



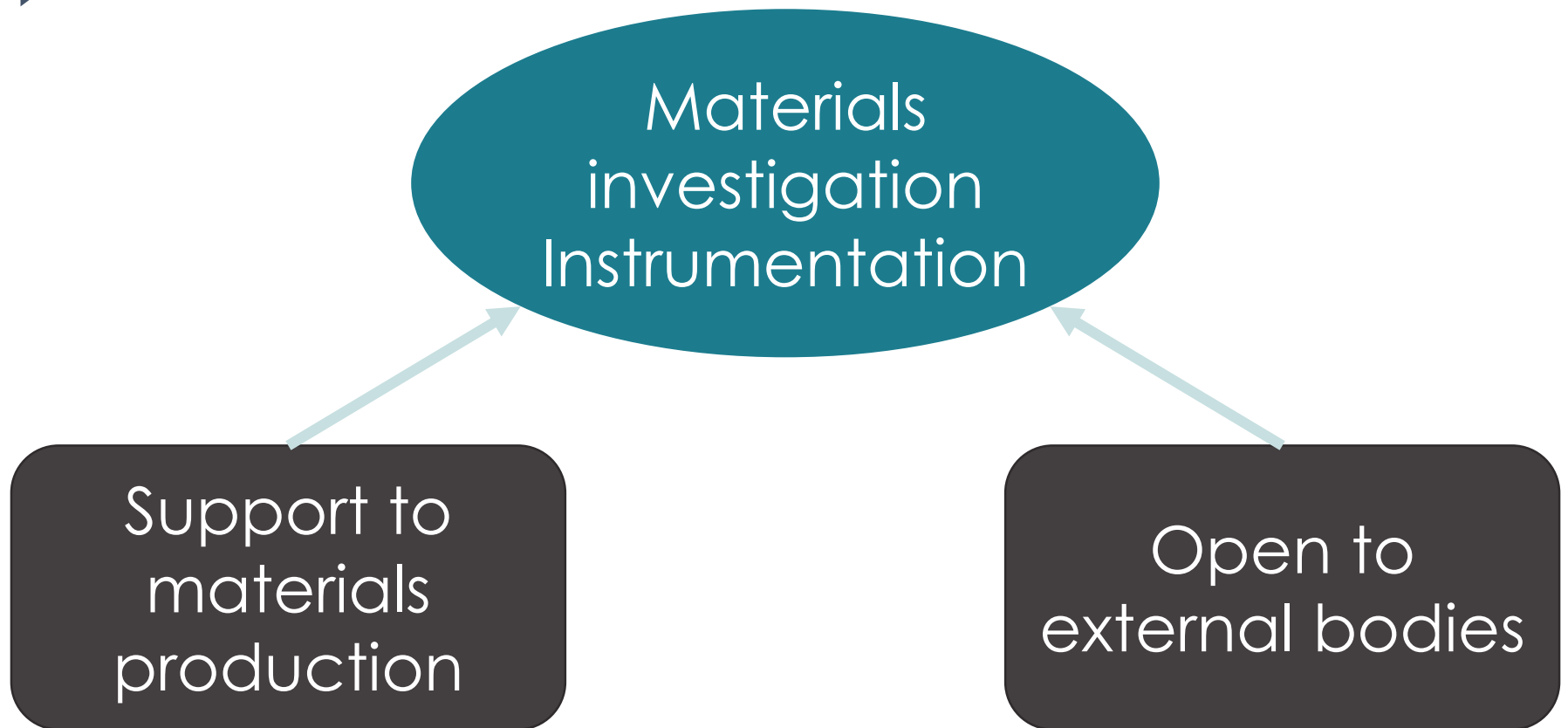
# Material Characterization at NanoMicroFAB

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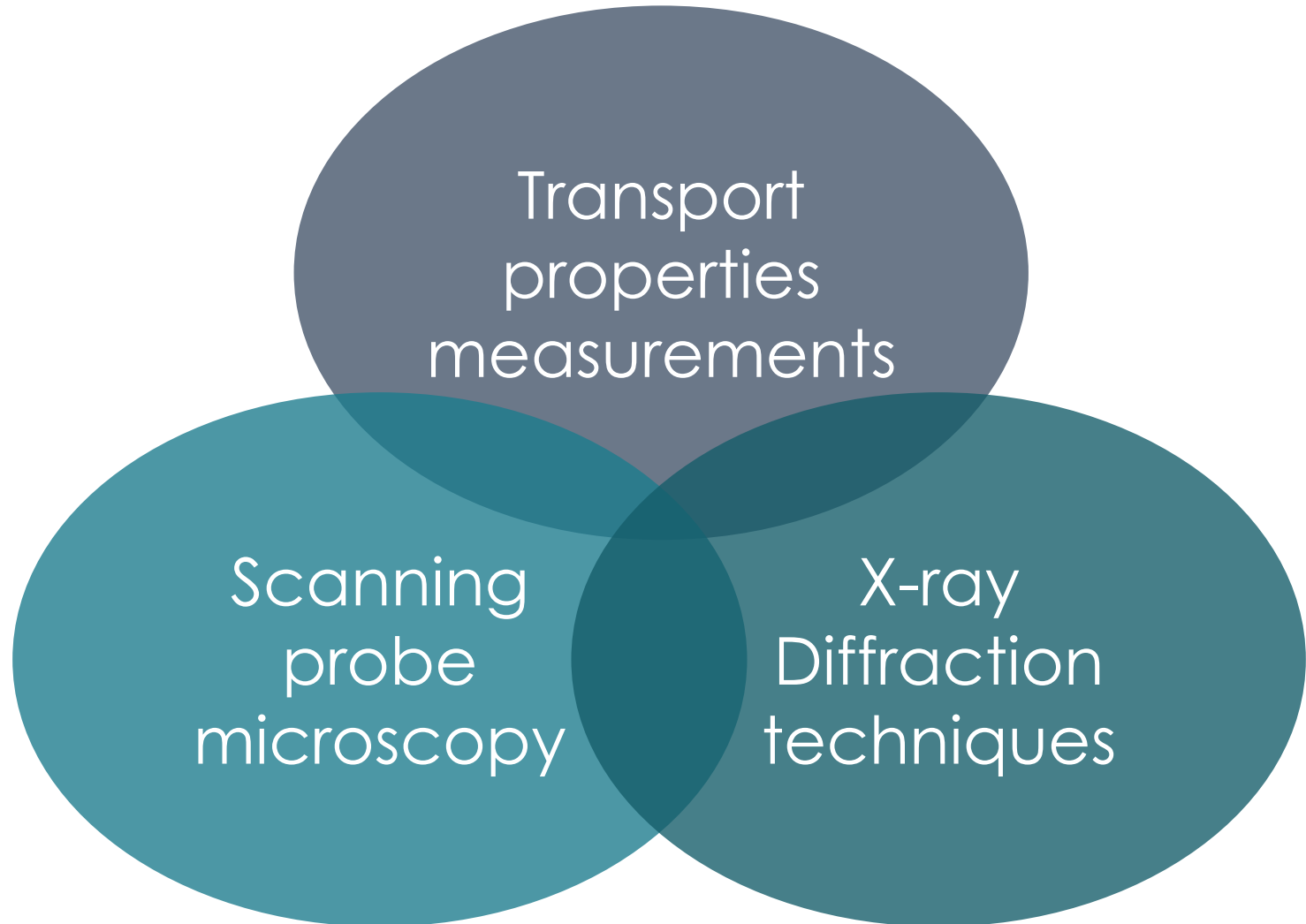
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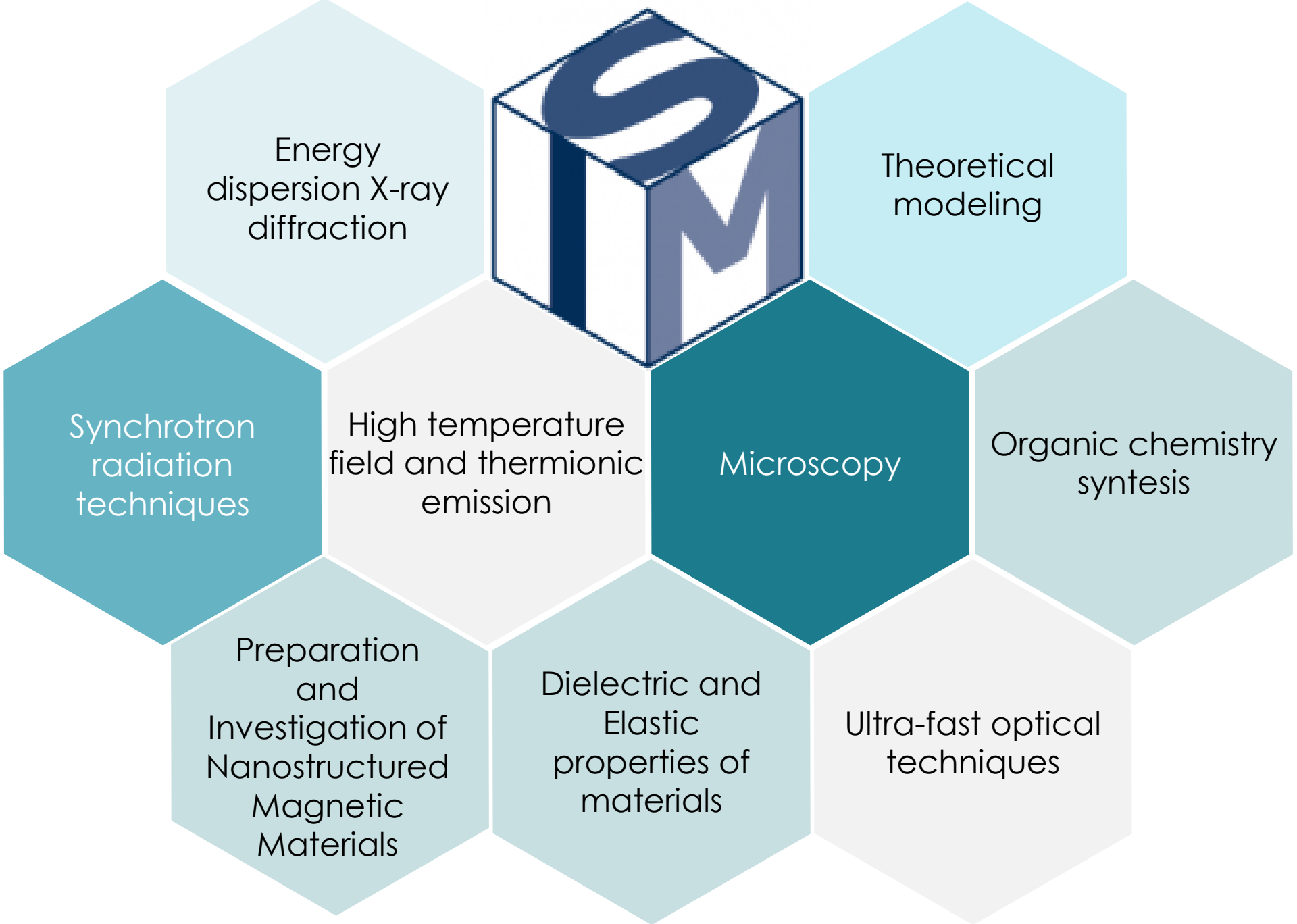
# Mission of the Facility

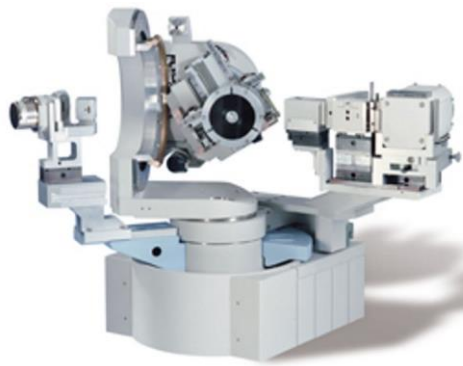
- Supply new materials
- Design, developement, characterization of materials and devices



# Instrumentation @ NanoMicroFAB

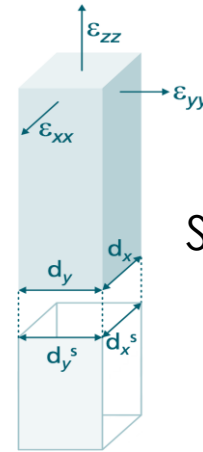






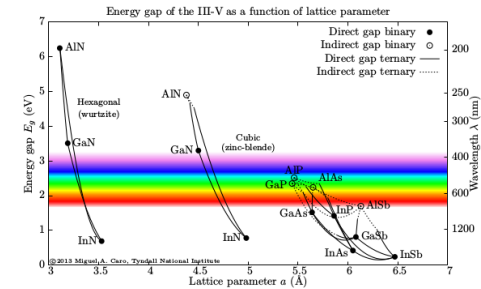
# X-ray Diffraction

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



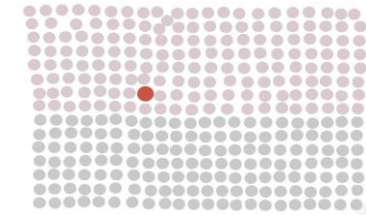
Strain

Alloy composition



Goniometer axis

X-ray source  
incident beam optics  
collimation and  
monochromation

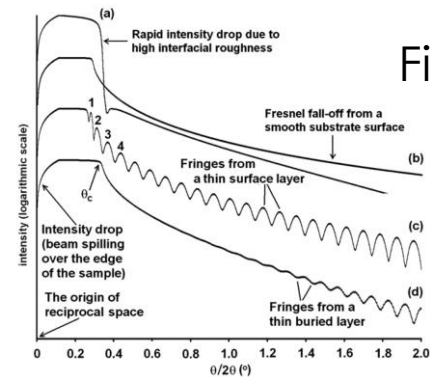
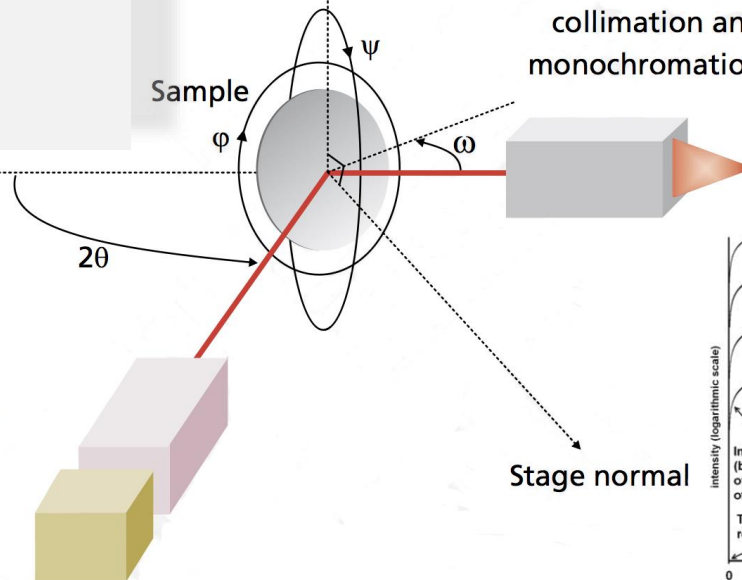


Defects

Sample

Stage normal

Detector and  
diffracted  
beam optics  
rotation  $2\theta$



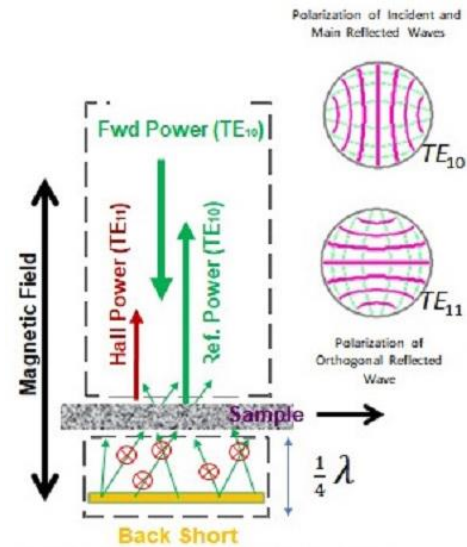
Film  
thickness

# Transport properties

## Contactless measurements

Nondestructive determination of carrier concentration and mobility

Electronic properties mapping up to 4" wafers



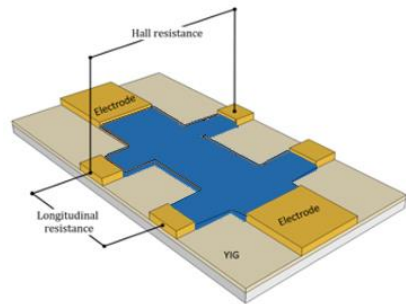
## Magnetotransport

Hall mobility

Material resistivity

Contact resistivity

Measurements as a function of temperature

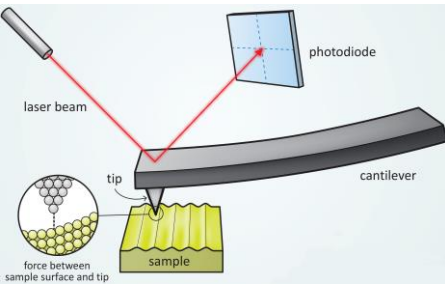


# Scanning Probe microscopy

## Atomic Force Microscopy

Surface structure morphology

Tribology properties of materials  
at the micro-scale

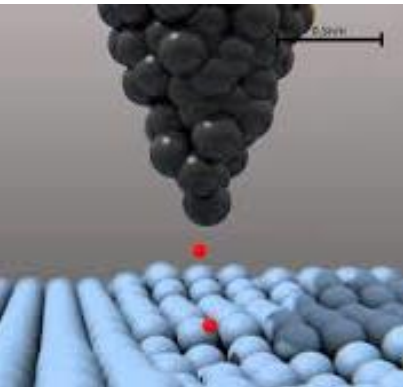


## Scanning Tunneling Microscopy

Surface atomic structure

Electronic structure of surfaces and  
thin films

"In opearando" electronic device  
investigations



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

A case study: from material to device

Ultra-thin dielectric ( $\epsilon=6.6$ ) layer on silicon with low density of defects

Prevents silicide formation with most metals used in contact technology

Theoretically predicted to to preserve the electronic properties of graphene

*Process*

Clean  
Si(111)



NH<sub>3</sub> exposure  
at 700 °C

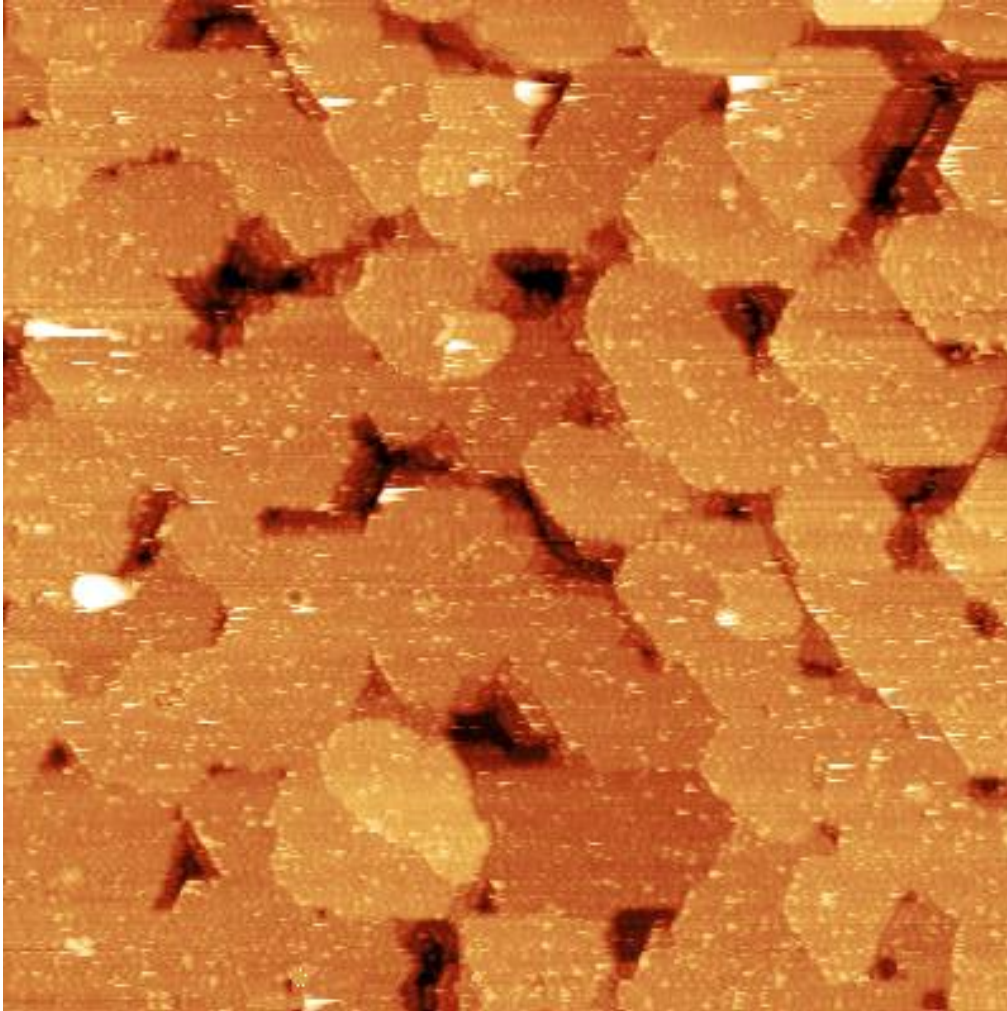


$\beta$ -Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> (8X8)  
~1 nm thick



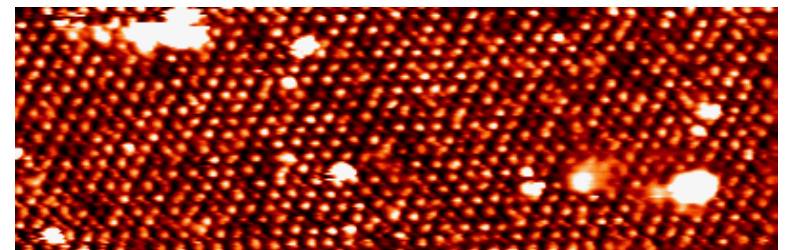
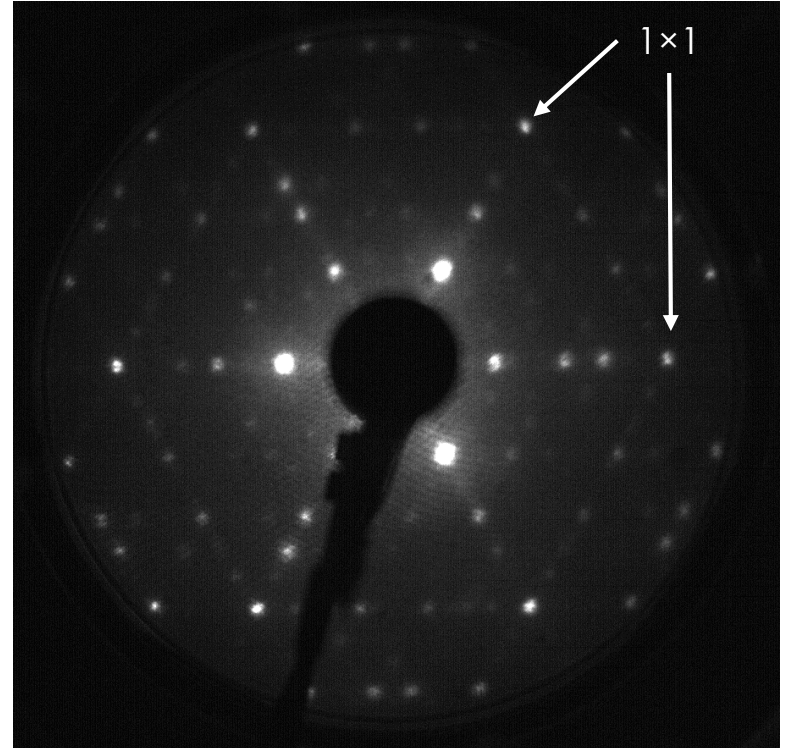
# $\beta$ -Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/Si(111) surface structure

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



Roughness 0.503 nm  
Grains average diameter ~100 nm

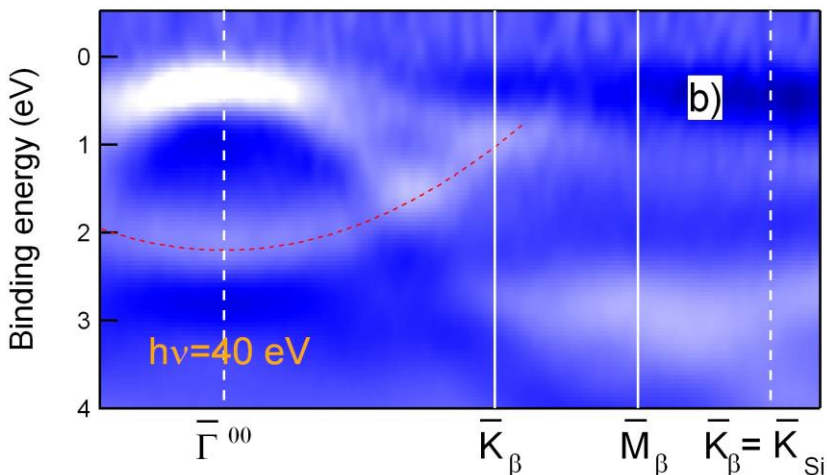
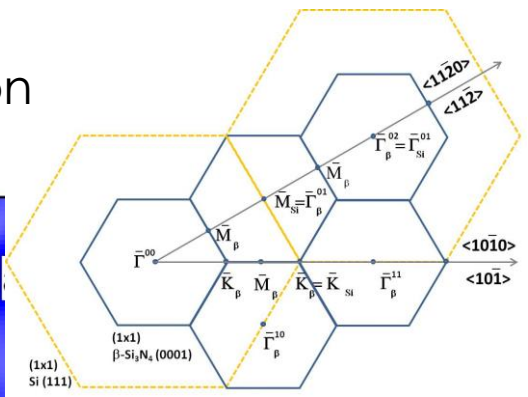
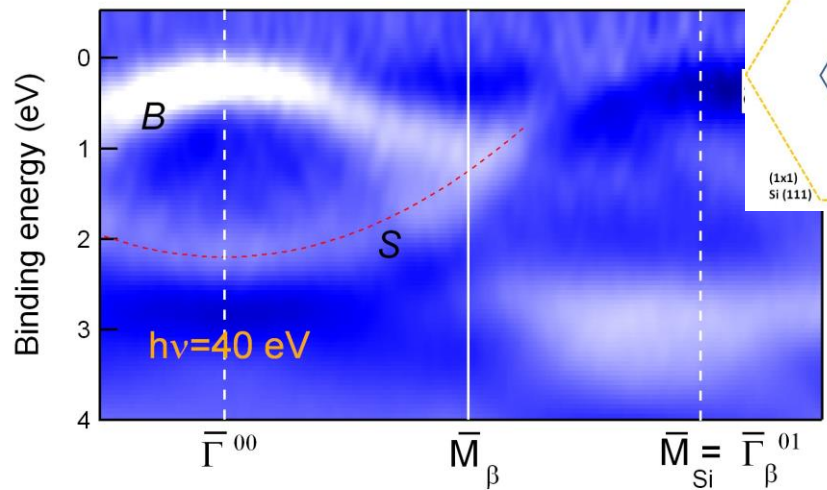
Electron diffraction



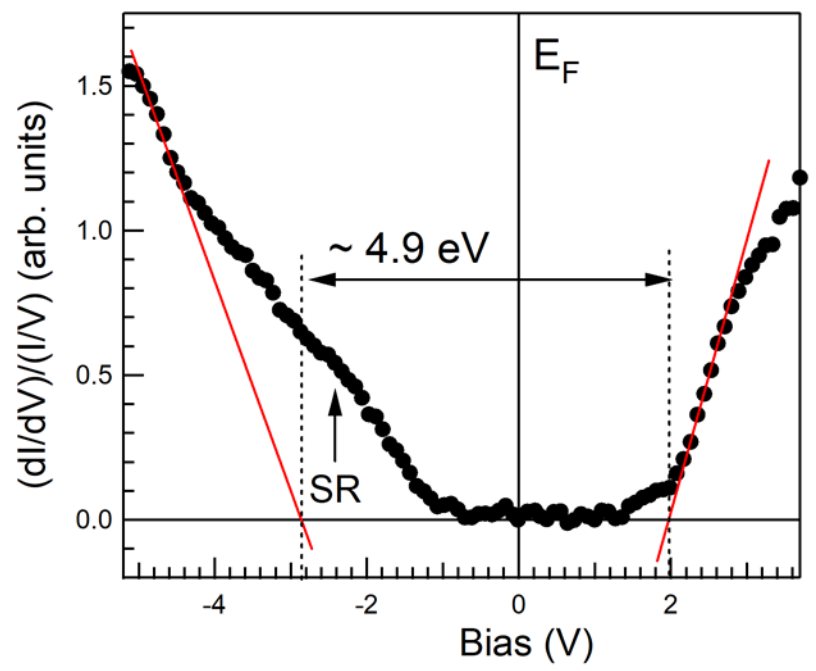
STM image 50x16 nm<sup>2</sup>

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

Angle resolved photoelectron spectroscopy

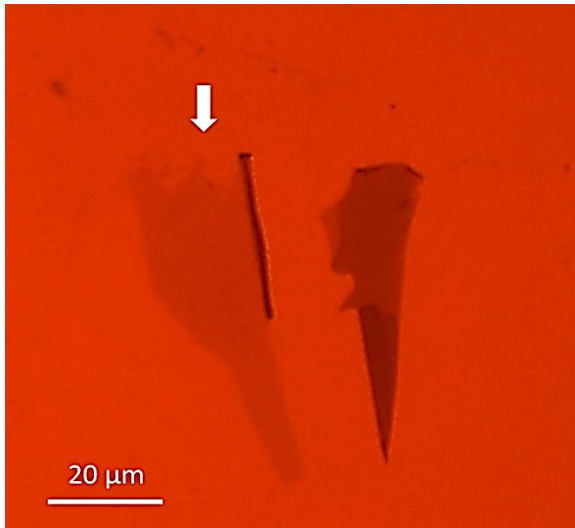


Scanning tunneling spectroscopy

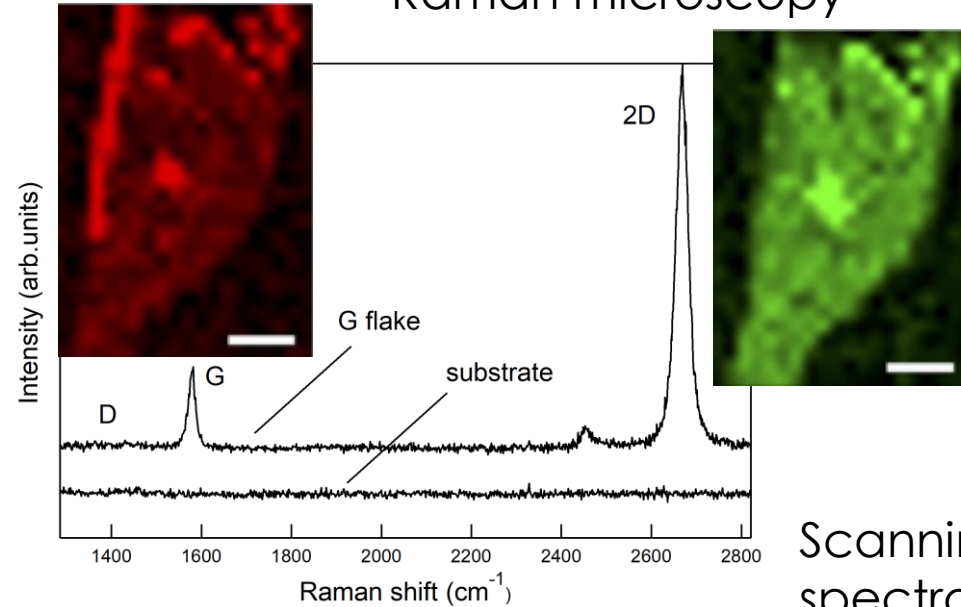


# Graphene on $\beta$ -Si<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>/Si(111)

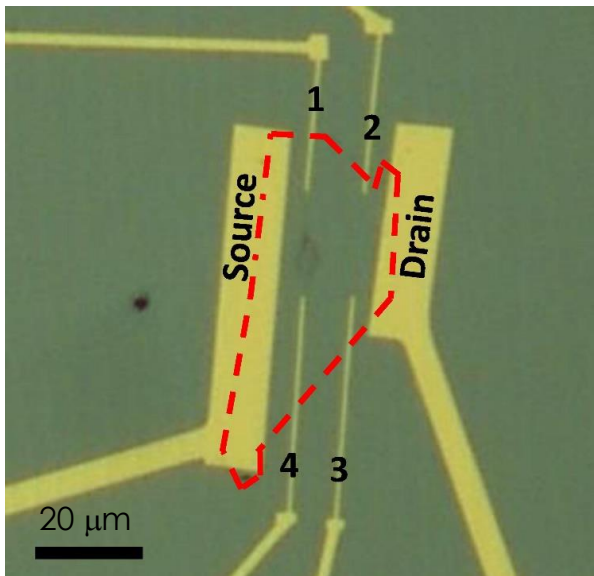
Graphene on PMMA



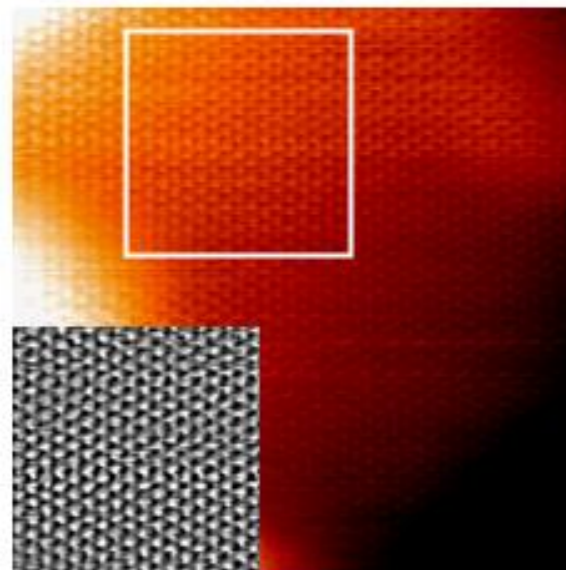
Raman microscopy



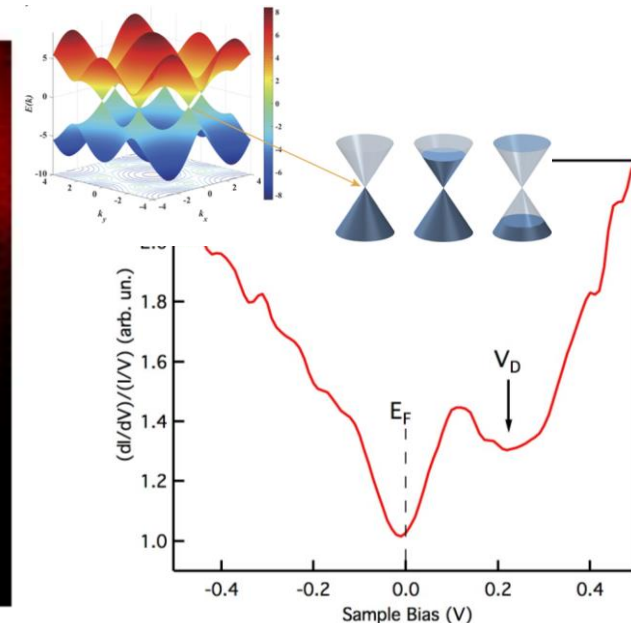
Hall bar device



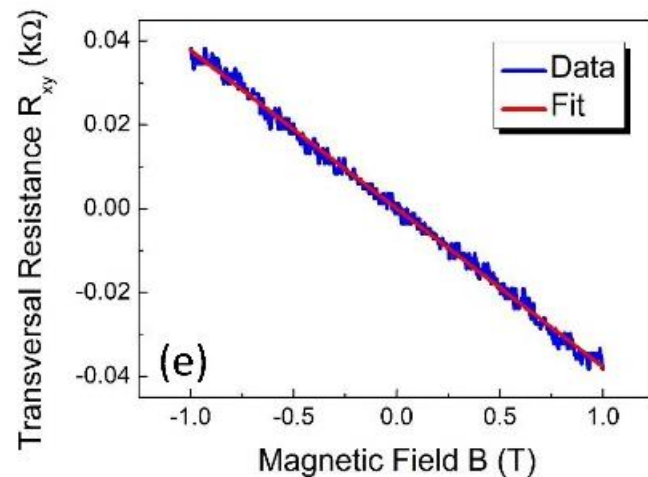
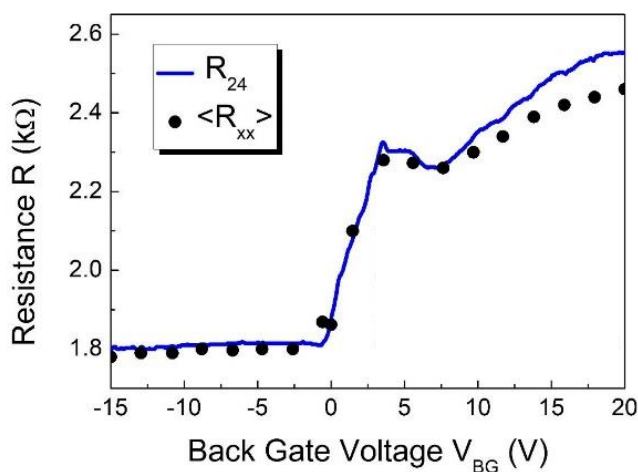
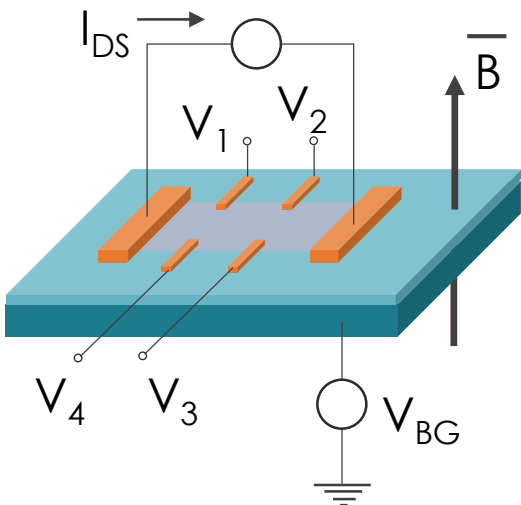
STM 10x10 nm<sup>2</sup>



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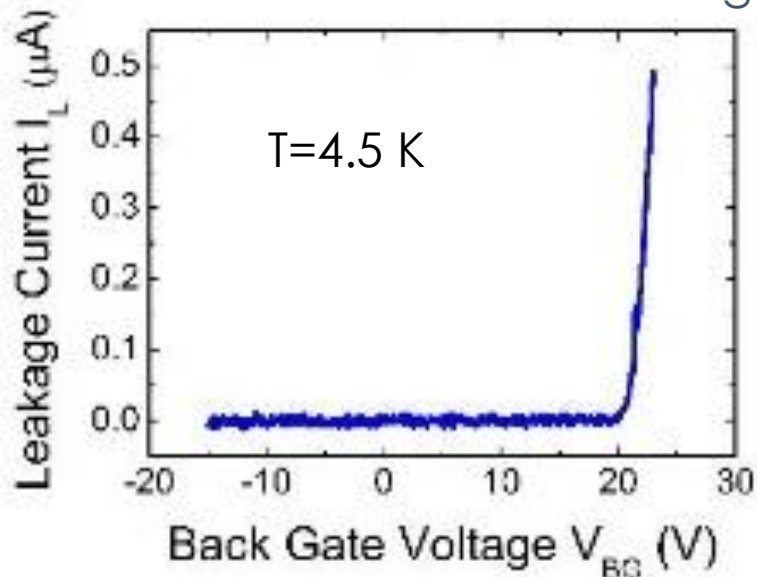


# Magneto-transport measurements

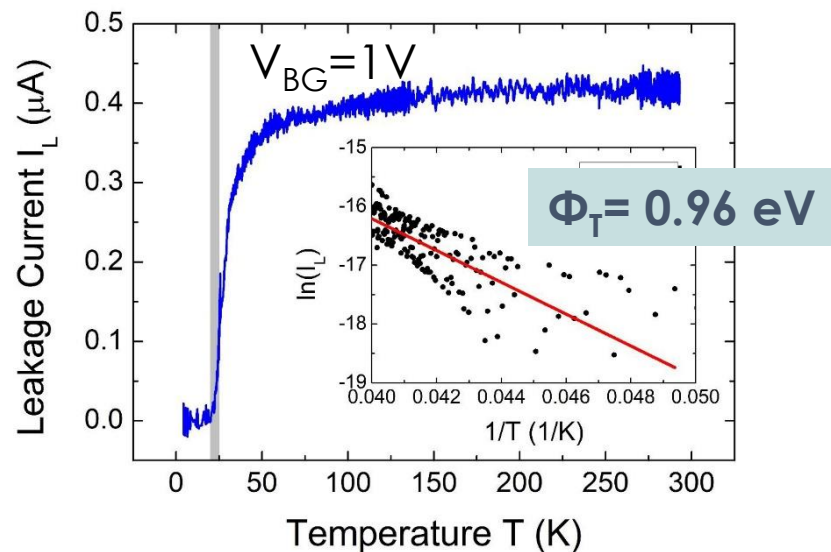


Hole concentration  $\sim 1.6 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
 Mobility max 1300  $\text{V}/\text{cm}^2\text{s}$

Fowler-Nordheim tunneling



Poole-Frenkel tunneling





# TAKE-AWAY MESSAGE

NanoMicroFAB has a state of the art instrumentation for materials investigation:

support for material production

open to external users

Innovative R&D projects can be developed in collaboration with CNR institutes thank to a broad characterization instrumentation