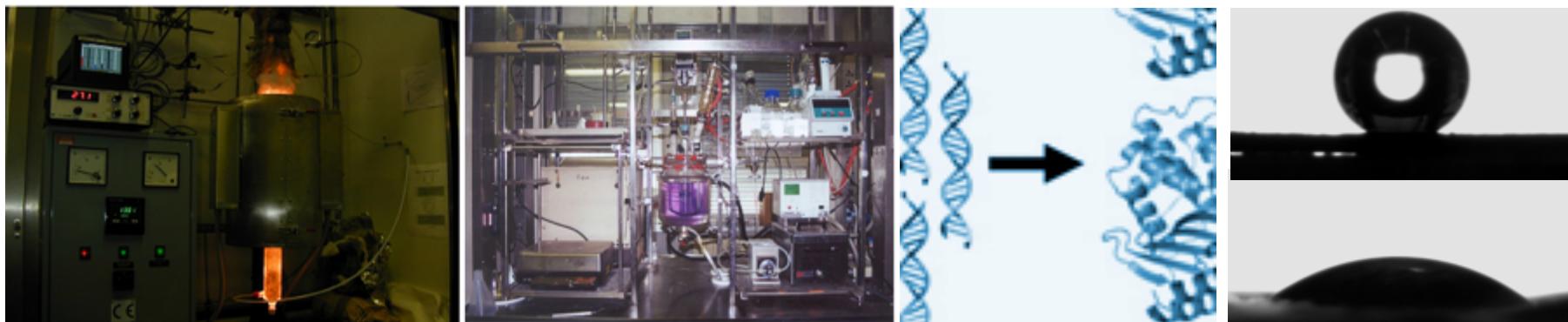
# CMIC Labs

## 2. Unit Operations and Process-oriented laboratories

Applied Physical Chemistry Lab (CFA Lab).

Computational Fluid Dynamics of Reactive and Non-reactive Flows  
Lab (CREEK Modeling Lab).

Process Systems Engineering laboratory (PSE-Lab)



## 3. Biological and Biomechanics-oriented laboratories

Proteomics Laboratory (ProteoLab)

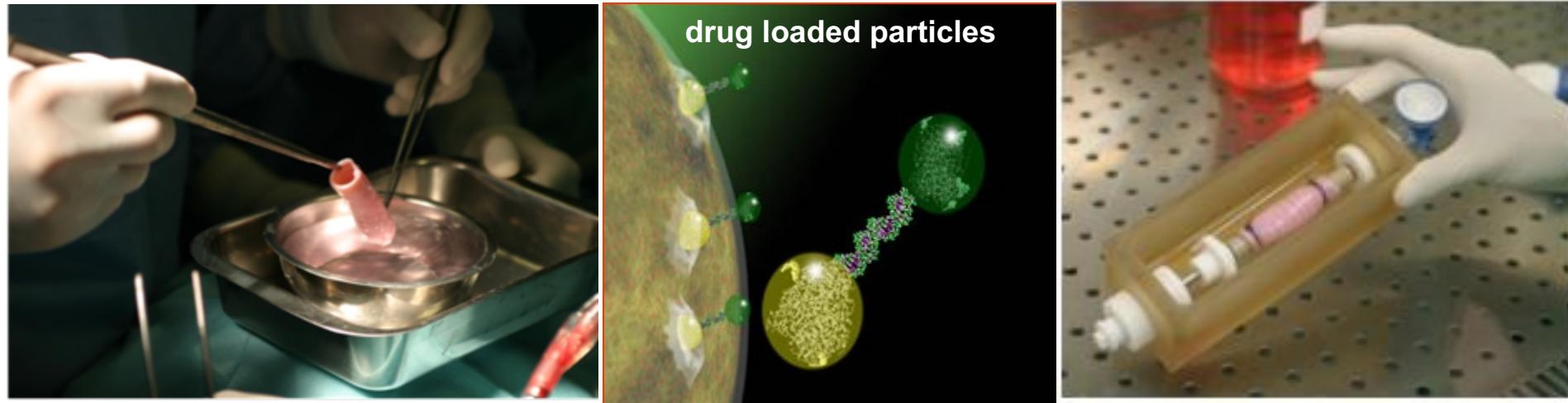
The Protein Factory (PFLab)

Laboratory of Biological Structure Mechanics (LaBS).

Laboratory of Biomaterials

European Center of Nanomedicine Lab (CEN)

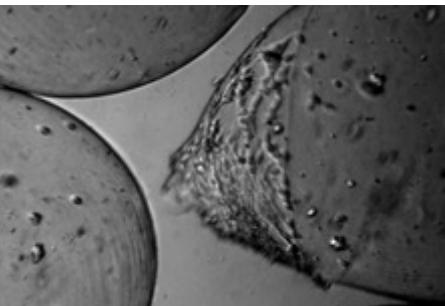
Biocompatibility and Cell Culture Laboratory Lab (BioCell)



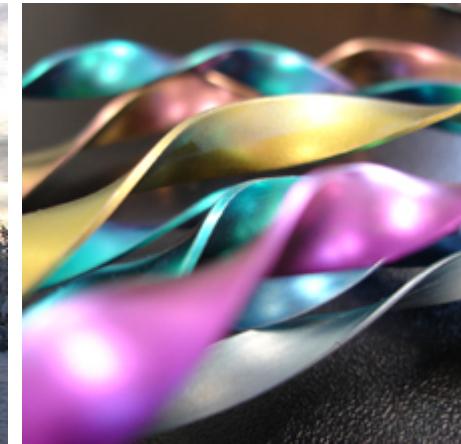
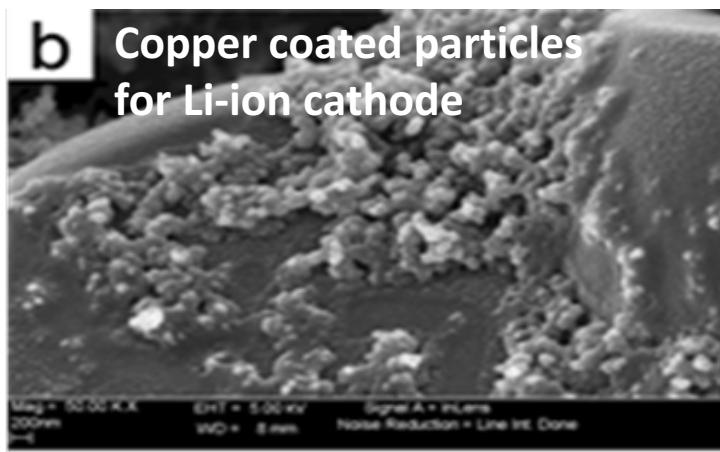
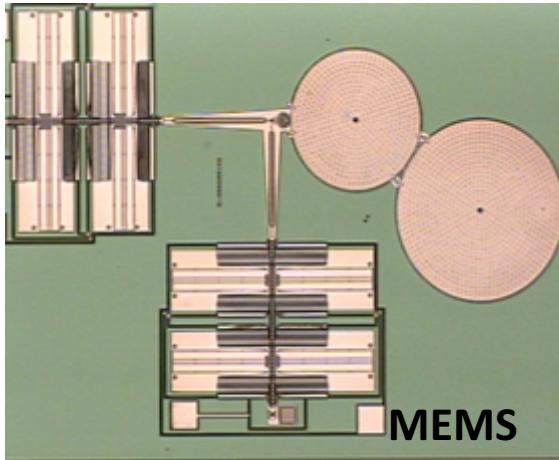
## 4. Materials-oriented Labs



- Cementitious Materials and Durability Lab (MCDLab)  
Chemistry and Characterisation of Innovative Polymers Lab (ChiPLab)  
Functional NanoMaterials Lab (FuNMat)  
Materials Corrosion Lab “Pietro Pedefterri” (PoliLaPP)  
Surface Engineering & Applied Electrochemistry Lab “Roberto Piontelli”  
Materials and Methods for Cultural Heritage Lab (MaMeCH)  
Materials for Energy and Environment Lab (Mat4En2)  
Materials Modelling, Morphology and Structure Lab (MMMoSt)  
Polymer Engineering Laboratory (PEL)  
Polimi-Pirelli Tyre Joint Labs  
Soft Matter Lab  
3D printing Lab (+Lab)  
NextMaterials Lab



## 4. Materials-oriented Labs



## 5. Measurement-oriented Labs

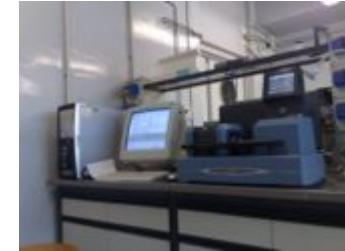
Chemical Analysis Laboratory (LAC).

NMR & Large Instrumentation Laboratory

Olfactometric Laboratory

Service for Materials Microstructural Analysis (SAMM)

Polymer processing & Testing Lab (LP3)



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## The tag cloud



## Medium term horizon researches, steady consolidated relationships

- ↳ All legal aspects (IP, payments, safety, ...) already fixed in the general agreement
- ↳ Order of magnitude of the yearly budget already known
- ↳ Research proposals through “round tables”-procedures to finalize the project without producing a bounce of paperwork

## Medium term horizon researches, steady consolidated relationships

- ↳ ENI Enhanced Oil recovery, Tar Sands, Bunkering, organic PV,
- ↳ Pirelli Substitution natural rubber, CNT, ....
- ↳ Maire Tecnimont Functionalized Urea
- ↳ Ferrovie Nord Milano
- ↳ Ansaldo Energia
- ↳ Solvay Flex-electronics, Not-conventional Sep.s, nanomedicine
- ↳ IBM
- ↳ MG Chemtex 3rd generation biorefinery
- ↳ Telecom
- ↳ Artsana aerosol inhalation, syringe needle coating
- ↳ Enel
- ↳ Terna
- ↳ Inail
- ↳ Whirlpool Odor control
- ↳ Veneranda Fabbrica Monitoring of Duomo Facade

# POLIMI Joint Research Centers

2005-09

2010

2012

2013

2014

2015



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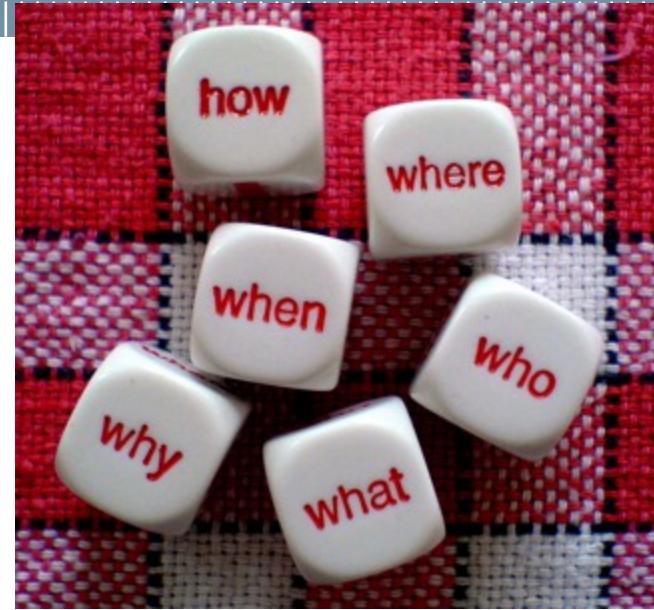


To teach the engineers of today:

- ↳ Chemical engineering
- ↳ Materials engineering and nanotechnology
- ↳ Biomedical engineering

From an engineer who is looking for a job to an engineer who creates jobs

- ↳ Teamwork
- ↳ aptitude to project design
- ↳ international environment
- ↳ stages in industry



# POLIMI CMIC Teaching

In Italy university curricula are organized as:

Bachelor of Science – 3 years – 180 ECTS credits

Master of Science – 2 years - 120 ECTS credits

PhD – 3 years – 180 ECTS credits



**Key title for  
employment  
in EU**

(1 ECTS credit = 25 h/student, 10 h/teaching)

## Freshmen

- |  |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|
| ↳ Chemical Engineering                     | BS 220+ | MS 150+ |
| ↳ Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology | BS 220+ | MS 150+ |
| ↳ Industrial Process Engineering Safety    | MS 40+  |         |
| ↳ Biomedical Engineering                   | BS 450+ | MS 250+ |

Bachelor + Master of sciences graduates: about 30% /5y – 70% /6y

MSc in English

# CMIC Research & Teaching

PhD programs in the department:

- Industrial Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Bioengineering (with Dept Electronics, Information & Bioengineering)

3 years/180 ECTS credits

- ↳ Standard program (fellowship by Polimi & open research)
- ↳ Industrial program (fellowship by an Industry & dedicated topic)
- ↳ Executive program (4 years, dedicated to whom is already working in industry)



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## *Sviluppo di materiali nanostrutturati e compositi funzionali*

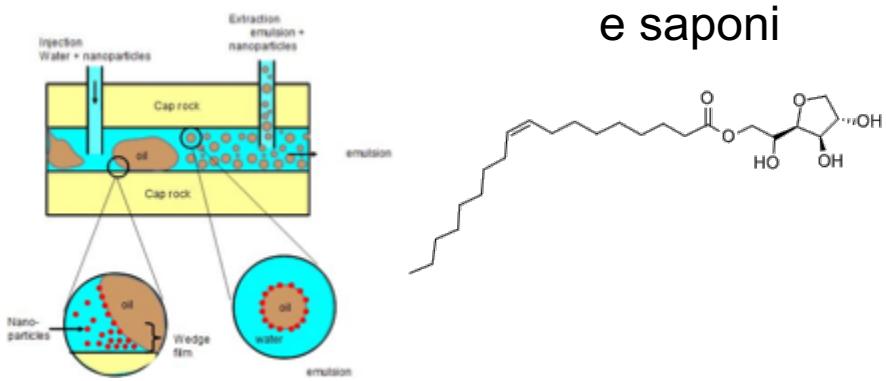
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Prof. Maurizio Masi

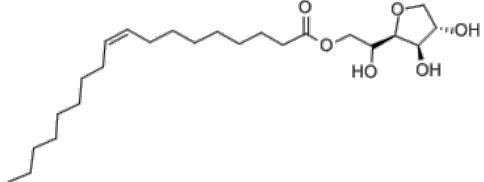
# Sviluppo di Nanoparticelle

## Laboratorio di Chimica-Fisica Applicata

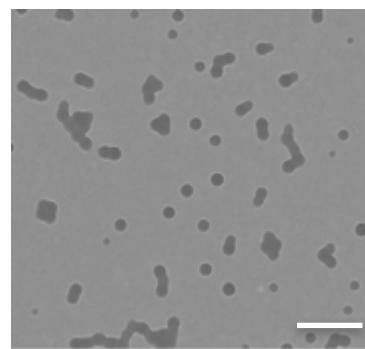
oil and gas



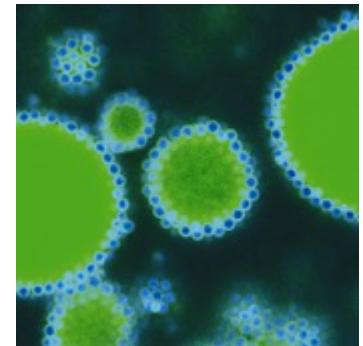
colloidi  
e saponi



medicina



polimeri



- Emulsioni stabili
- Emulsioni a freddo
- Riduzione sporcamento e adesione a superfici
- Riduzione problemi di corrosione

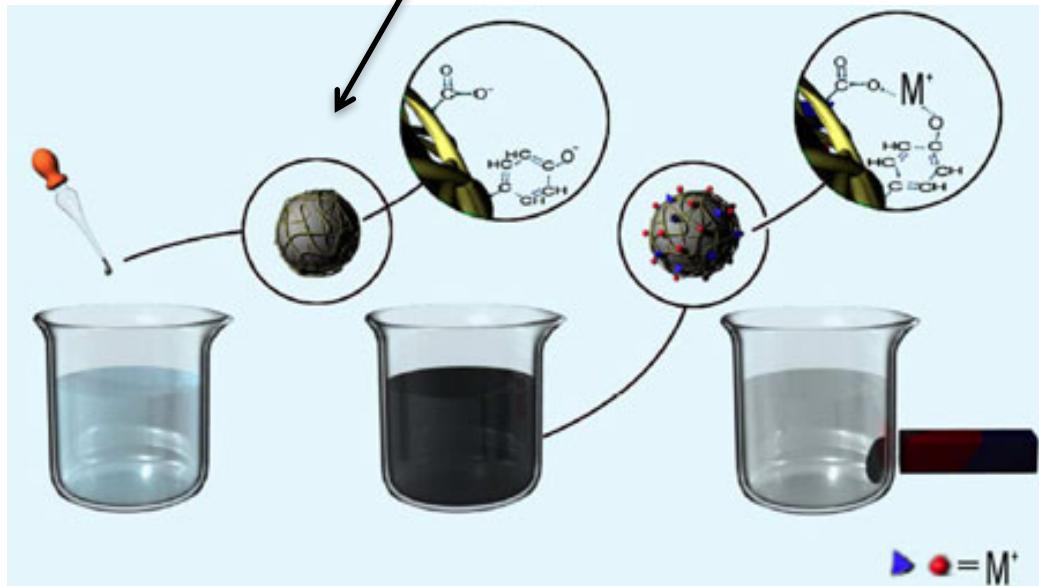
# Sviluppo di Nanoparticelle Laboratorio di Chimica-Fisica Applicata



- Risoluzione di problematiche legate al rilascio di metalli pesanti (Ni, Pb)



NPs magnetiche funzionalizzate

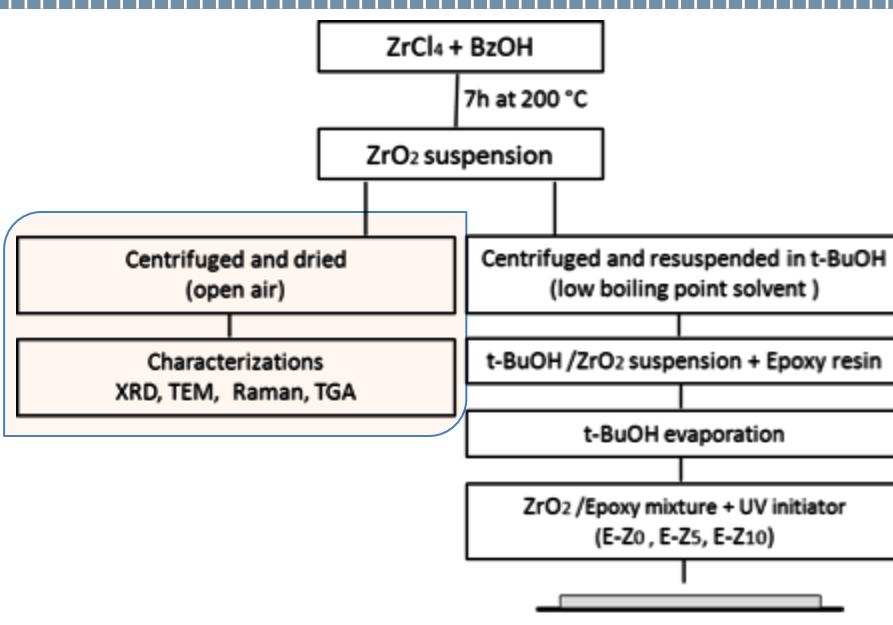


## Team di ricerca:

- Prof. Maurizio Masi
- Prof. Davide Moscatelli
- Ing. Filippo Rossi
- Dott. Simone Gelosa

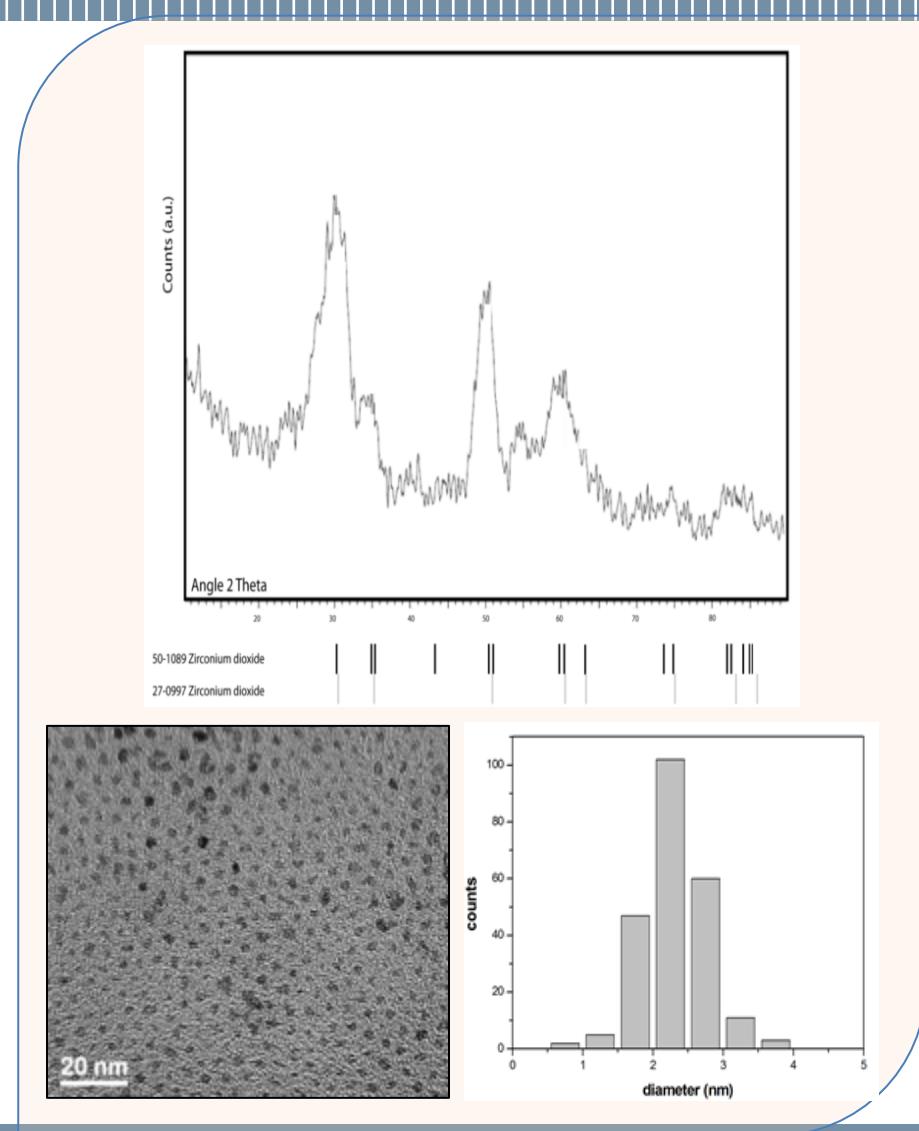
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# ZrO<sub>2</sub> as nanofiller for antiscratch coatings

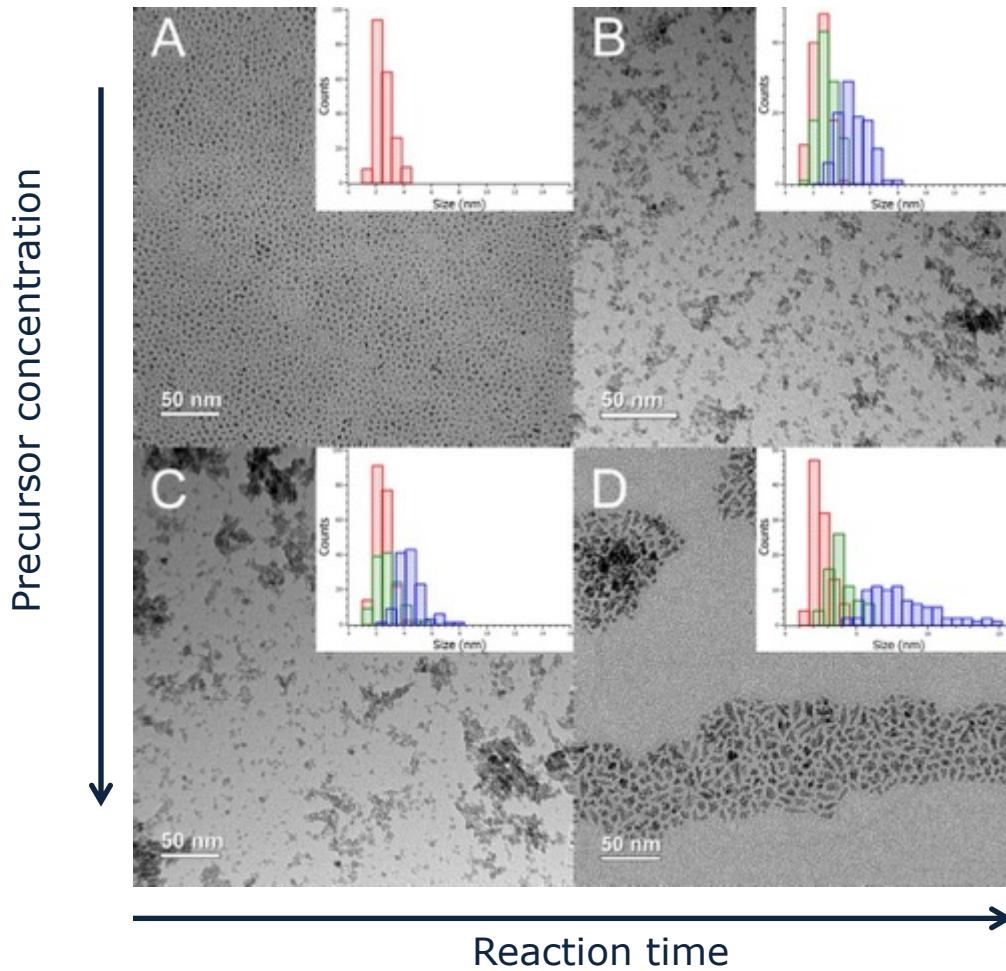


**XRD:** peak broadening, cubic and tetragonal peaks overlap in XRD → amorphous phase or nano-dimensions of analysed powders

**TEM images:** showed pseudo-spherical nanoparticles of around 2 nm and uniform size distribution

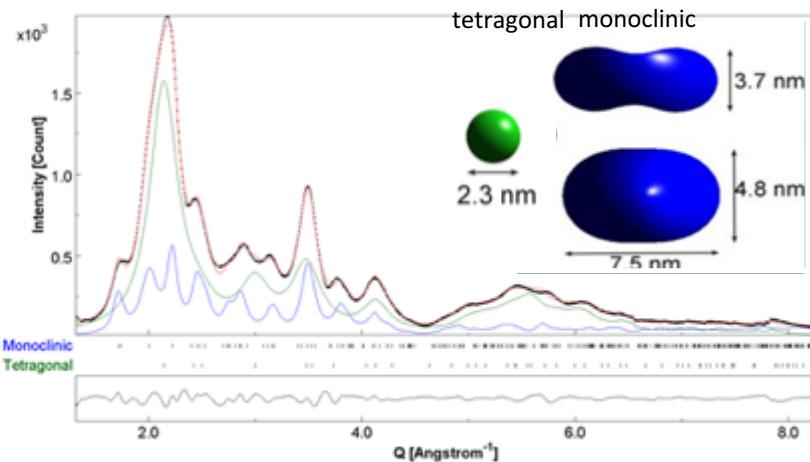
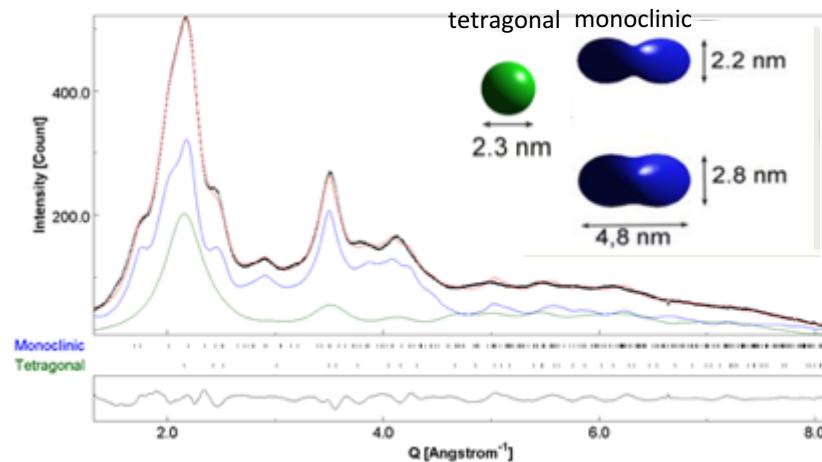
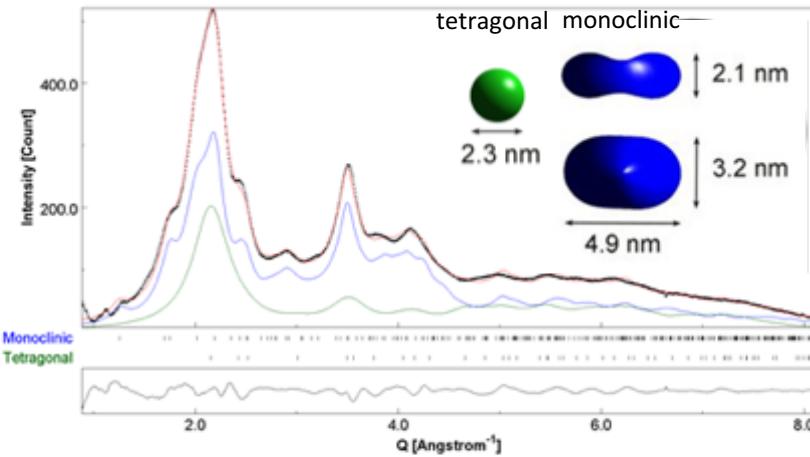
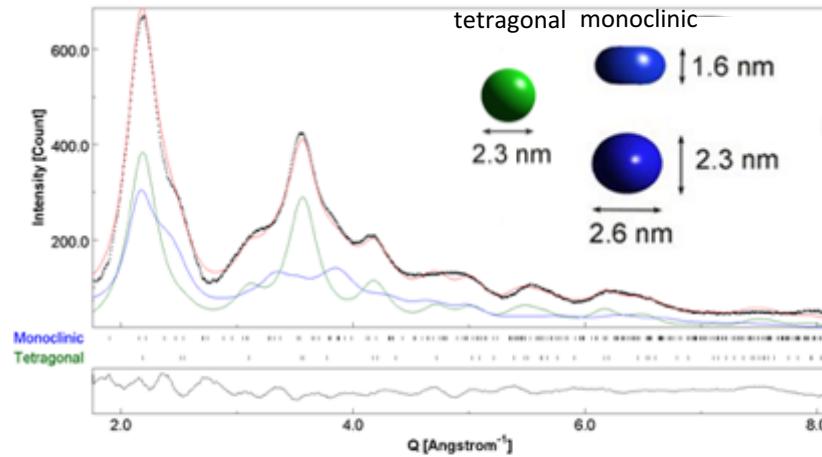


# ZrO<sub>2</sub> modified synthesis TEM characterization



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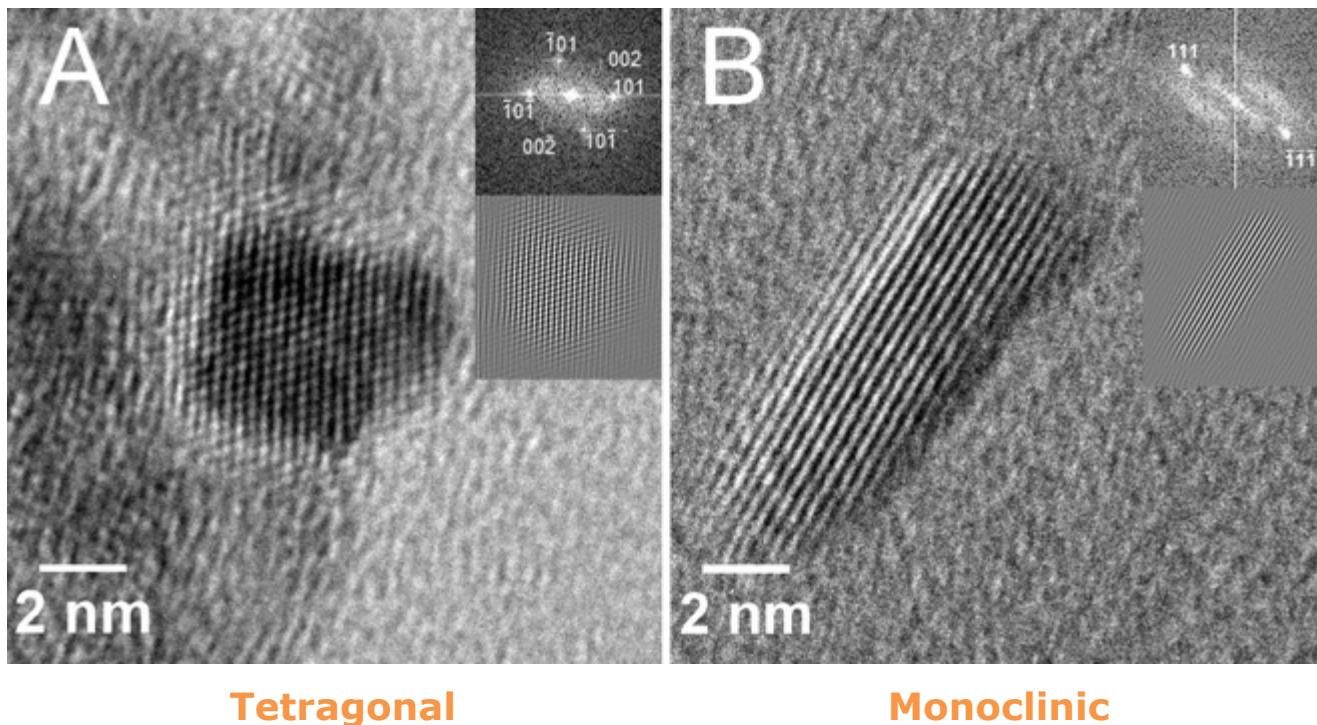
Rietveld refinement on electron powder diffraction were carried out in MAUD software (Material Analysis Using Diffraction) and allowed obtaining a model of zirconia particles shape



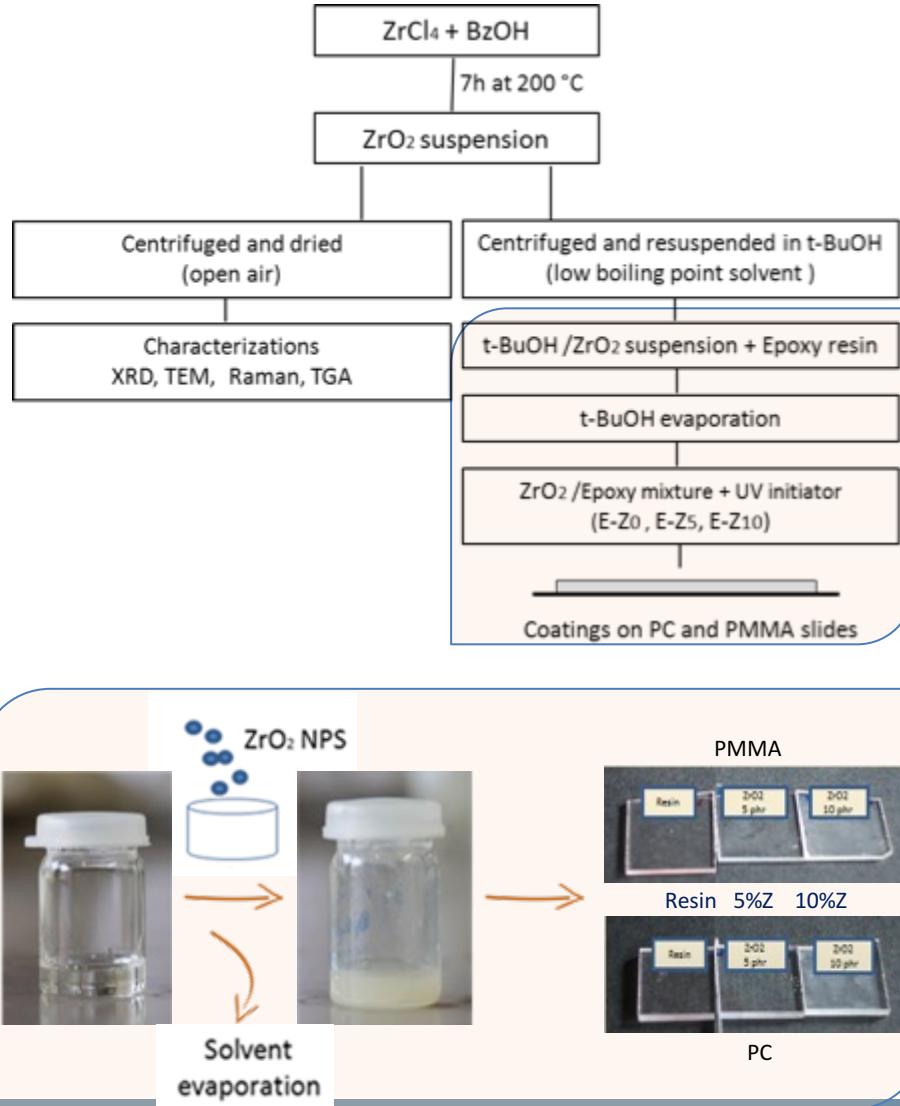
TEM analyses were performed by Andrea Serafini using MAUD software implemented by prof. Lutterotti (Università di Trento)

# ZrO<sub>2</sub> modified synthesis HRTEM characterization

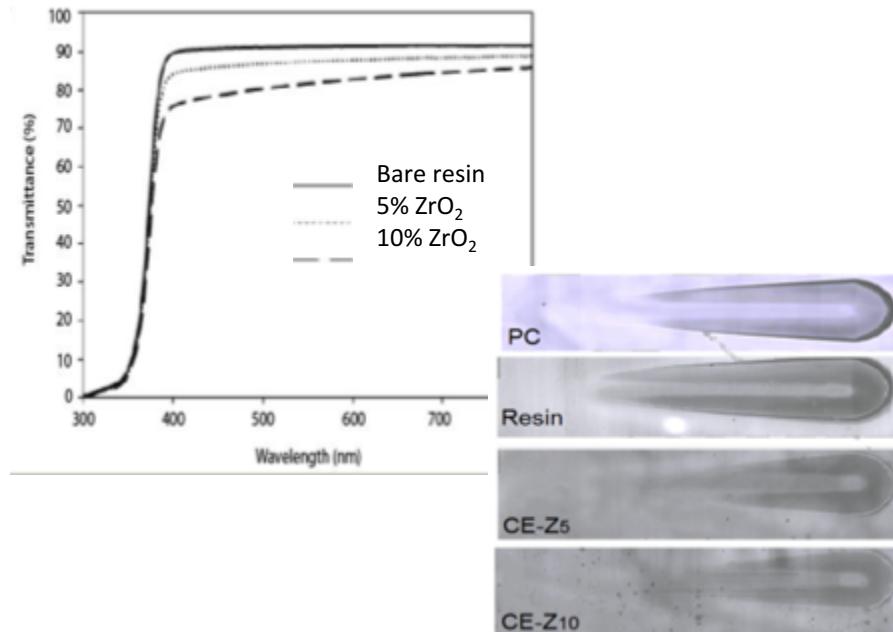
Correlation between particle crystalline phase and their morphological features confirmed that monoclinic particles possess mainly elongated shape in comparison with the tetragonal ones.



# ZrO<sub>2</sub> as nanofiller for antiscratch coatings

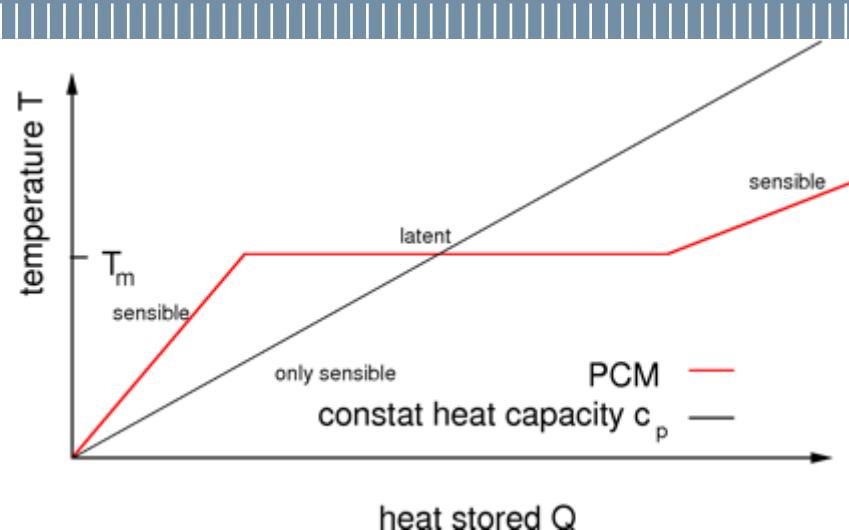
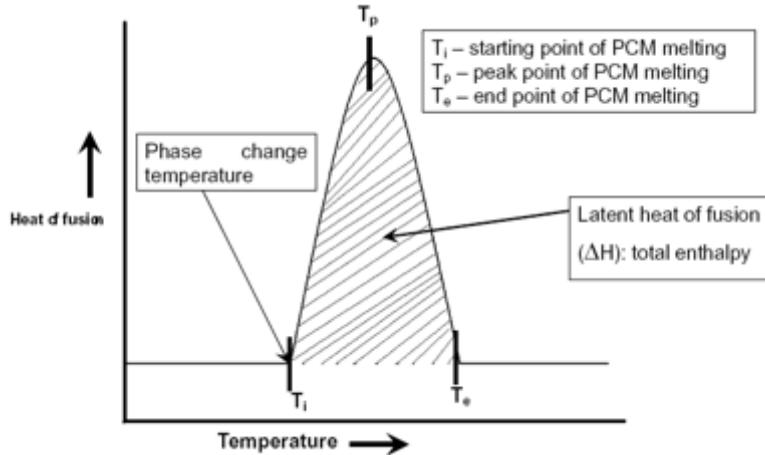


## UV-visible and scratch measurements on coatings



# Phase Change Materials

## Theoretical principles



Latent heat storage (LHS) is based on the heat absorption or release when a storage material undergoes a phase change

- ↳ from solid to liquid
- ↳ liquid to gas

$$Q = \int_{T_i}^{T_m} mC_p dT + ma_m \Delta h_m + \int_{T_m}^{T_f} mC_p dT$$

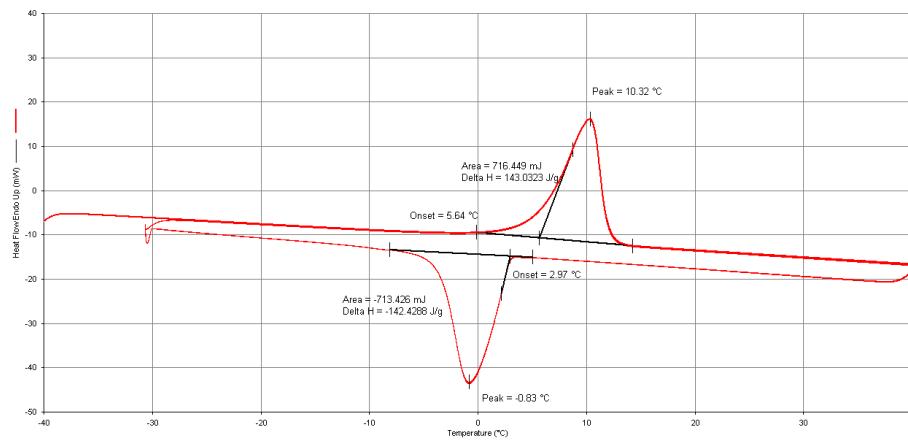
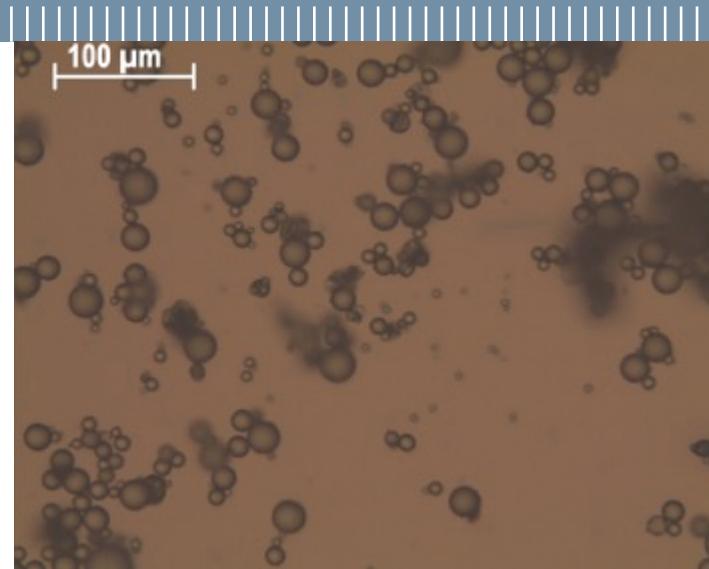
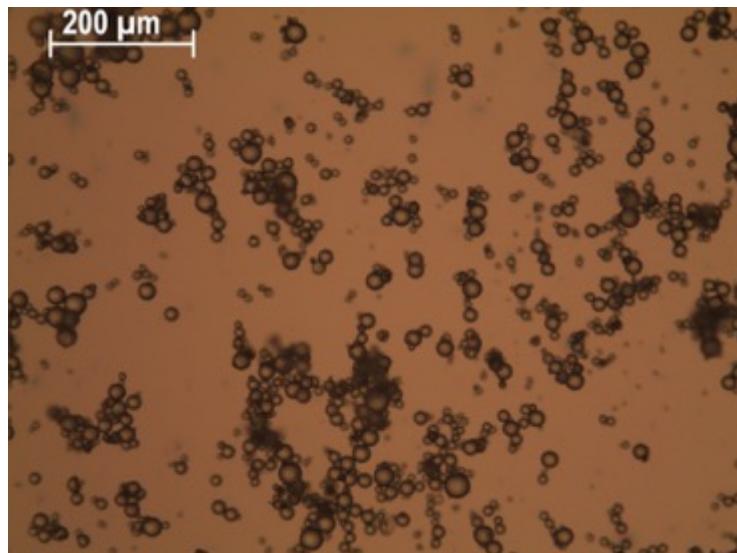
$$Q = m[C_{sp}(T_m - T_i) + a_m \Delta h_m + C_{lp}(T_f - T_m)]$$

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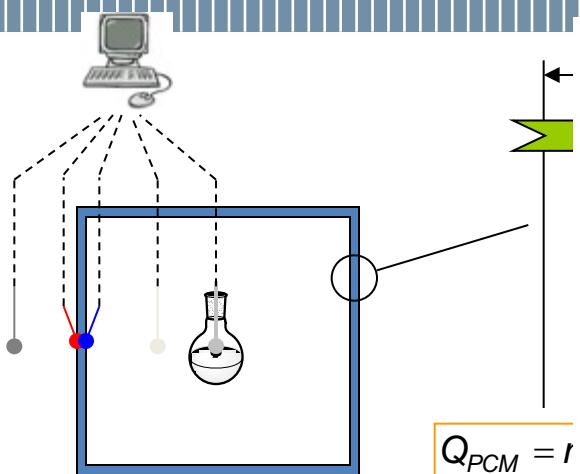
# Phase Change Materials microparticles experimental

PCM microparticles:

- ↳  $T_m = 6-10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
- ↳ Easily suspended in common hydrophilic solvents
- ↳ Good dimension dispersion



# Phase Change Materials Towards practical applications



$\Delta T \approx 10 \div 15^\circ C$

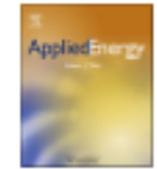
$$Q_{PCM} = I$$
$$Q_{PCM} = (0.1 \div 0.2) \cdot I$$

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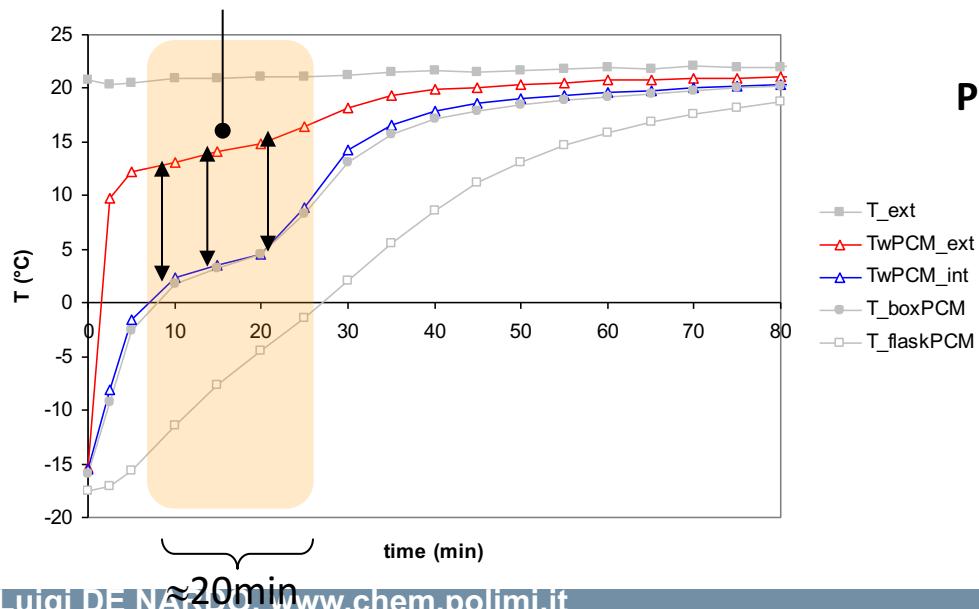


Phase change material cellulosic composites for the cold storage of perishable products: From material preparation to computational evaluation

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PCM's really buffer the conductive heat flux

Prolonged buffering times can be obtained  
reducing the k/L ratio

- higher L

- lower k

1. Materials
2. Packaging design

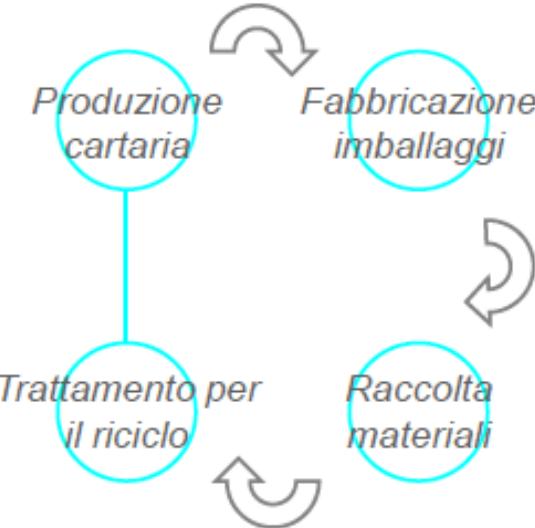
# Approccio proposto Compositi contenenti PCM

Imballaggi cellulosici immessi al consumo in Italia: oltre 4.000.000 t/anno

Tasso di riciclo: 78,7%

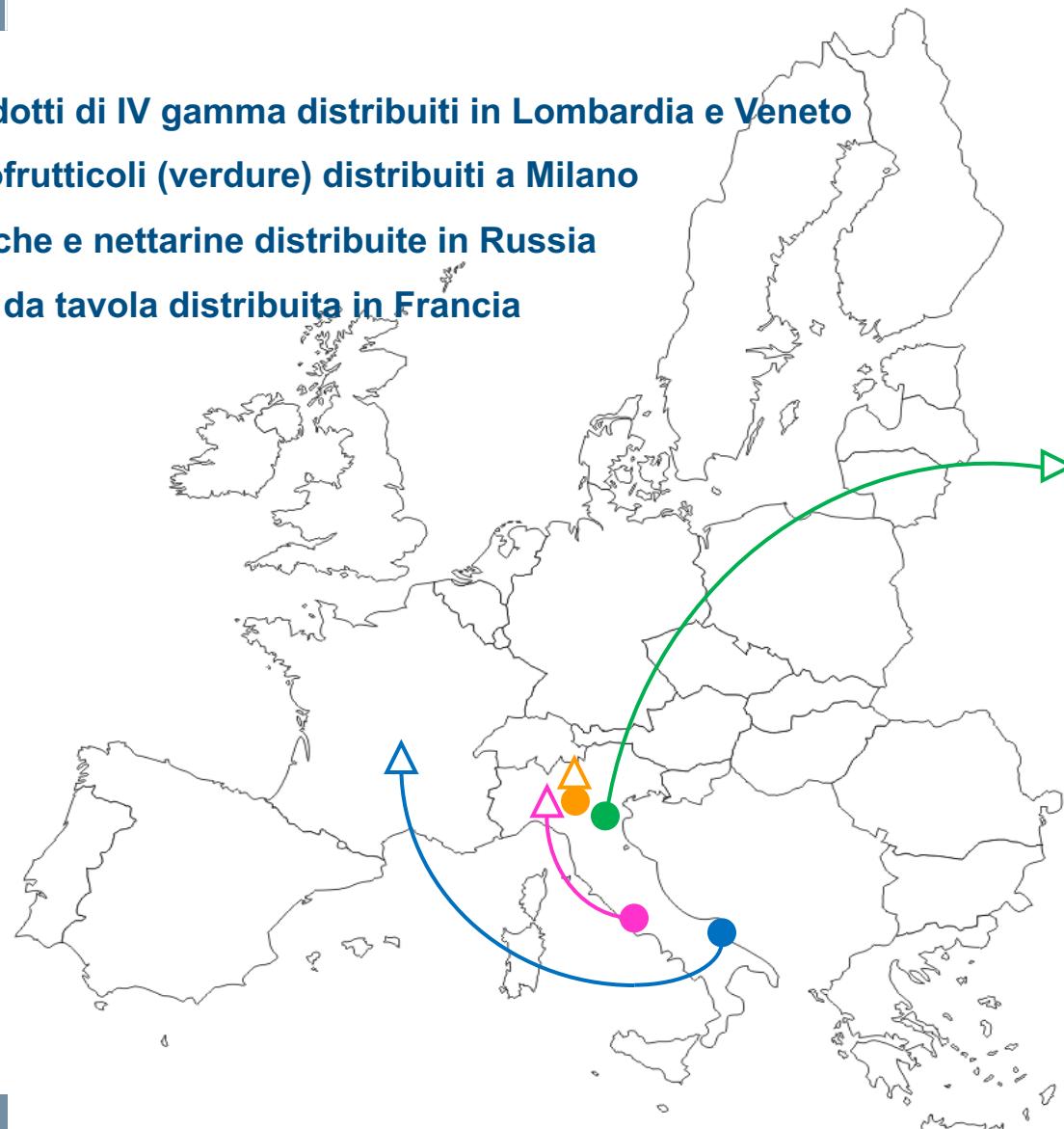
Recupero complessivo (compresa la quota di recupero energetico): 87,1%

(Comieco, 2011)



# Sperimentazione Attività su campo

- Prodotti di IV gamma distribuiti in Lombardia e Veneto
- Ortofrutticoli (verdure) distribuiti a Milano
- Pesche e nectarine distribuite in Russia
- Uva da tavola distribuita in Francia



# Sperimentazione su campo

## Fasi del Progetto

**Fase 1: Sviluppo di un processo di produzione industrializzabile per la realizzazione di imballaggi a mantenimento termico**

**Fase 2: Prove su campo**

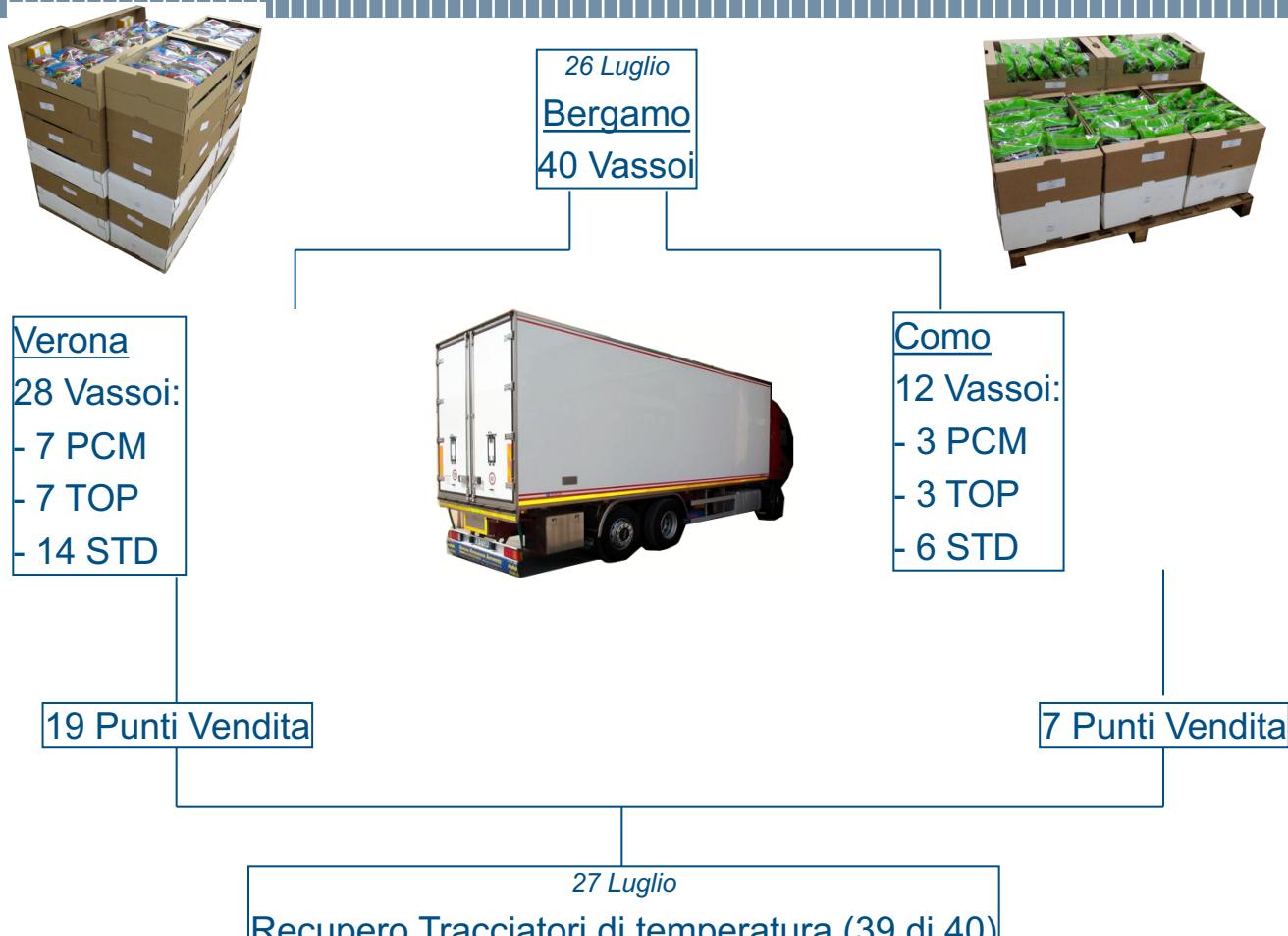
**Fase 3: Prove sperimentali in laboratorio**

*Aziende che hanno collaborato allo sviluppo delle prime fasi del progetto:*



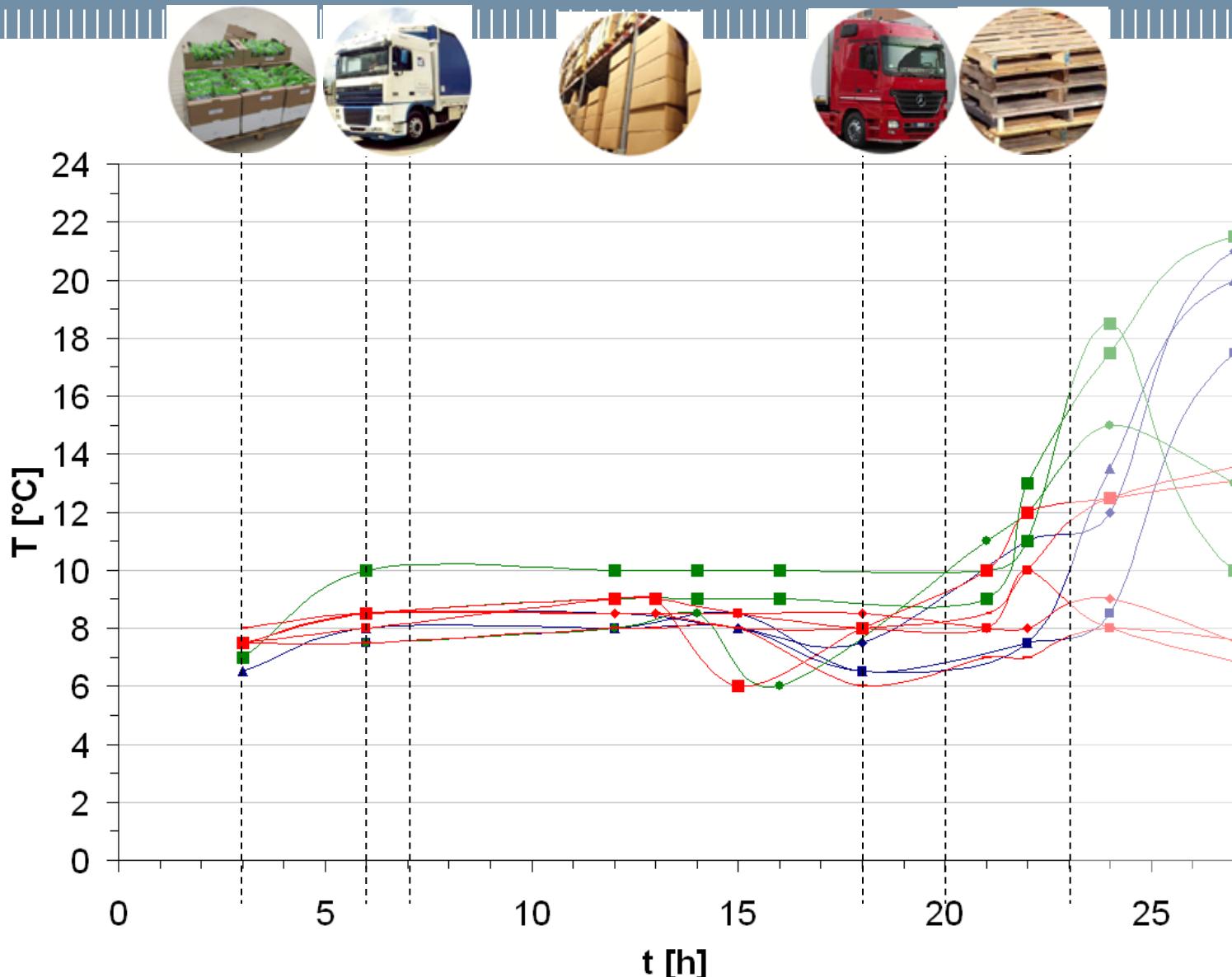
# Fase 2

## Test su campo



# Fase 2

## Risultati

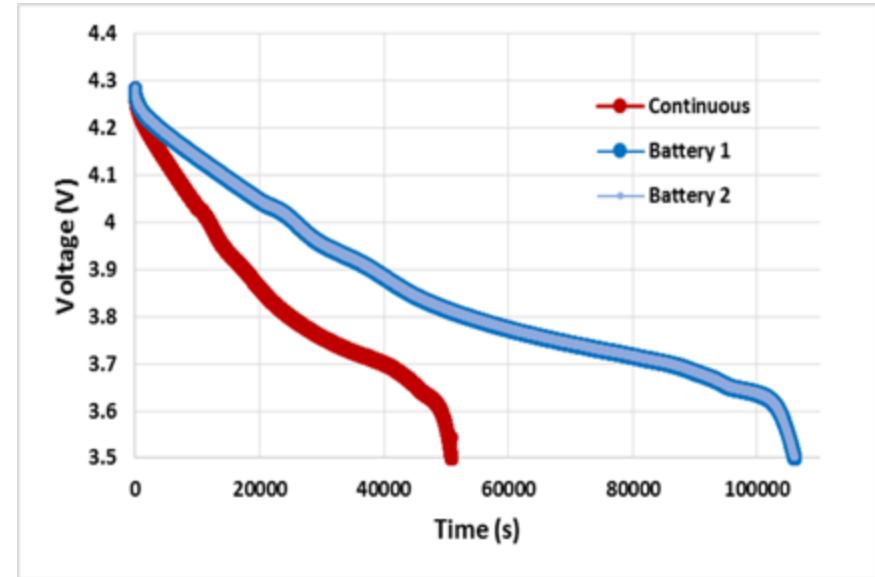


# Storage: Device for improving charging/discharging and energy exchange in batteries and storage

The device is a tool which can be integrated into any electrolytic generators able to improve the efficiency and performances of the generator itself. It allows:

- to **consume less energy** for the same time of use at constant electrical load, generating more electrical power;
- at constant electrical load, it **prolongs the power supplied by the generator**;
- at equal consumption, it allows to use less energy for the recharging of the generator;
- in **storage**, it allows minimization of energy losses;
- to decrease materials degradation and to **improve safety**

*Increased performances for Li ions batteries*



Patents pending:  
PCT/EP2015/058889  
PCT/EP2016/059209

# Storage: Device for improving charging/discharging and energy exchange in batteries and storage

➤ If integrated into any electrolytic generators device allows:



For the same time of use:

- **to consume less energy** → batteries discharge decreased;
- **to generate more electrical power.**



At constant electrical load:

- prolong the power supplied by the generator

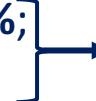


At equal consumption

- **to use less energy for the recharging of generator.**

➤ Achievable advantages are dependent on the batteries:

- **Rechargeable batteries:** increase achieved **4-10%**;
- **Non-rechargeable batteries:** up to **900%**.



**INCREASED BATTERY EFFICIENCY**

➤ **The gained advantages depend on:** applied electrical load; kind of generator; time of use

# Ongoing activities @CMIC

## Studio, sintesi e caratterizzazione di materiali micro e nanostrutturati

- ↳ Sintesi di nano particelle (polimeri, ceramici, ibridi)
- ↳ Sviluppo di compositi funzionali

## Applicazioni

- ↳ Medicale
- ↳ Energia
- ↳ Packaging (alimentare, medico, elettronico)
- ↳ Meccanica/costruito (edilizia)



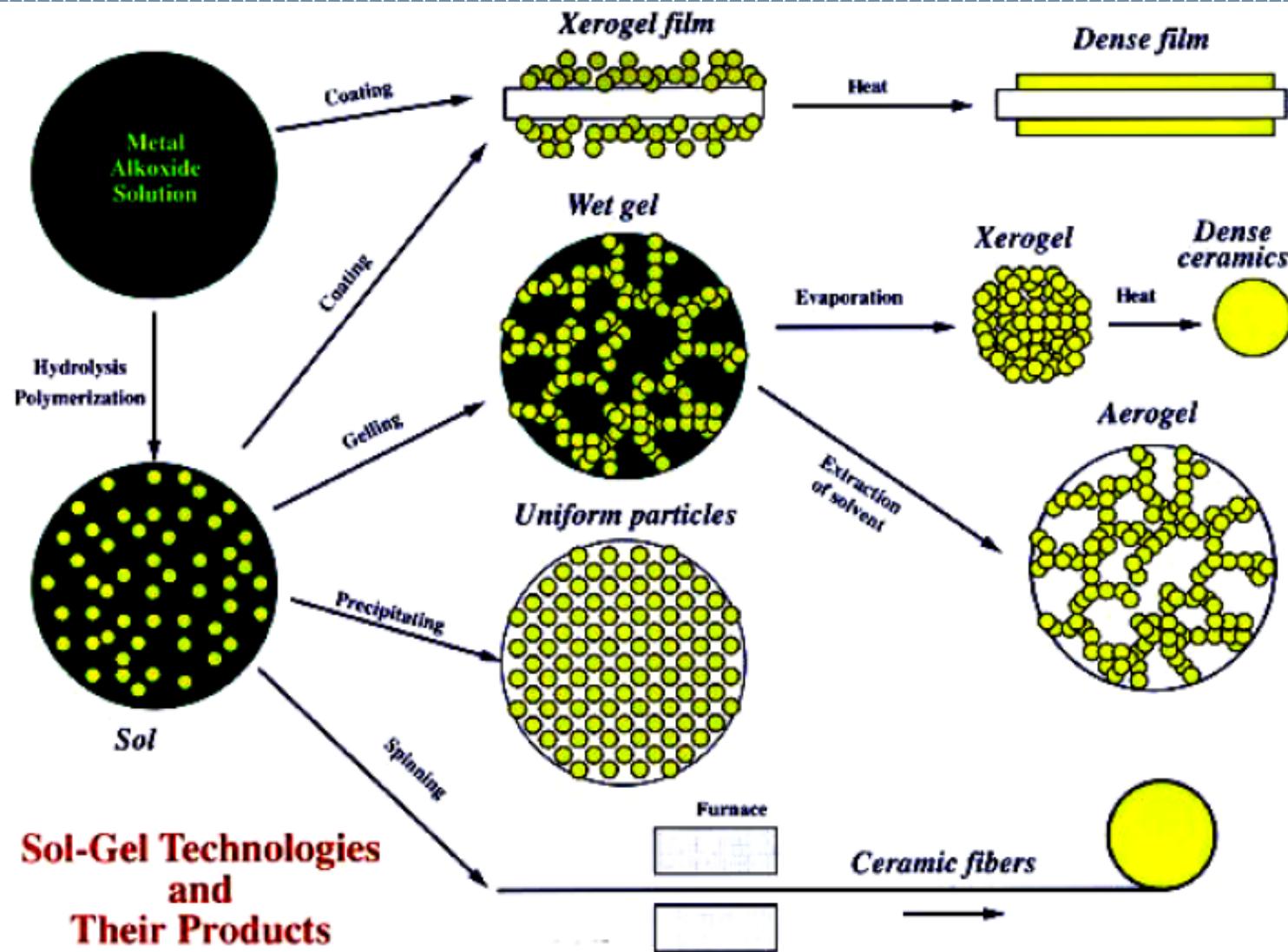
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## *Sviluppo di materiali funzionali di superficie*

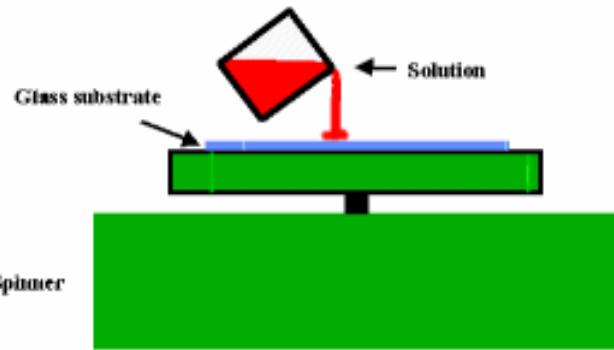
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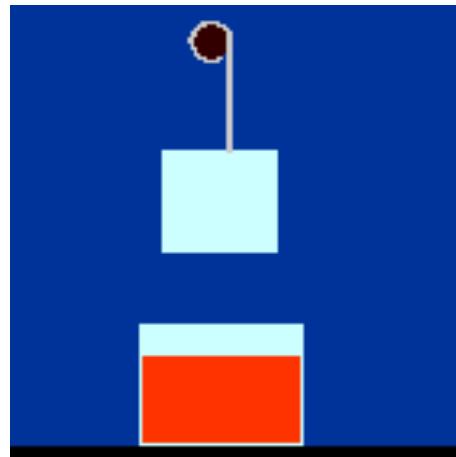
# Lo schema del processo sol-gel



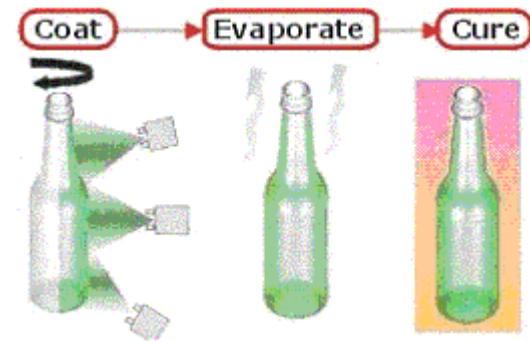
# Tecniche di deposizione



**Spin coating**



**Dip coating**



**Spray coating**

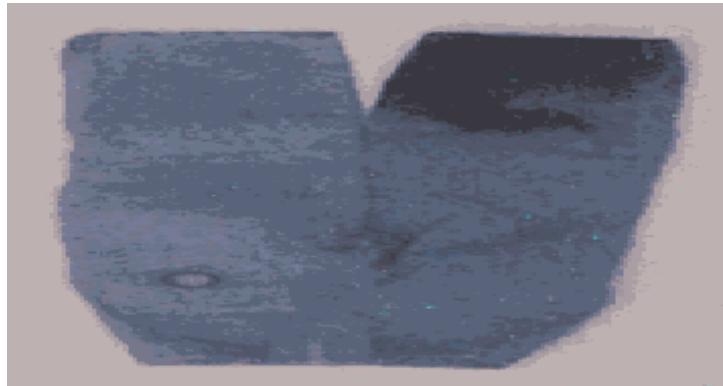
# substrati trattabili



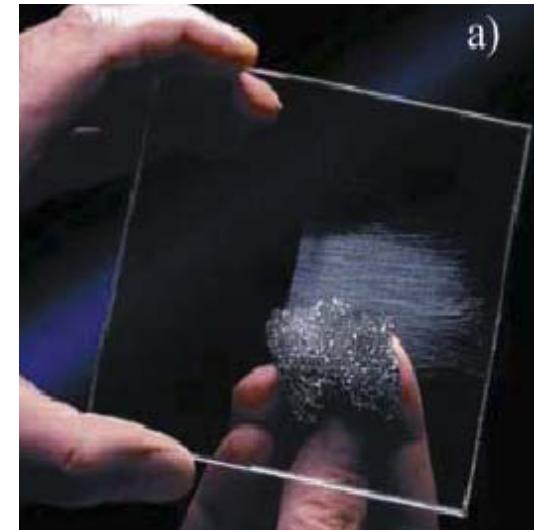
SOLICA<sup>TM</sup> PLC wafer with test structures  
**Ceramici**



**Metalli**

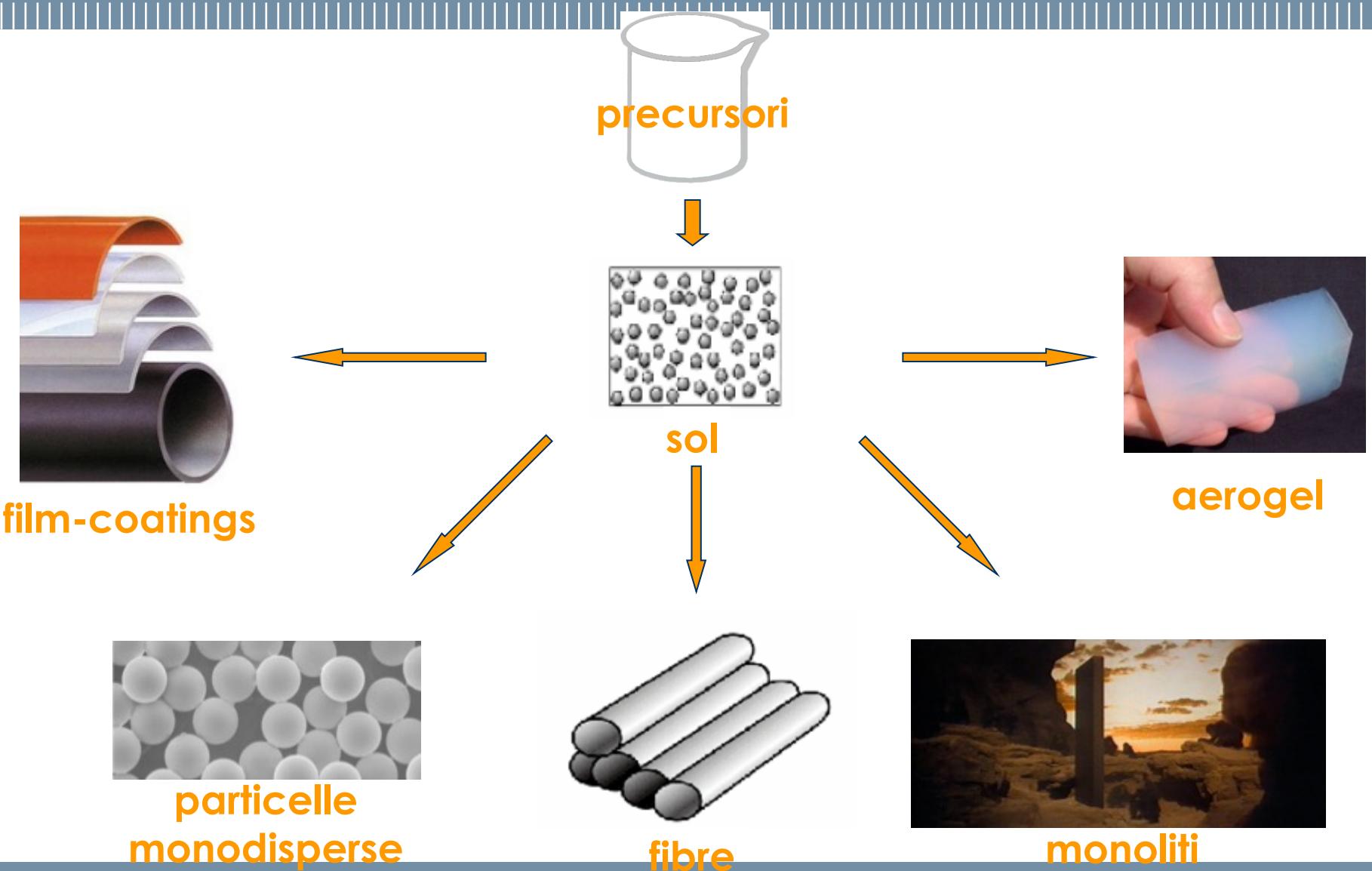


**Tessuti naturali e artificiali**



**Polimeri**

# cosa si può fare...



# film ottenibili

Migliorata  
abrasione

Olio, acqua  
repellenza

Diminuzione  
Infiammabilità

Colorazione

Protezione UV

Coating  
Sol Gel

Conduttività  
elettrica

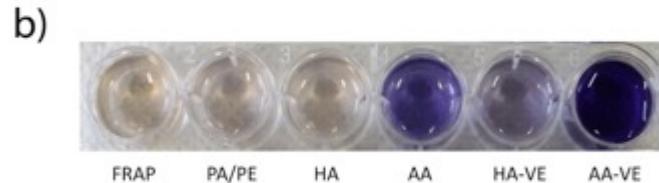
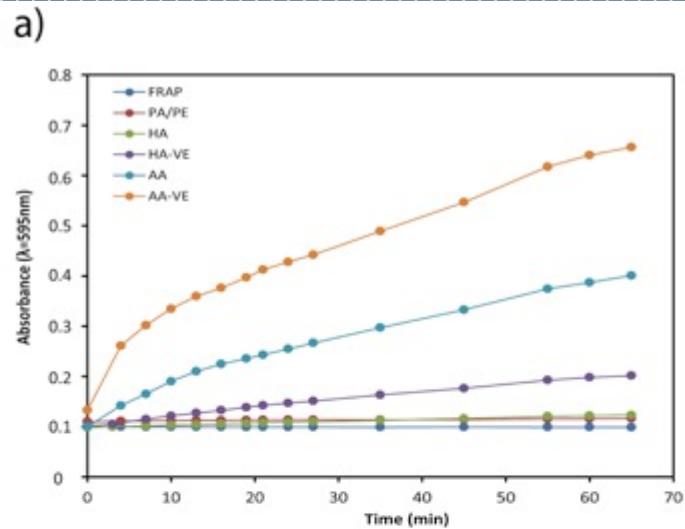
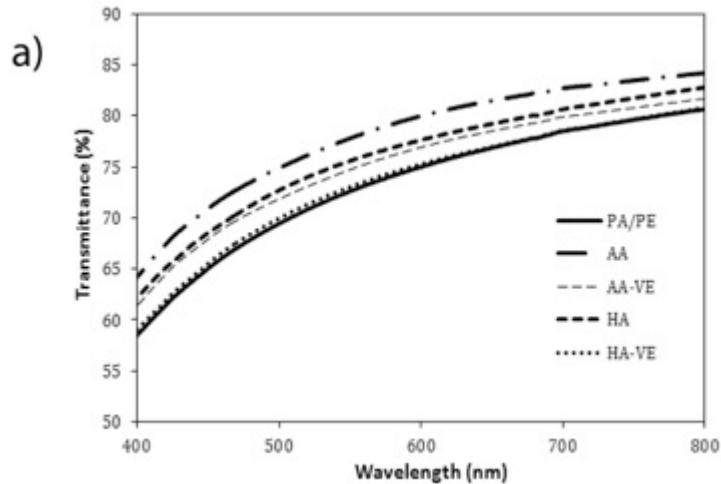
Rilascio  
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Biocompatibilità

Proprietà  
antimicrobiche

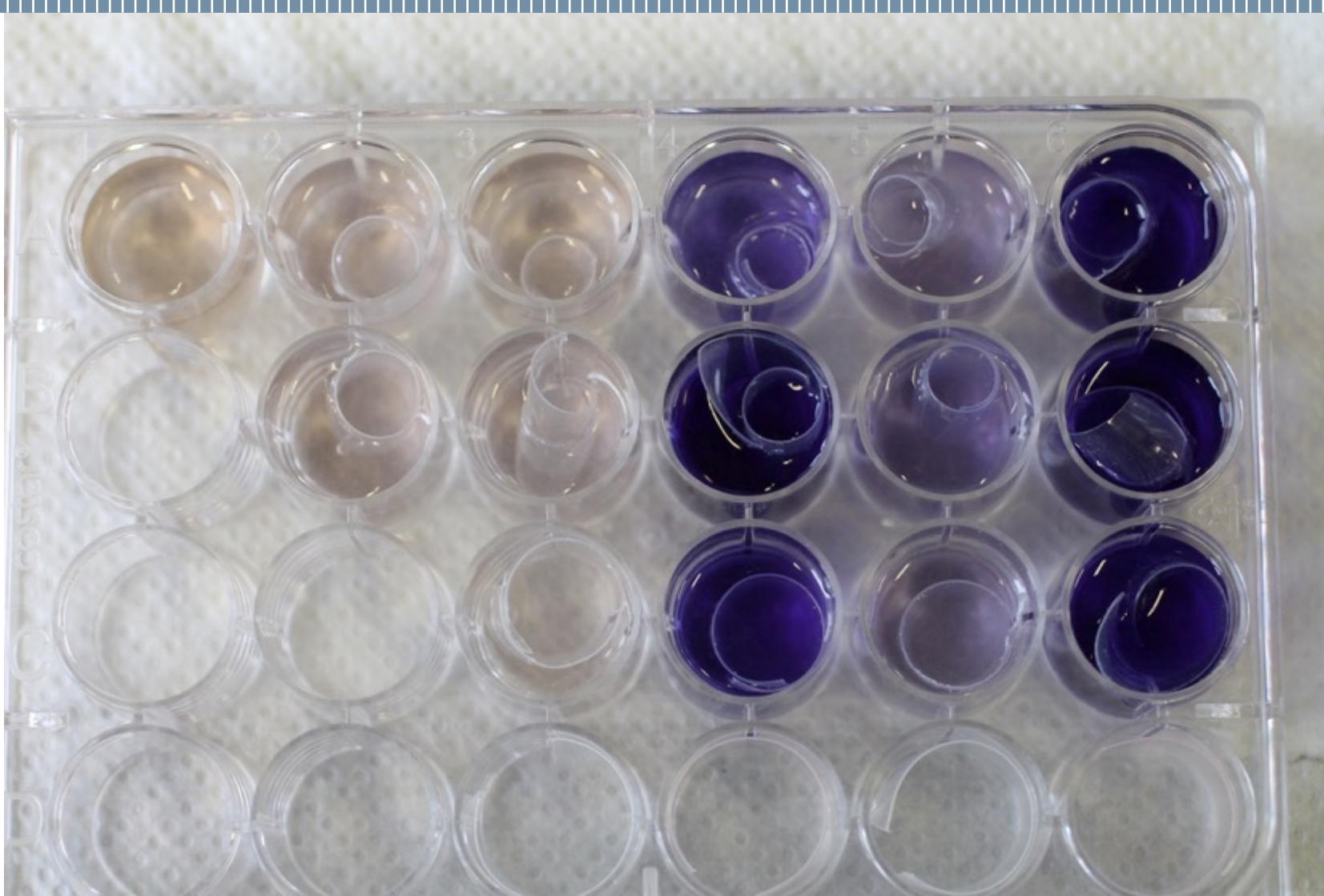
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# Films for active packaging Vitamin E



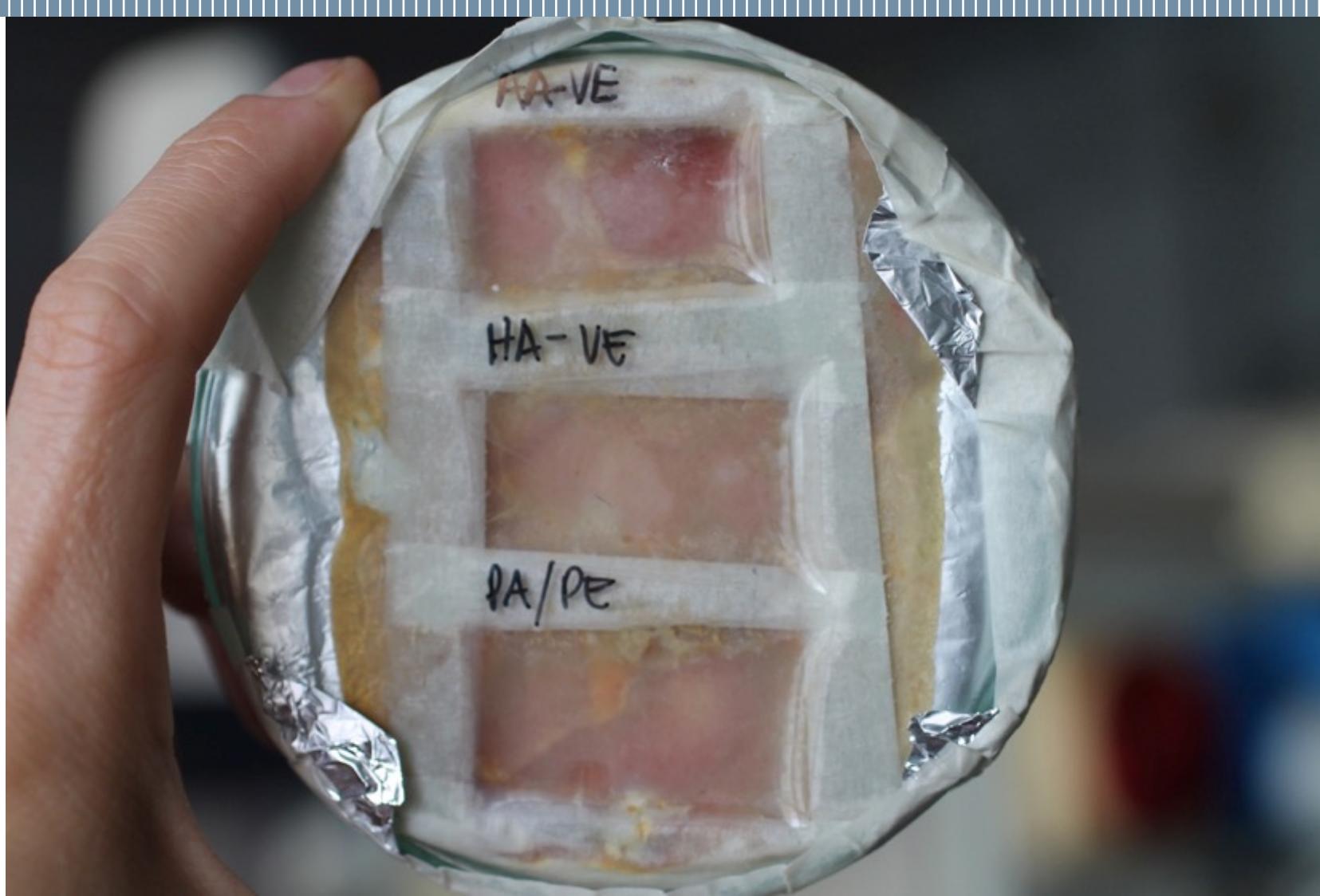
# Films for active packaging

## Vitamin E – After 120 DD



# Films for active packaging

## Vitamin E

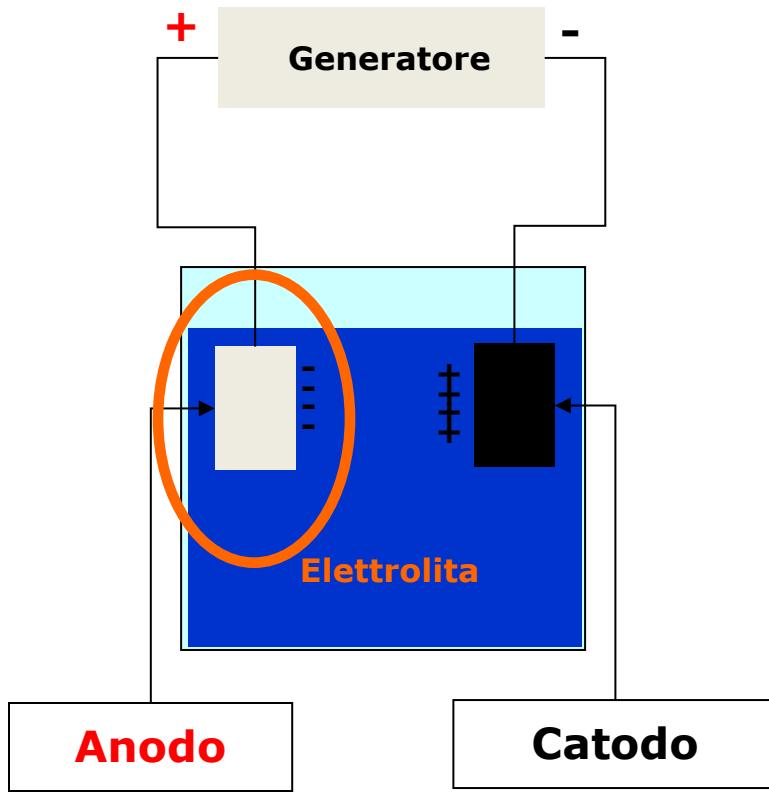


# Anodizzazione del titanio

Il titanio deve la sua resistenza alla corrosione alla formazione di un film di ossido di pochi nanometri di spessore

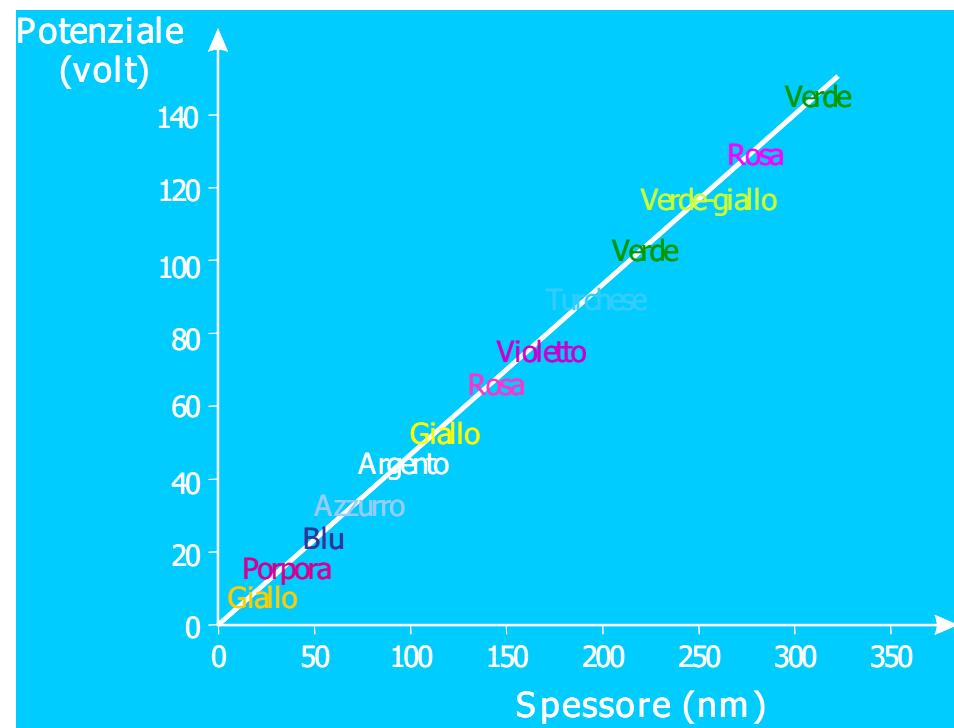
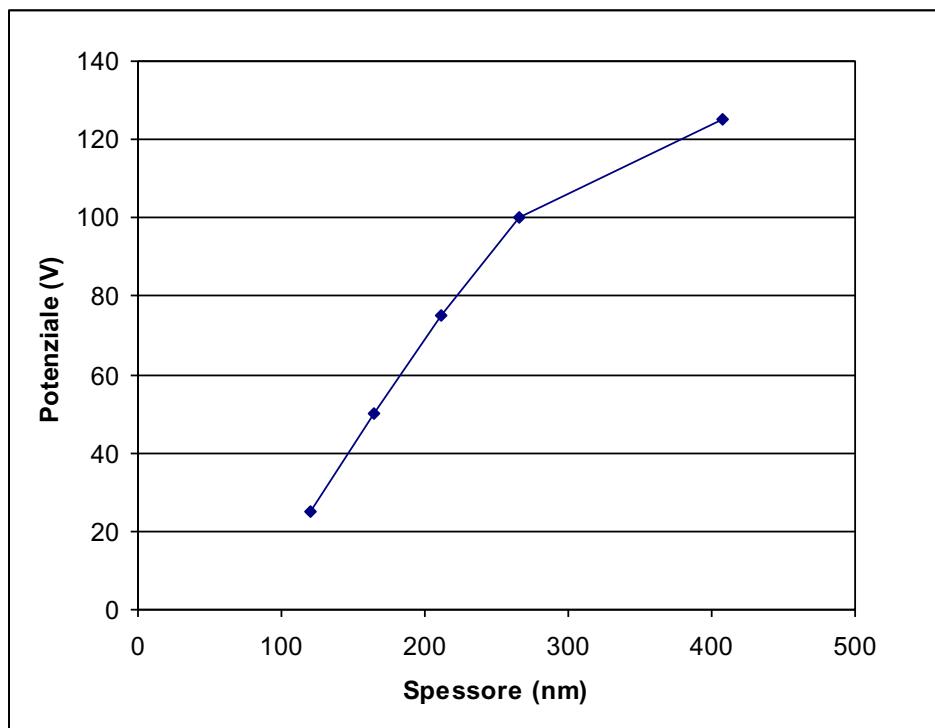
Mediane tecniche elettrochimiche di ossidazione anodica è possibile far crescere lo spessore del film di ossido fino ad alcune centinaia di nanometri

Le proprietà di resistenza alla corrosione e atossicità risultano migliorate

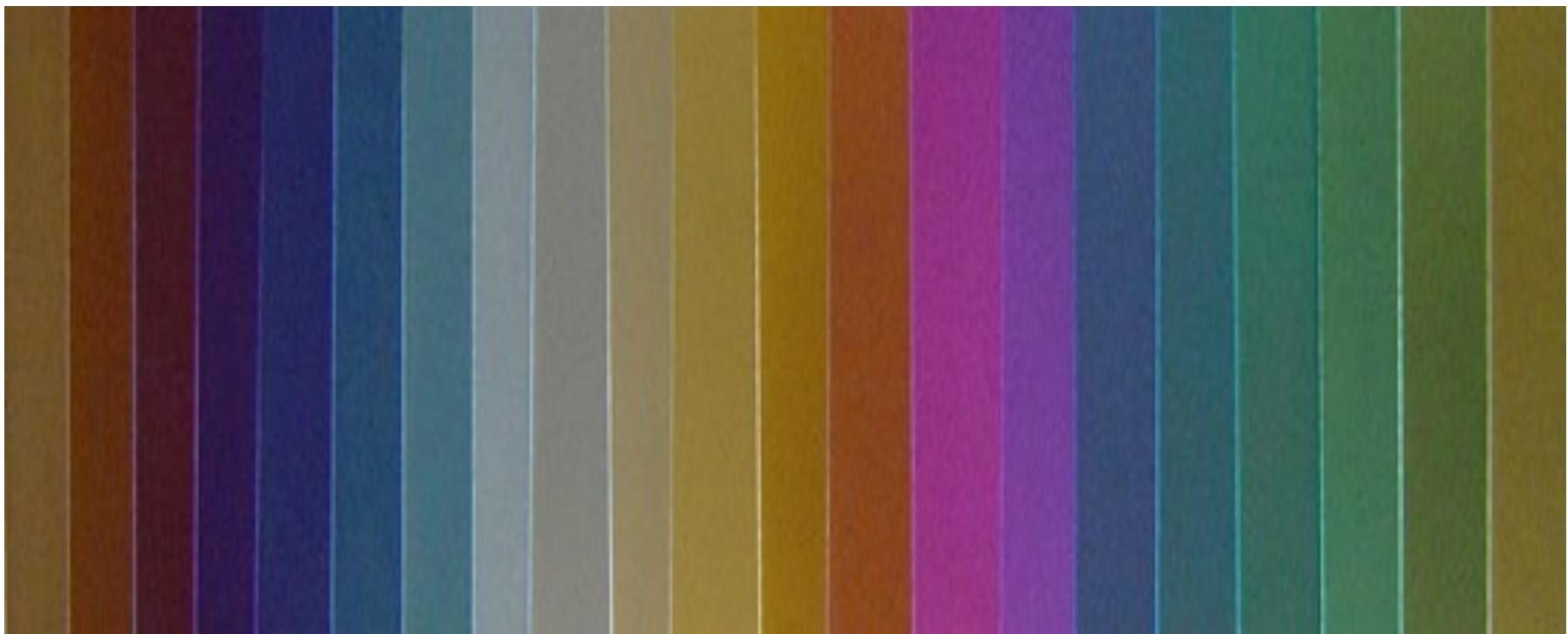


# Anodizzazione e colore nel titanio

Esiste una precisa e riproducibile correlazione tra potenziale applicato, spessore del film di ossido e colorazione di interferenza acquisita



# Anodizzazione e colore nel titanio



Colori saturi e brillanti con film aderenti possono essere ottenuti solo facendo precedere l'anodizzazione da particolari pretrattamenti che governano la formazione del primo film di ossido

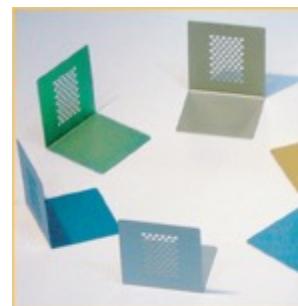
# Colorazione elettrochimica del Ti

Resistenza alla corrosione

Colori brillanti e luminosi

Saturazione elevata del colore

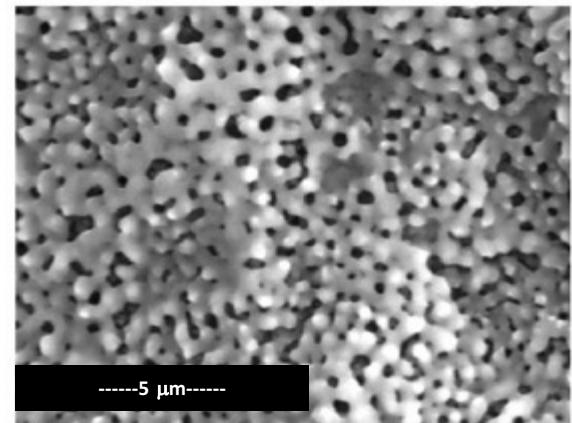
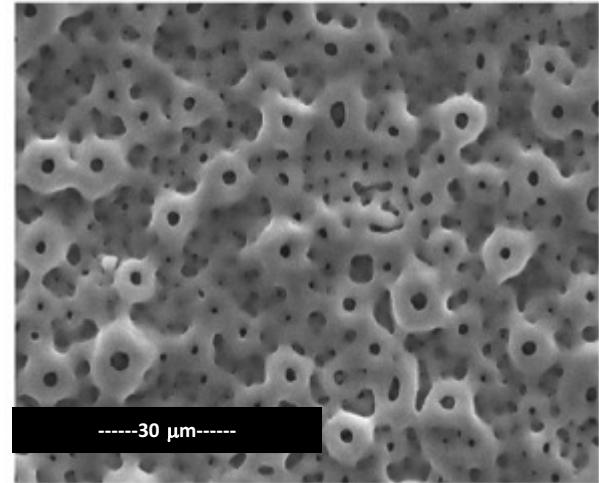
Codifica colore



# Anodic Spark Deposition

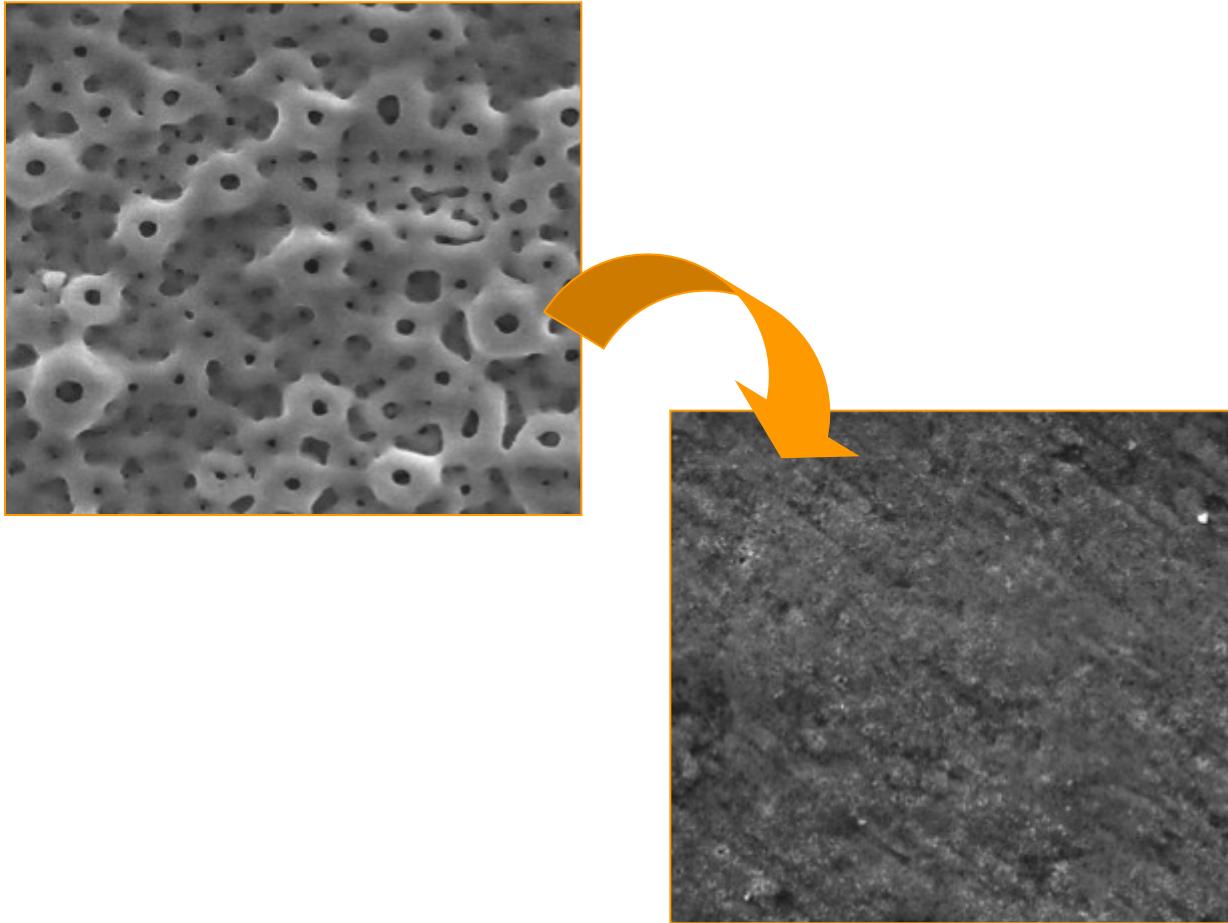
## Anodizzazioni ad alto voltaggio

- ↳ Dielectric breakdown
- ↳ Micro-sparks localizzati alla superficie
- ↳ Microfusioni localizzate
- ↳ Ossidi porosi e dopati
- ↳ Ossidi cristallini: anatasio e rutilo
- ↳ Ottima adesione substrato/film



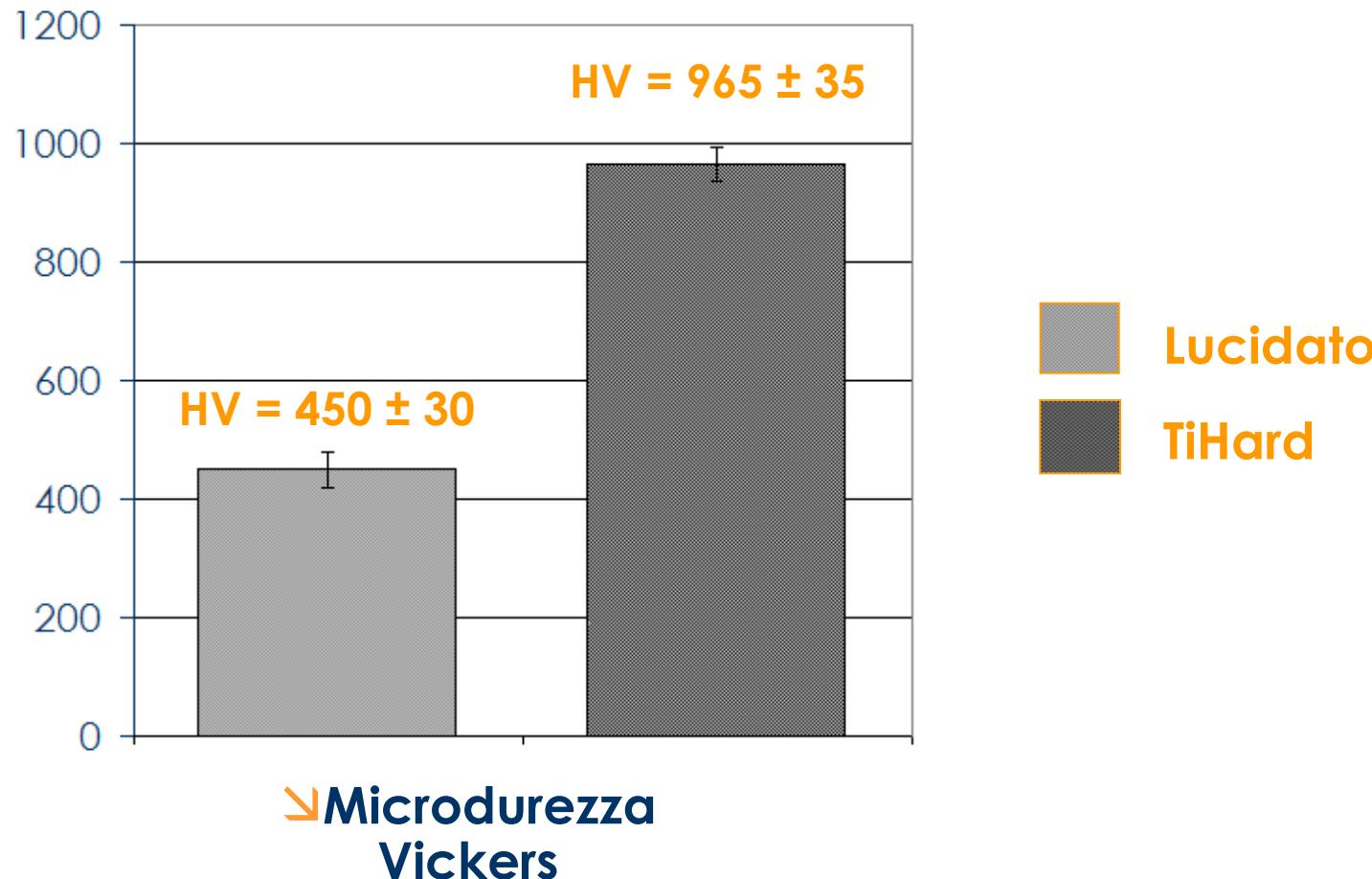
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## Step 2 – Finitura meccanica



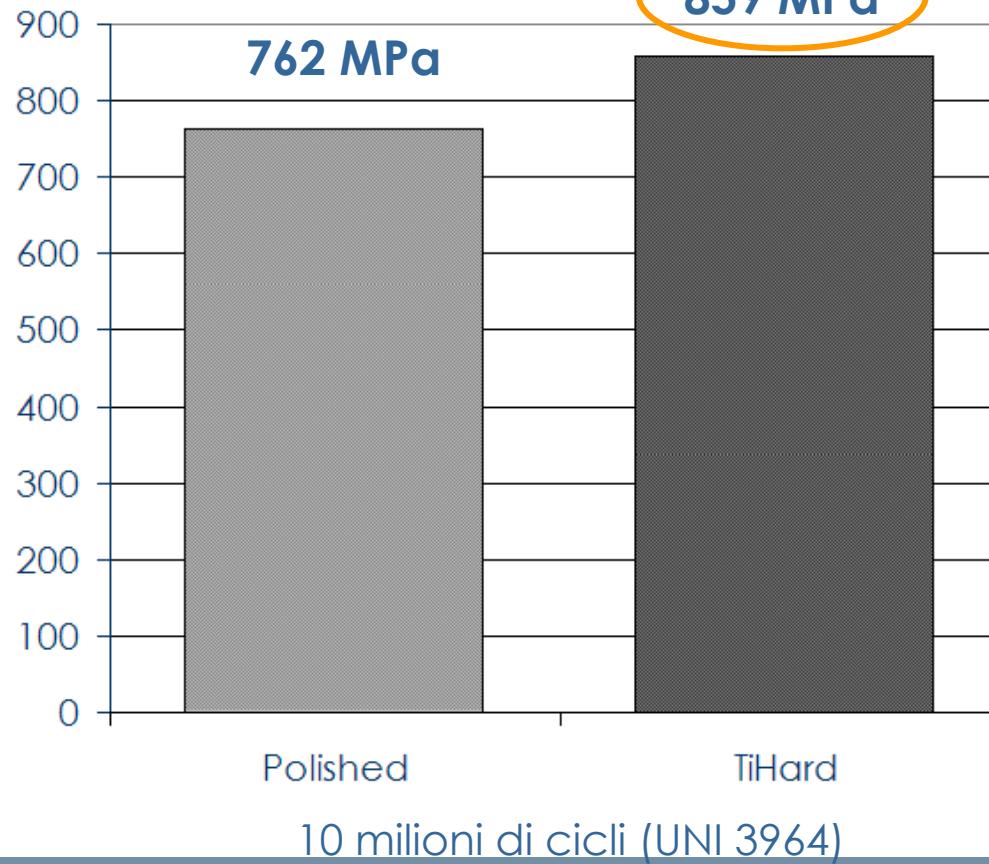
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Maggiore durezza superficiale

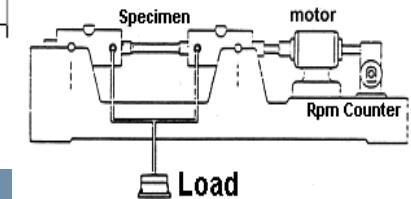


# Il trattamento TiHard™

**Superiore resistenza a fatica**



Lucidato  
TiHard



# Il trattamento TiHard™

## Applicazioni



courtesy of Poggipolini group per



# Ongoing activities @CMIC

## Sviluppo di trattamenti chimici per la funzionalizzazione di superficie:

- ↳ Tecnologie sol gel per resistenza abrasione
- ↳ Film funzionali (olio, idrofobici, ...)
- ↳ CVD e Plasma
- ↳ Materiali per l'energia

## Sviluppo trattamenti elettrochimici

- ↳ Anodizzazioni ad alto e basso spessore
- ↳ Rivestimenti catodici
- ↳ Rivestimenti micro e nano-strutturati electroless
- ↳ Liquidi ionici

## Sviluppo trattamenti e tecnologie fisiche

- ↳ PVD
- ↳ Micro e nano-strutturazioni per impartire proprietà funzionali



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## *Sviluppo di materiali carboniosi*

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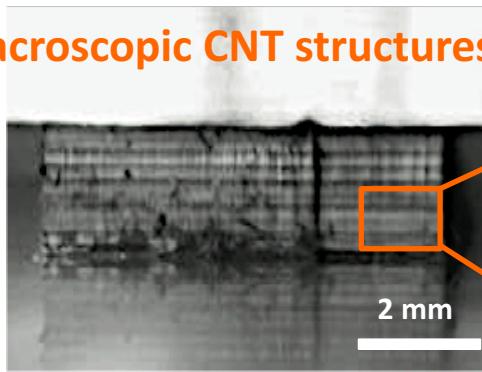
# Mater. structure - Mech. response

Material Structure

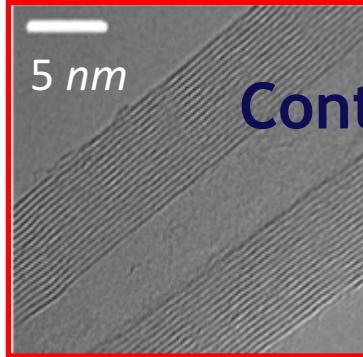


Material Properties

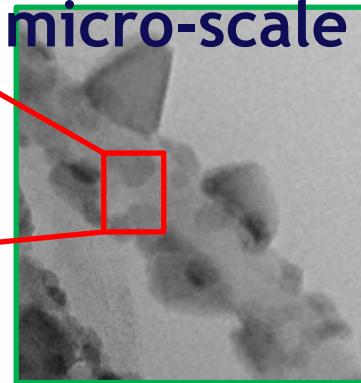
3-D Macroscopic CNT structures



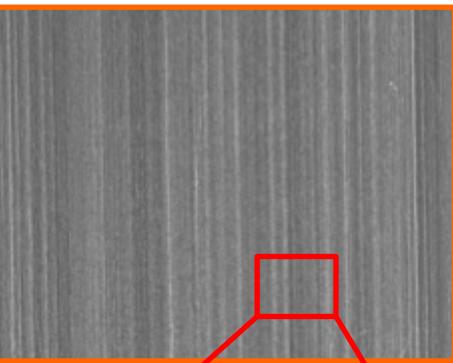
5 nm



**Control of the micro-scale geometry**



1  $\mu$ m



# Hierarchical Materials Mechanical behaviour

Dependence of relaxation/creep rate on strain/stress levels



## Nonlinear viscoelasticity of freestanding and polymer-anchored vertically aligned carbon nanotube foams

Ludovica Lattanzi, Jordan R. Raney, Luigi De Nardo, Abha Misra, and Chiara Daraio

Citation: J. Appl. Phys. 111, 074314 (2012); doi: 10.1063/1.3699184

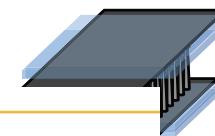
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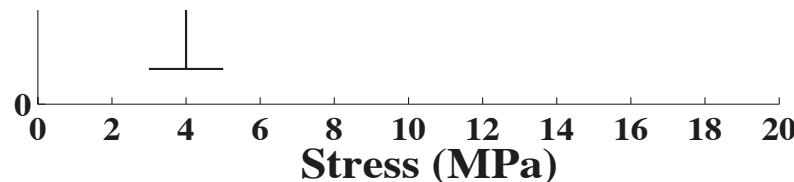
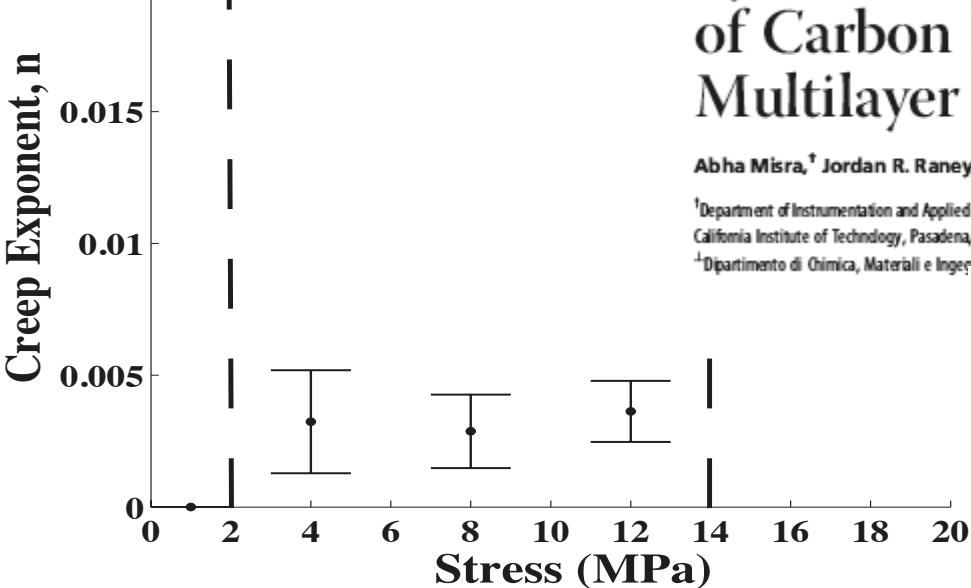
## Synthesis and Characterization of Carbon Nanotube–Polymer Multilayer Structures

Abha Misra,<sup>†</sup> Jordan R. Raney,<sup>‡</sup> Luigi De Nardo,<sup>§,||</sup> Anna E. Craig,<sup>‡</sup> and Chiara Daraio<sup>‡,\*</sup>

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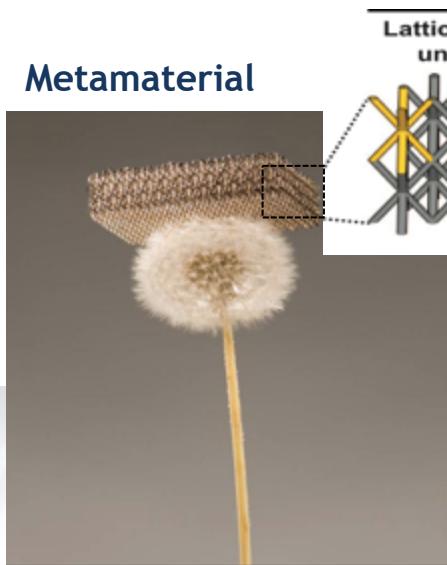


# Hierarchical Materials Mechanical behaviour

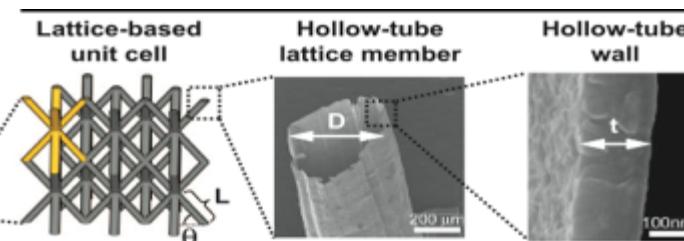
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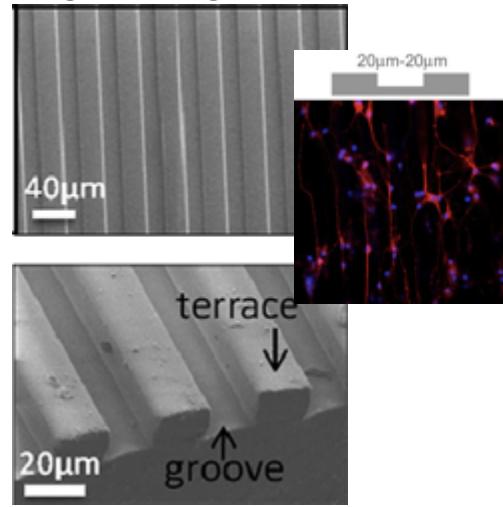
Schaedler *et al.*, Science, 2011



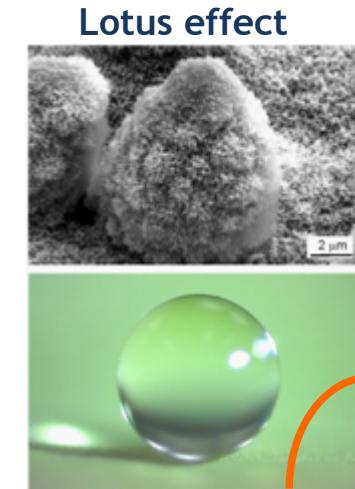
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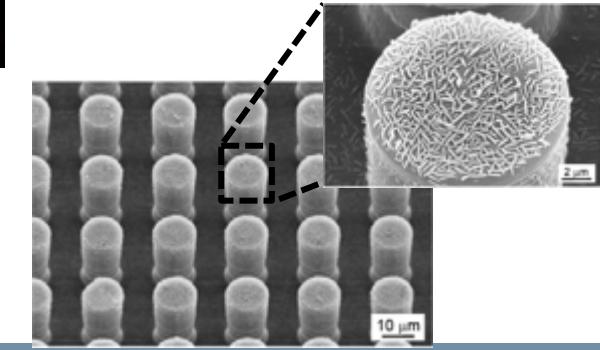
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Beduer *et al.*, Biomaterials, 2012



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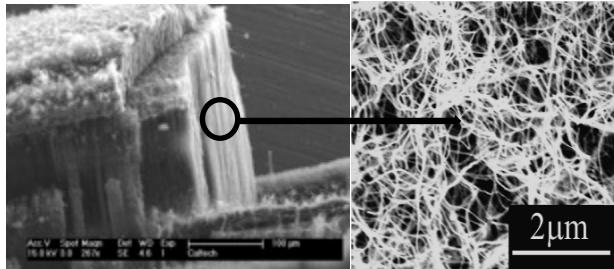


Biomimetic material

# Hierarchical Materials

## Mechanical behaviour

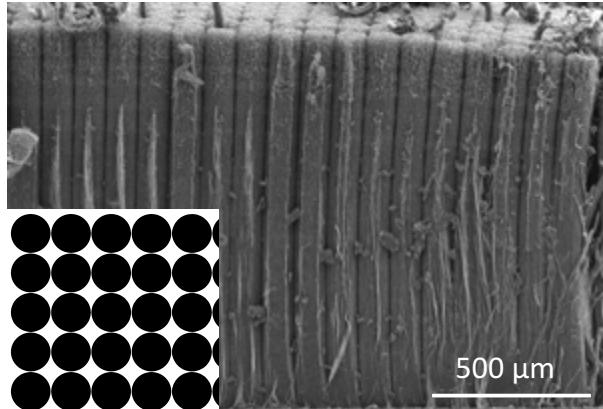
Properties of low-density materials are defined by their structural architecture and the properties of the solid constituent



Carbon Nanotube foam

Introduction of **order** and **hierarchy** by Photolithography

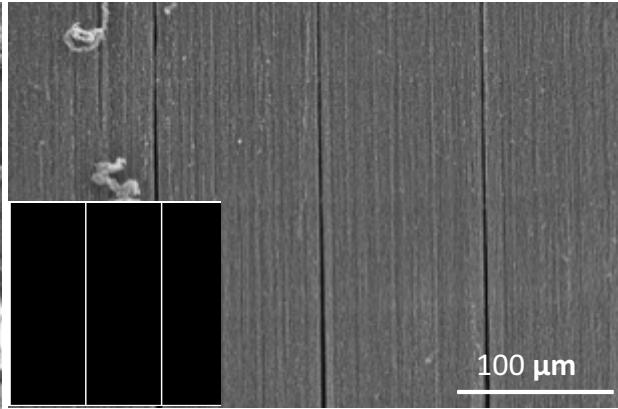
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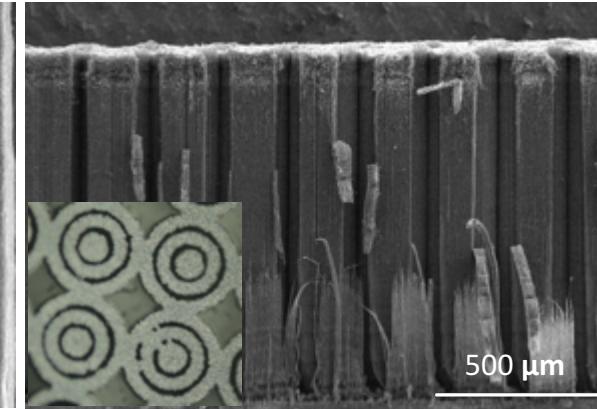
Lines



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Concentric Rings

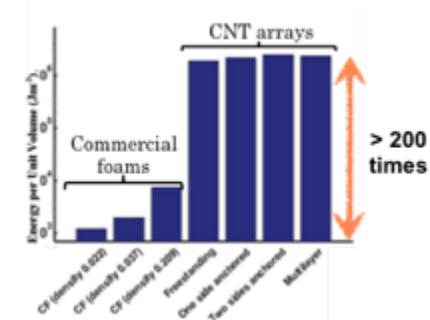
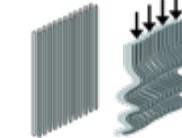
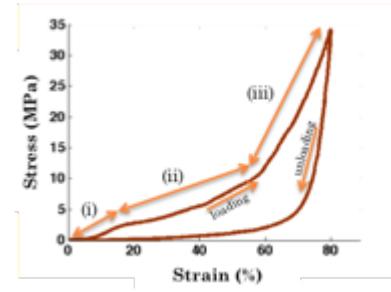
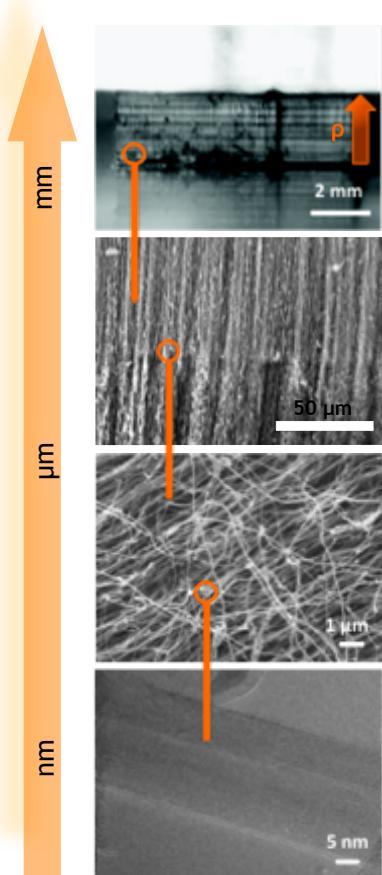


20 μm ring width with 10 μm spacing



## 3-D Vertically aligned CNT (VACNT) forest

Floating catalyst CVD system



# Progetto GRATA

## Smart Fashion and Design – Regione Lombardia POR FESR



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### Directa Plus to lead smart fabrics research project

Supplier of graphene-based products Directa Plus has secured funding from the regional government of Lombardy, Italy.

The €1 million European grant will help it fund research into smart fabrics. It will see the company become the project leader of a research team that includes Italian companies Novaresin and Soliani, and Politecnico di Milano, one of the largest technical universities in Italy.

Directa Plus said the project will focus on the development of its Graphene Plus (G+) membranes, which allow a fabric to act as a filter between the body and external environment. This makes it easier for the wearer to maintain a comfortable temperature as warmth produced by the body is preserved and distributed evenly in cold climates, yet dispersed in warm climates.

# Ongoing activities @CMIC

Sviluppo di trattamenti tecnologie per la produzione sostenibile di materiali carboniosi

- ↳ Nanotubi di carbonio
- ↳ Grafene e derivati nanostrutturati

Funzionalizzazione di materiali per impartire proprietà avanzate

Realizzazione e caratterizzazione di materiali compositi con proprietà funzionali

- ↳ Miglioramento conducibilità termica
- ↳ Miglioramento conducibilità elettrica



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*Materiali Nanostrutturati da Fonti Rinnovabili  
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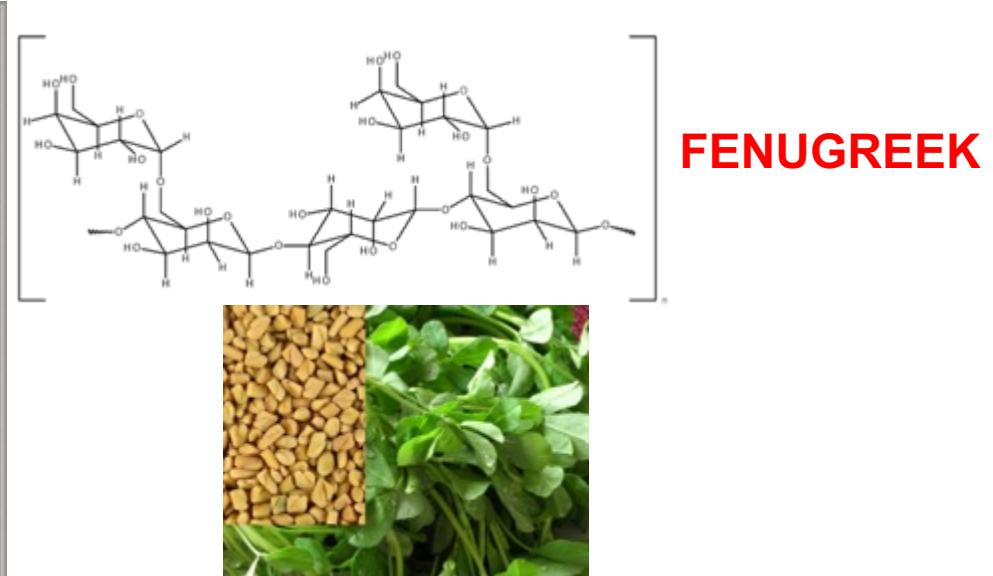
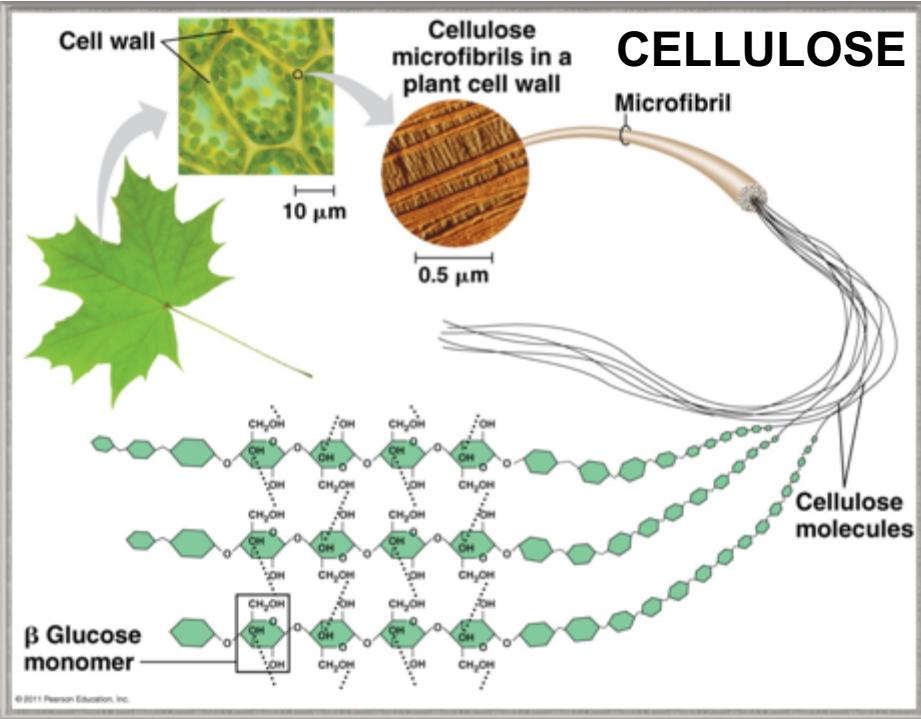
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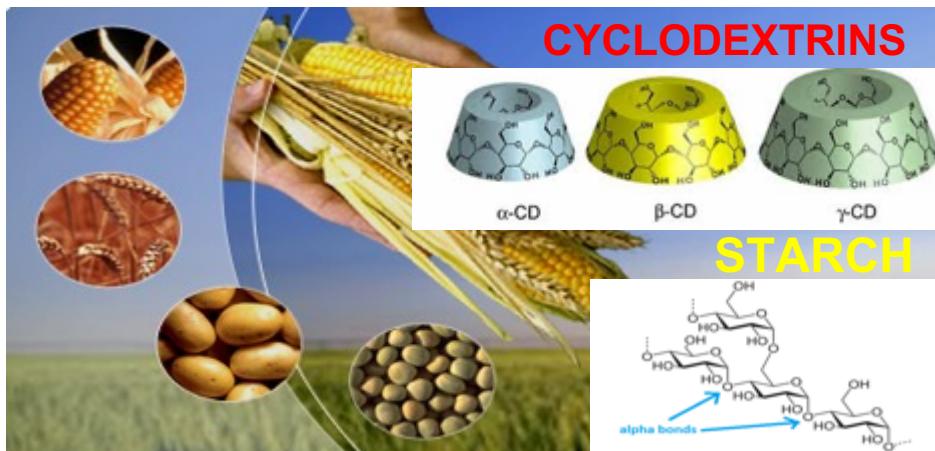
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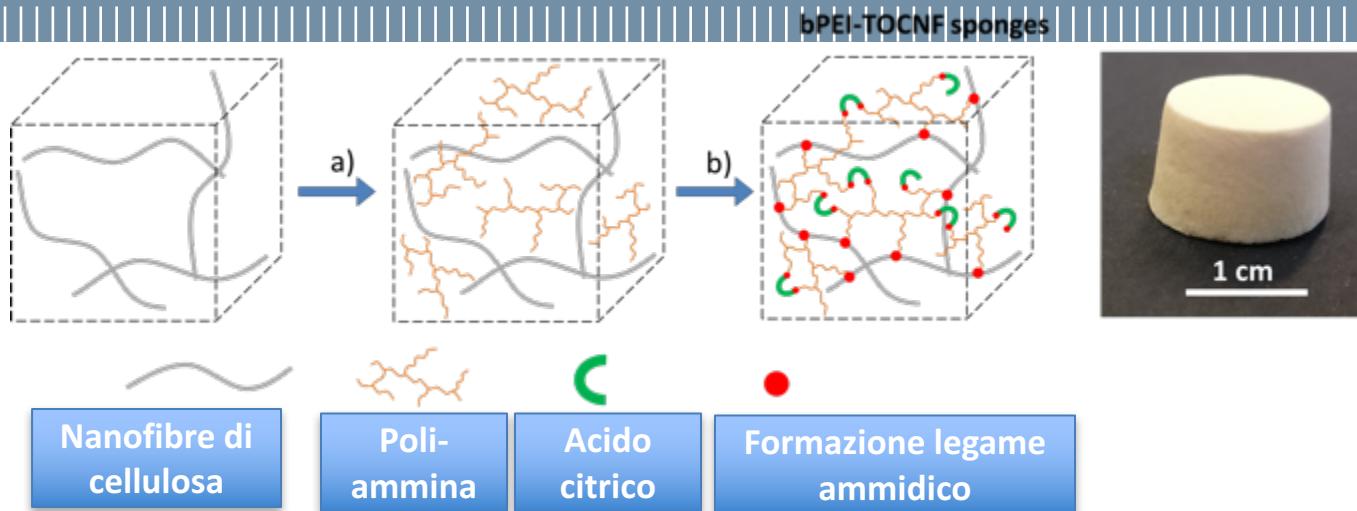
# Materiali a base di Polisaccaridi



La nanostrutturazione di polimeri polisaccaridici porta alla formazione di materiali organici micro- e nano-porosi con proprietà mutuabili a seconda dei campi di applicazione



# Versatilità nella progettazione dei materiali

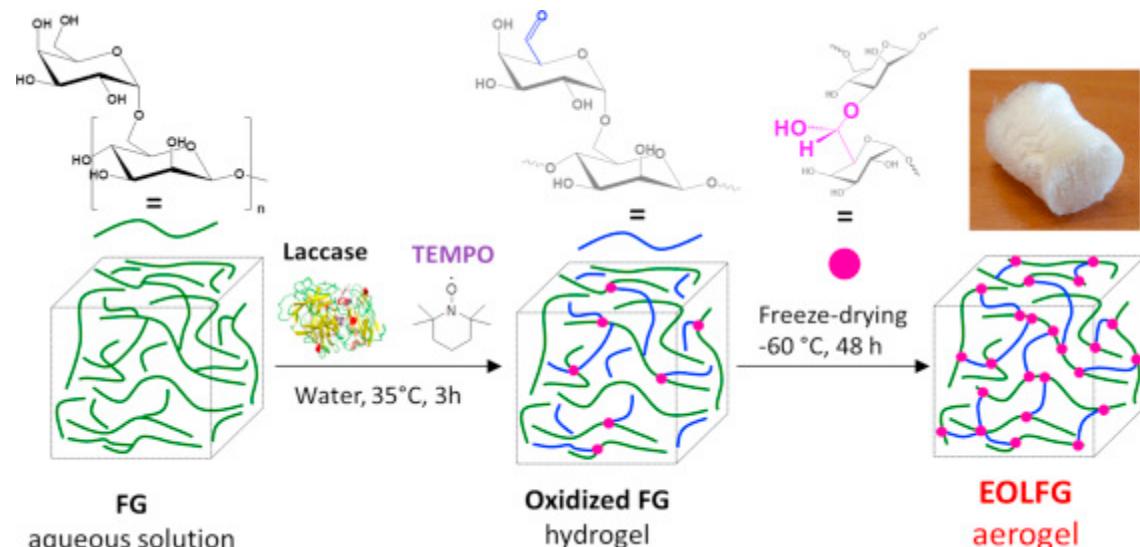


Il processo di nanostrutturazione di nanofibre di cellulosa avviene mediante semplice trattamento termico e i materiali possono essere ottenuti in diverse forme e morfologie

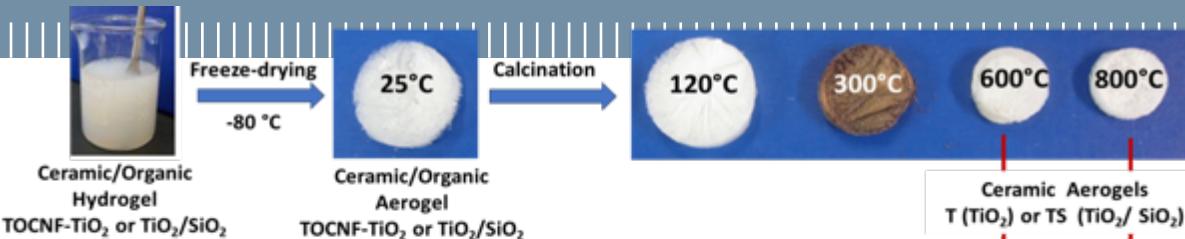
*Carbohydrate Polymers* 2017, 165, 71–85.  
*ChemPlusChem* 2015, 80, 1408-1415  
*ChemPlusChem* 2017, 82, 848 –858 .

Materiali nanostrutturati con proprietà analoghe o complementari possono essere ottenuti da. Essi evidenziano elevate proprietà adsorbenti di acqua e solventi organici.

*Carbohydrate Polymers* 2016, 144, 353-361.

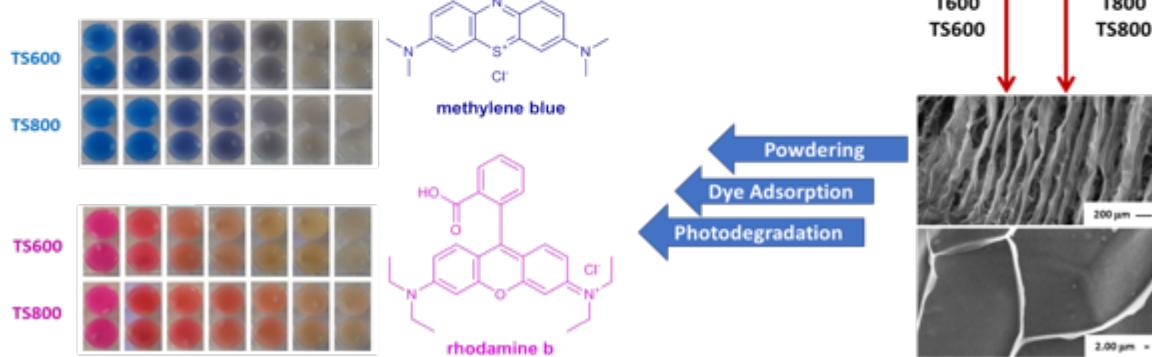


# Facilmente processabili con rivestimenti ceramici e organici.



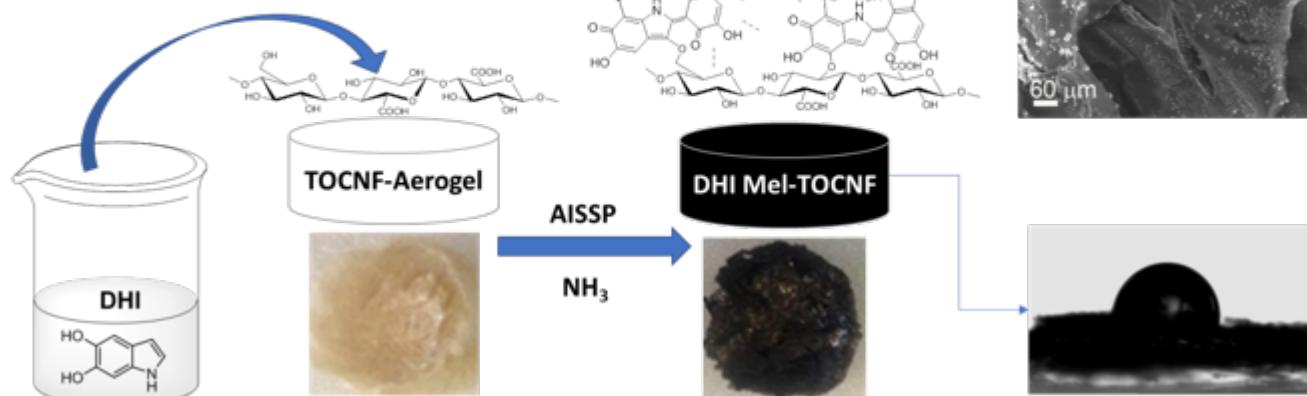
**Coating ceramico:  
Proprietà adsorbenti e  
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*J. Photochem. Photobiol. A. 2013,  
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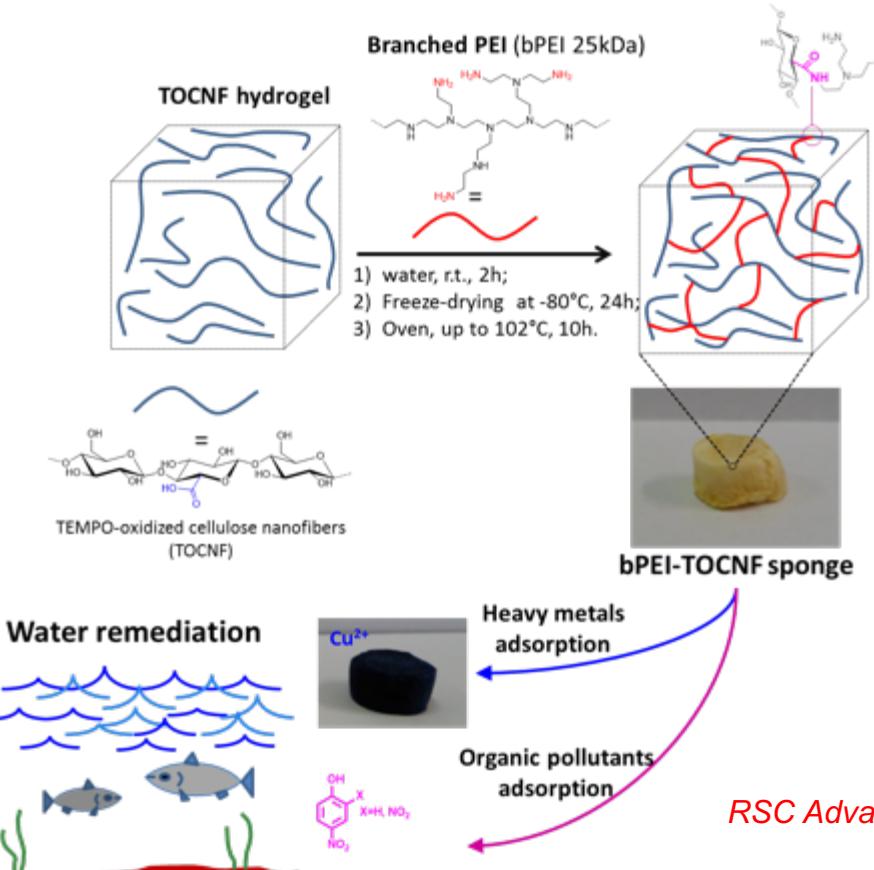
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# Versatilità nei campi di applicazione

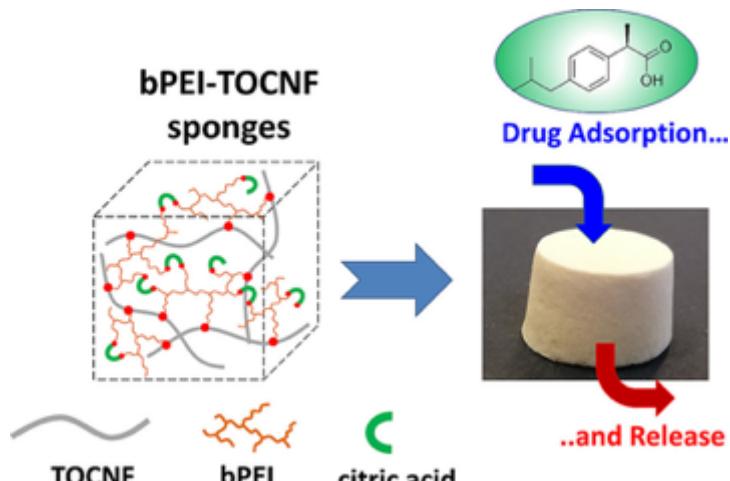
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...e molto altro...

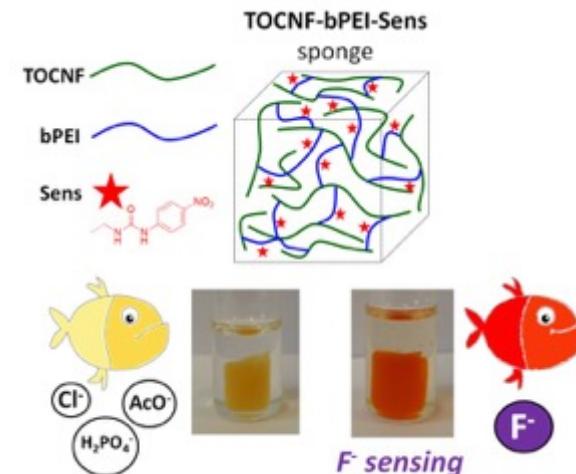
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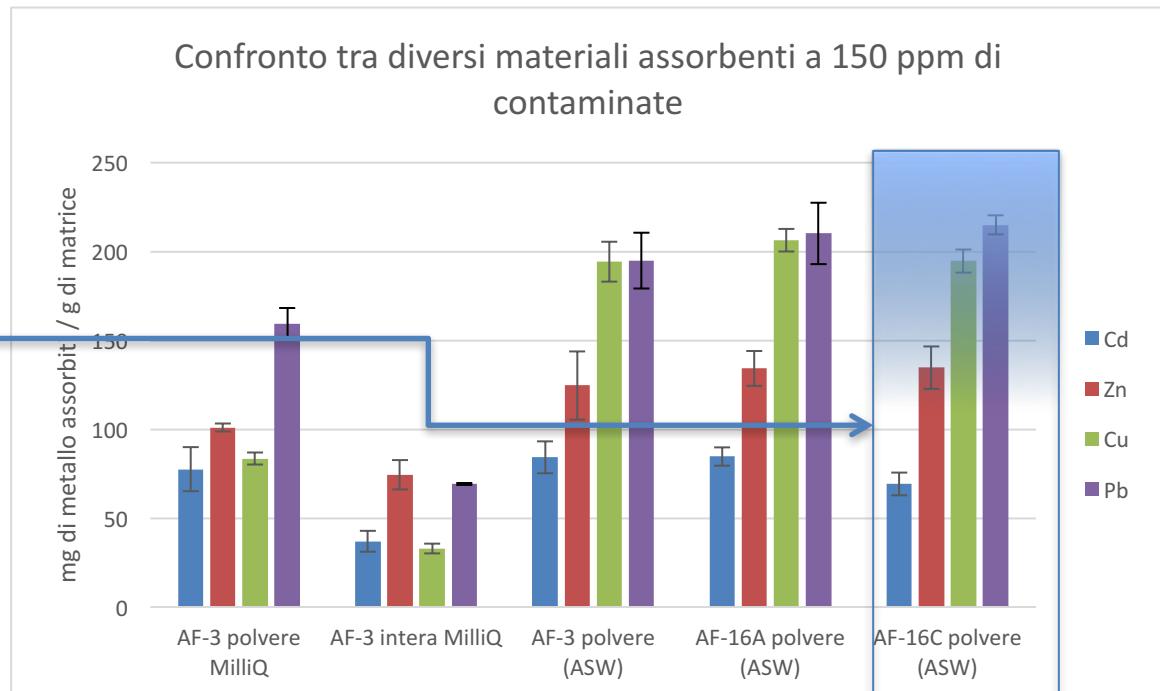
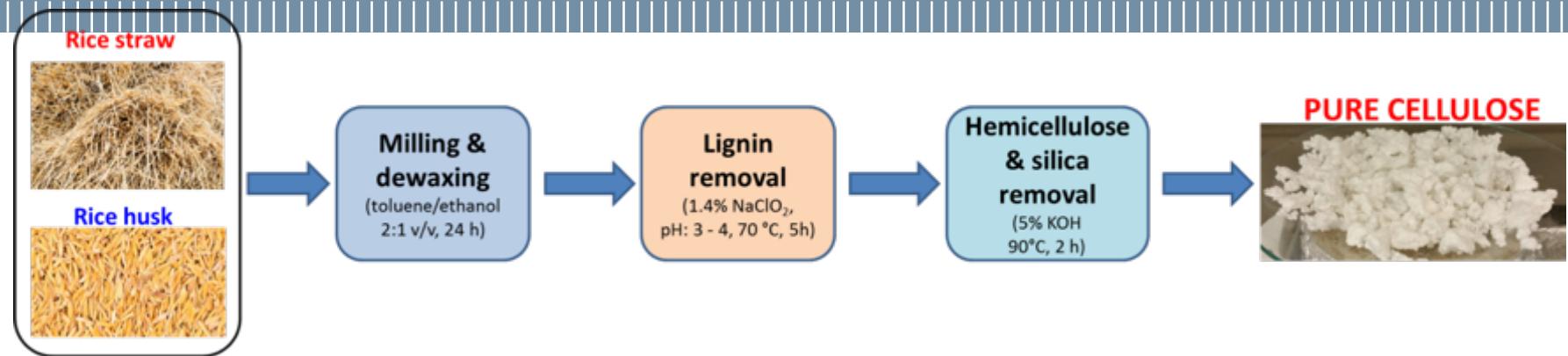
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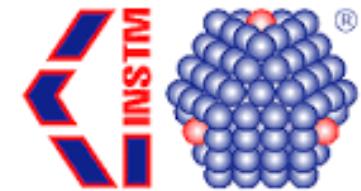
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## Sviluppo di nuovi materiali da scarti derivanti da prodotti industriali

- ↳ Valutazione proprietà funzionali
- ↳ Valutazione impatto sul ciclo di vita
- ↳ Modifica dei processi produttivi e valorizzazione delle produzioni

## Nuovi materiali

- ↳ Water remediation
- ↳ Isolamento termico e acustico

## Take Home Messages

The study of fundamental properties in materials science offer a powerful support to the development of industrial products:

- ↘ New applications in conventional products
- ↘ Reshape the way we think functions

New Materials can pave the road for such an innovation

... there is always a problem waiting for a material, and a property that can find a solution!!!

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