

***Research Center on Nanotechnology Applied to  
Engineering of Sapienza University (CNIS)***

***Sapienza Nanotechnology & Nanoscience  
Laboratory (SNN-Lab)***

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# C N I S

## Research Centre for Nanotechnology Applied to Engineering of Sapienza University

- Founded in 2006
- **Aim:** To promote and develop research activities in nanotechnology, finalized to the technological transfer and to the creation of new materials and devices for wide filed of applications (engineering, electronics, energy, aerospace, medicine, biotech, ...)
- **Multidisciplinary Research Intranetwork of Sapienza:** More than 80 Senior Researchers from different scientific areas and faculties (Engineering, Science, Medicine) and 15 Departments (Industrial and ICT Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Biology, Medical Science, etc.)
- **Laboratories:** a Core Facility (SNN-Lab) and network of specialistic Department Labs
- *Master degree in Nanotechnology Engineering*
- *PhD in Nanotechnology*



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# Sapienza Departments affiliated with CNIS

## Engineering

Dept. of Astronautics, Electric and Energy (DIAEE)

Dept. of Basic Science Applied to Engineering (SBAI)

Dept. of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (DIMA)

Dept. of Structural and Geotechnic Engineering (DISG)

Dept. of Information Engineering, Electronics and Telecommunications (DIET)

Dipartimento Chemical Engineering, Materials and Environment (DICMA)

## Science

Dept. of Physics (DF)

Dept. of Chemistry (DC)

Dept. of Earth Science (DST)

Dept. of Biology and Biotechnology “Charles Darwin” (DBBCD)

Dept. of Biochemical Science “A. Rossi Fanelli” (DSBARF)

## Medicine

Dept. of Public Health and Infective Disease (DSPMI)

Dept. of Chemistry and Drug Technology (DCT)

Dept. of Clinic and Molecular Medicine (DMCM)

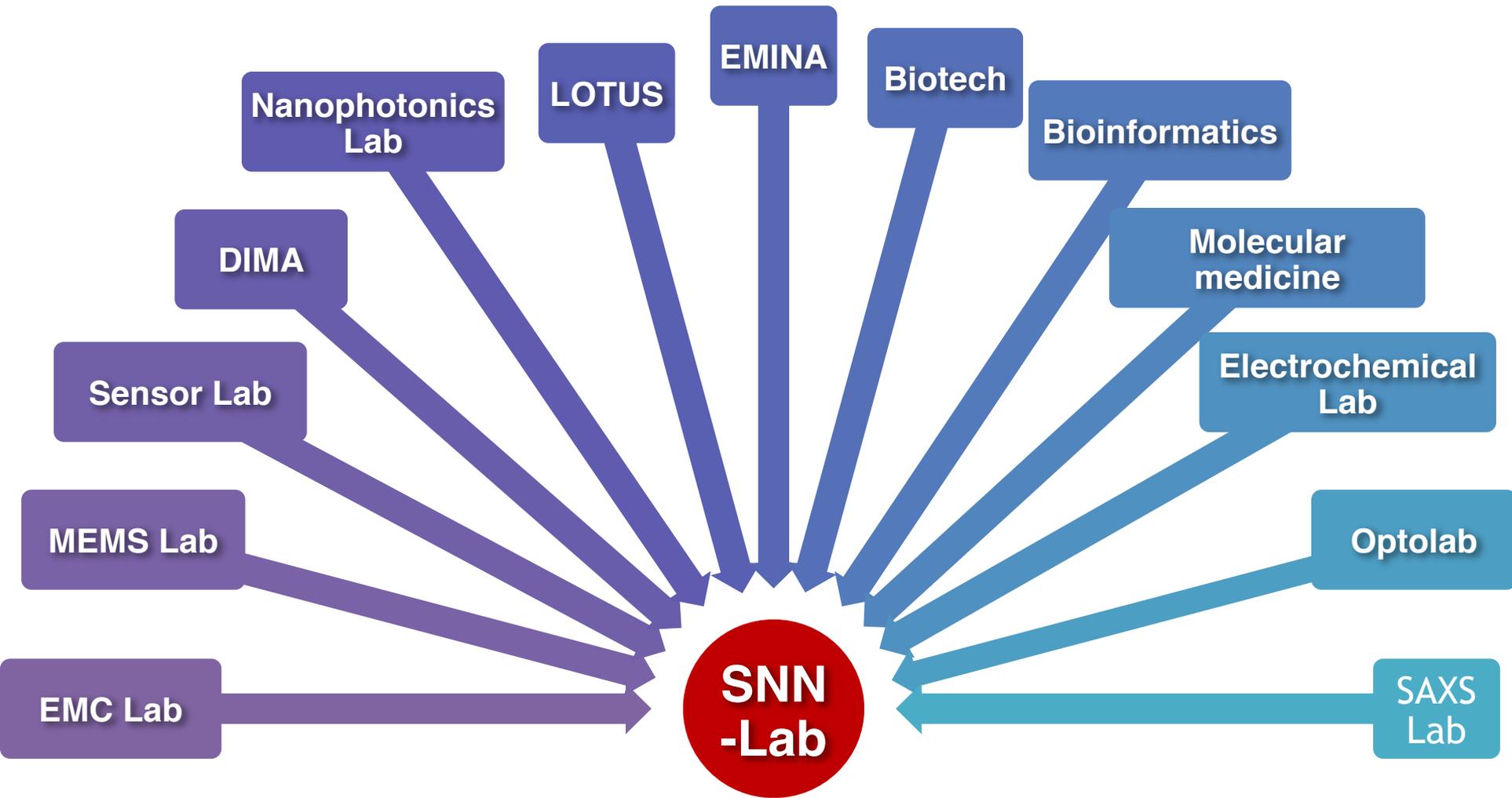
Dept. of Molecular Medicine (DMM)



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# SNN-Lab: a Research Infrastructure in Sapienza aimed at multidisciplinary research in Nanotechnology

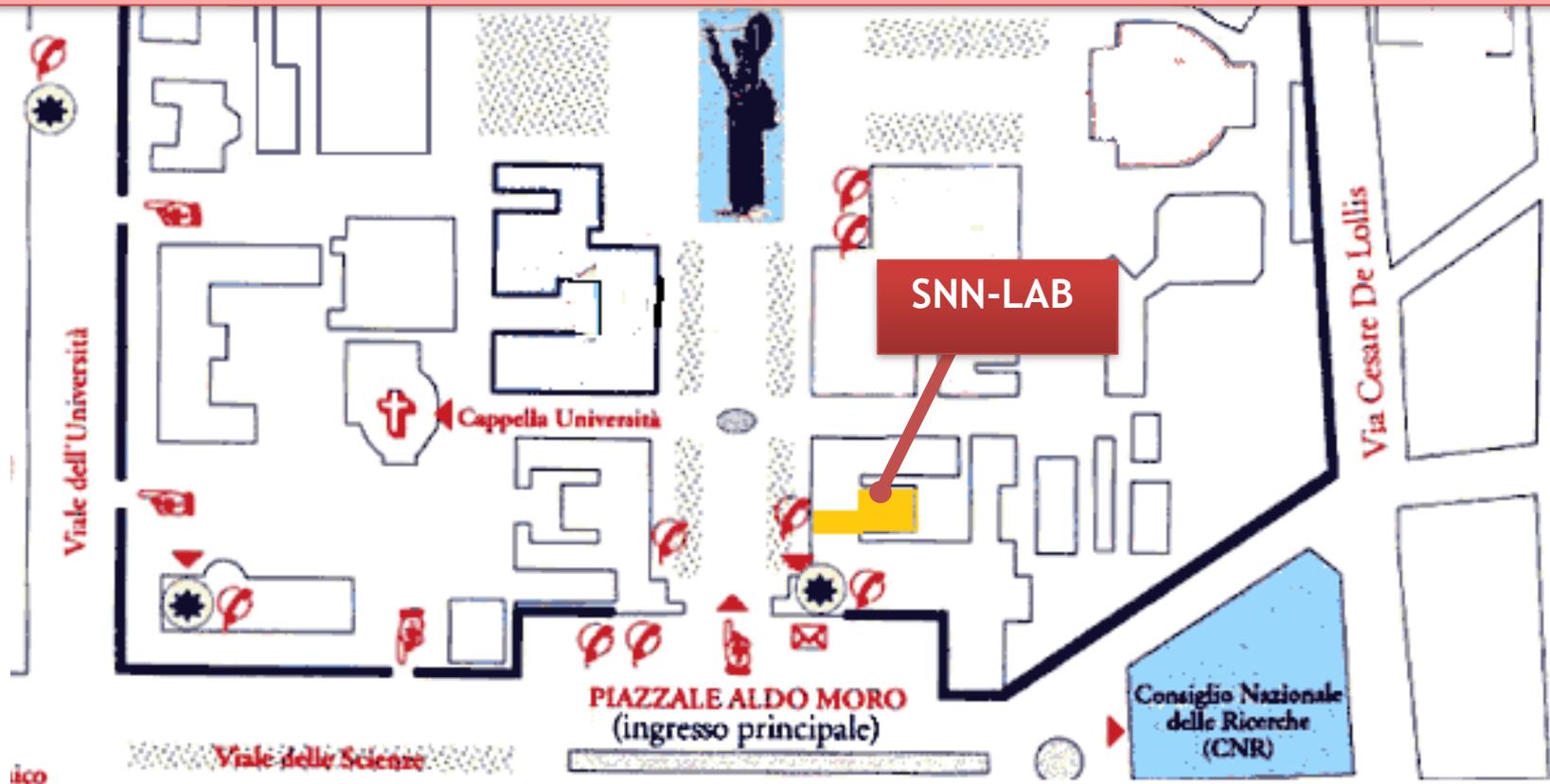


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# Sapienza Nanotechnology & Nanoscience Laboratory – SNN-Lab

A 400 m<sup>2</sup>-core facility at Sapienza University (building CU016) focused on advanced research and technology transfer



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Total Area: 400 mq  
Installed power: 168 kW

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Rome!



Manofabrication  
Graphene/Si  
nanowire CVD

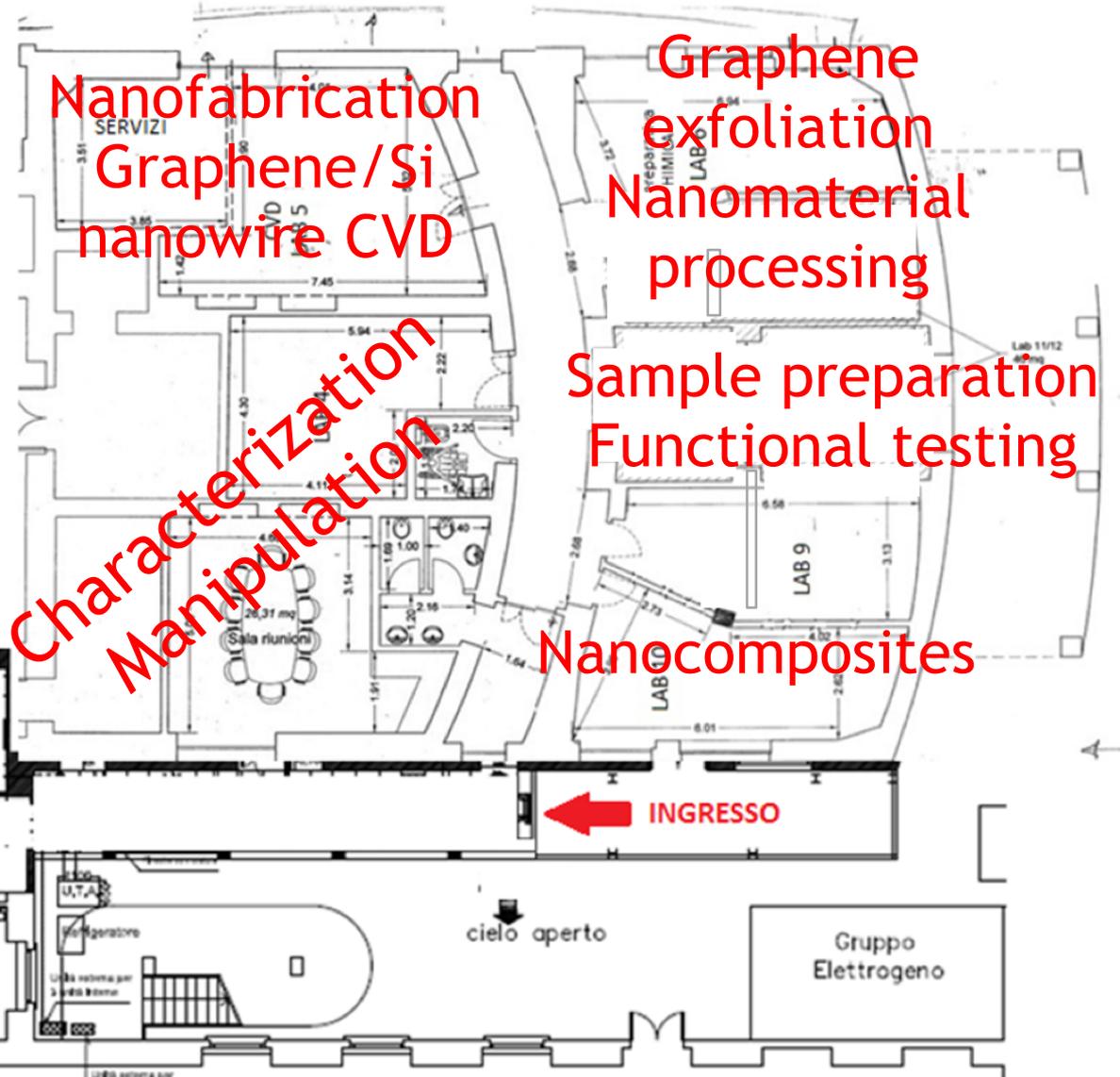
Graphene  
exfoliation  
Nanomaterial  
processing

Sample preparation  
Functional testing

Nanocomposites

Characterization  
Manipulation

Characterization  
Manipulation



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# Research lines

- **Graphene and graphene-based nanomaterials**
- **Multifunctional nano-materials for aerospace (stealthness, structural health monitoring)**
- **Nano - structures and nano - devices for electronics and photonics**
- **Nano - structured materials for energy harvesting, photovoltaics**
- **Nanomaterials and smart multifunctional surfaces for industrial applications**
- **Biomaterials for medical applications**
- **Nanotechnology for cultural heritage (conservation, diagnostics, protection)**
- **Nanotoxicity, antibiofilm devices**
- **Cultural Heritage Technologies (SNN In DTC Lazio)**

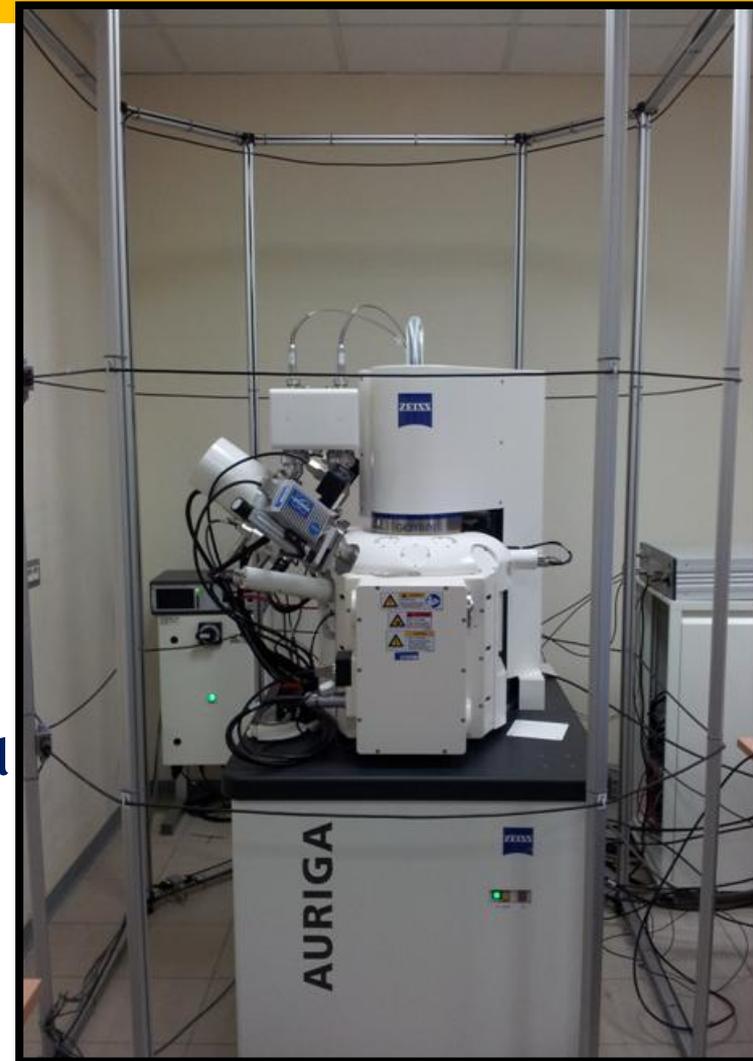


# AREA 1: Microscopies and characterization at Nanoscale

## Electronic Microscopy Platform/ nanofabrication /nanomanipulation:

*HR FESEM Zeiss Auriga Microscopy  
(resolution 1 nm), equipped with:*

- STEM detector
- Microanalysis EDS  $\leq 123$  Mn-K $\alpha$  eV (Bruker)
- Electron Beam Lithography - EBL (resolution 7 nm) (Raith)
- Focused Ion Beam- FIB (resolution 2.5 nm) and GIS
- 4 nanomanipulators Klendieck for electrical / mechanical characterizations on areas of 50 nm<sup>2</sup>
- Correlative microscopy (from macro to nano)

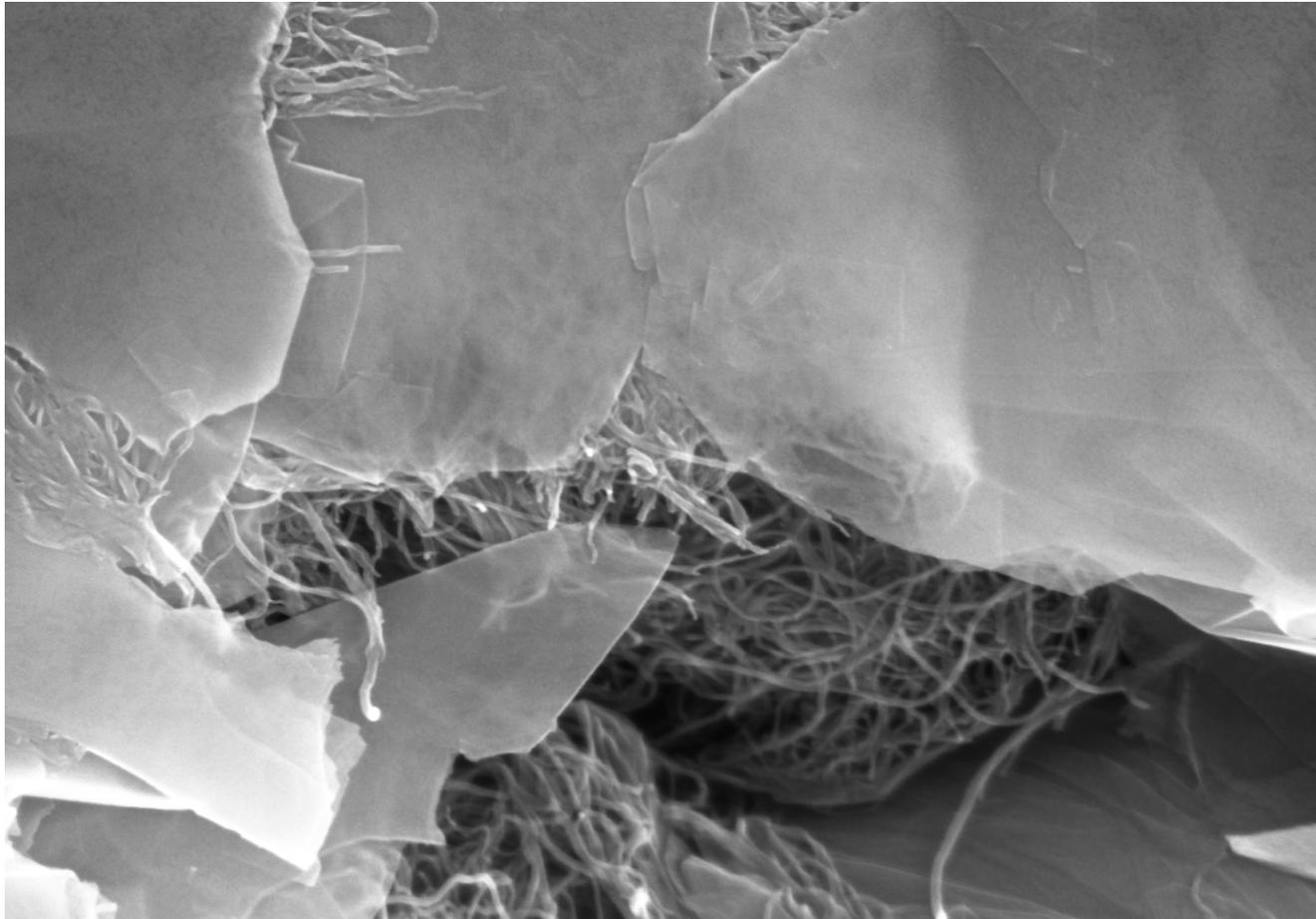


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# Graphite Nanoplatelets and Carbon Nanotubes



Mag = 117.19 K X 100 nm WD = 4.5 mm EHT = 5.00 kV Signal A = InLens Date :31 May 2011 Time :14:47:38  
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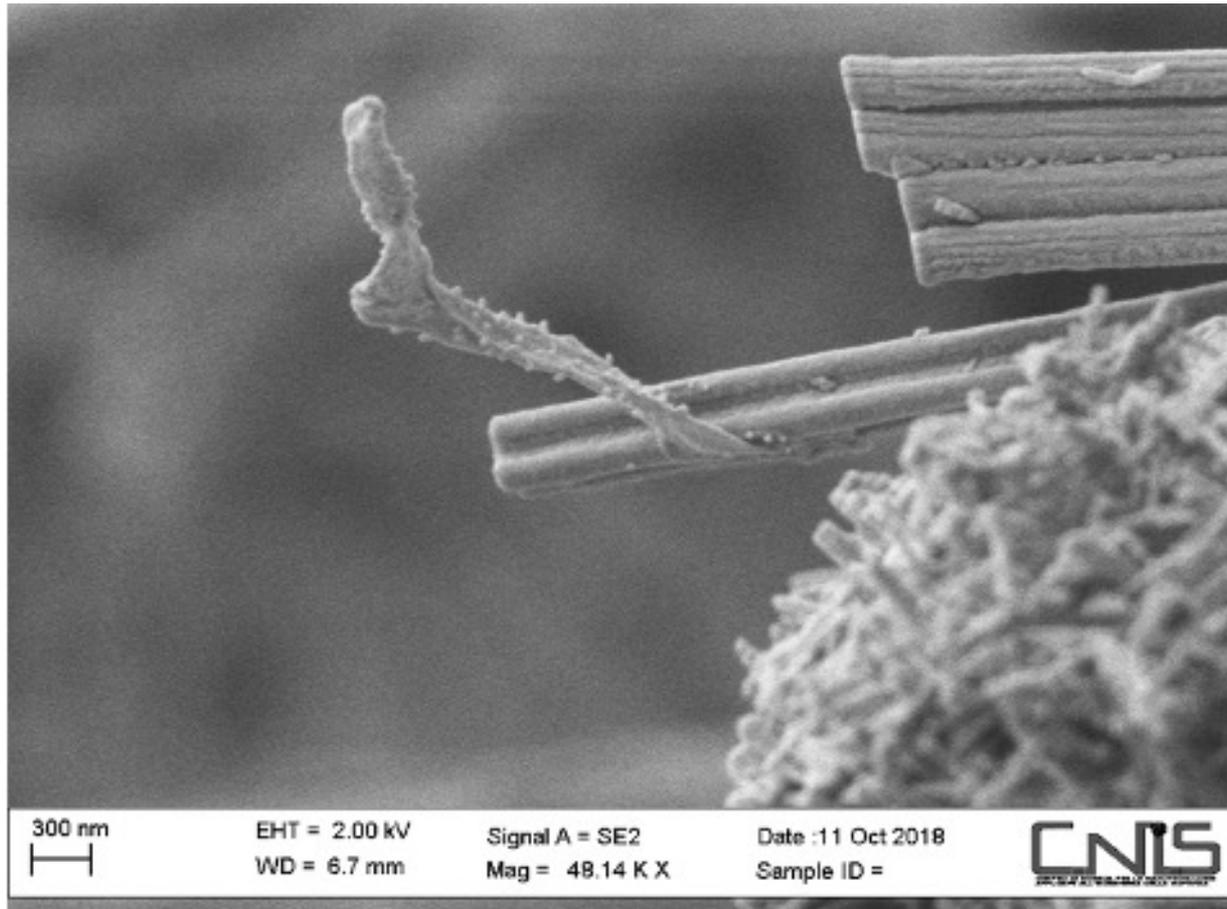


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# Microorganisms in the Moonmilk in the Etruscan “Tomba del Cardinale”



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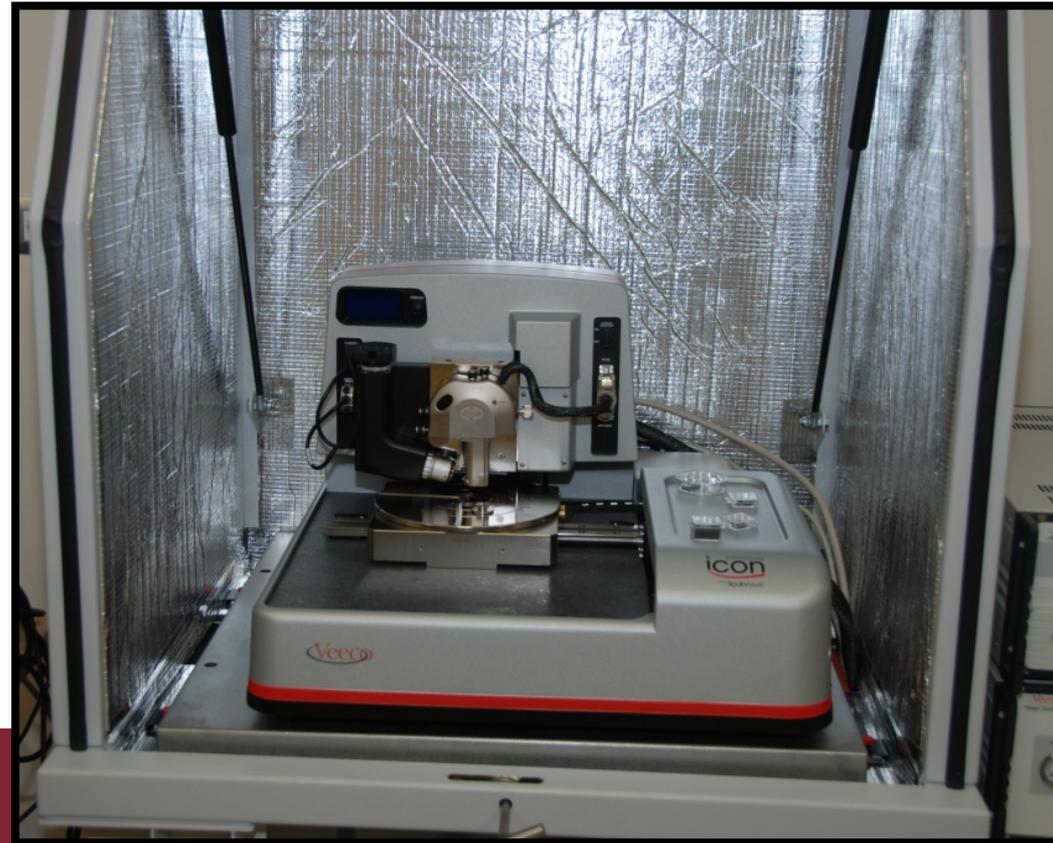
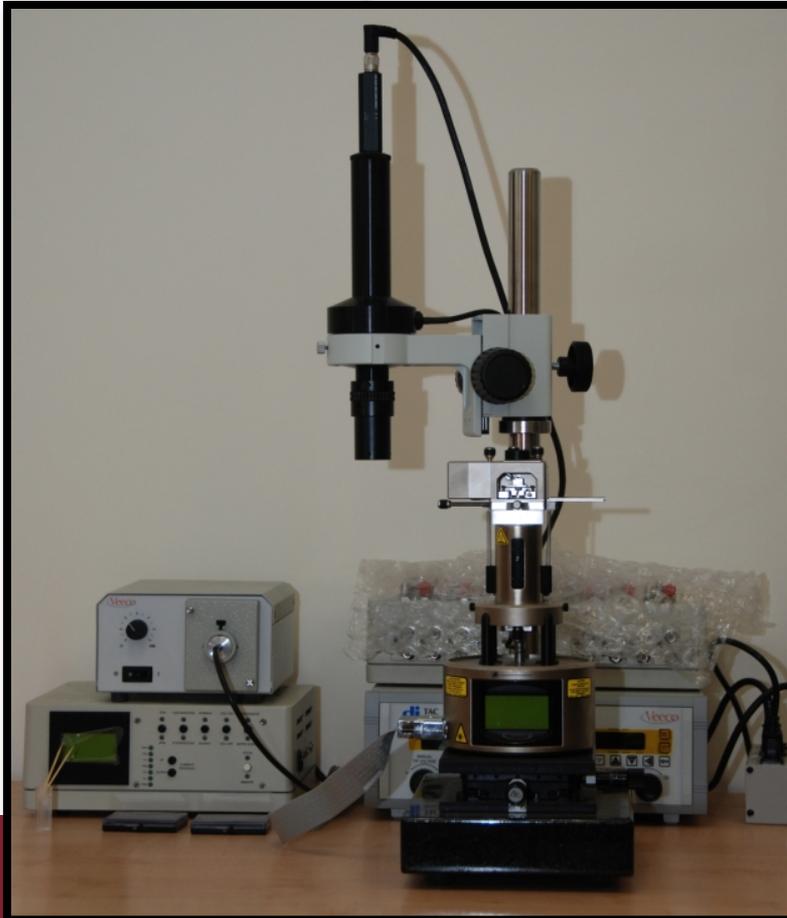


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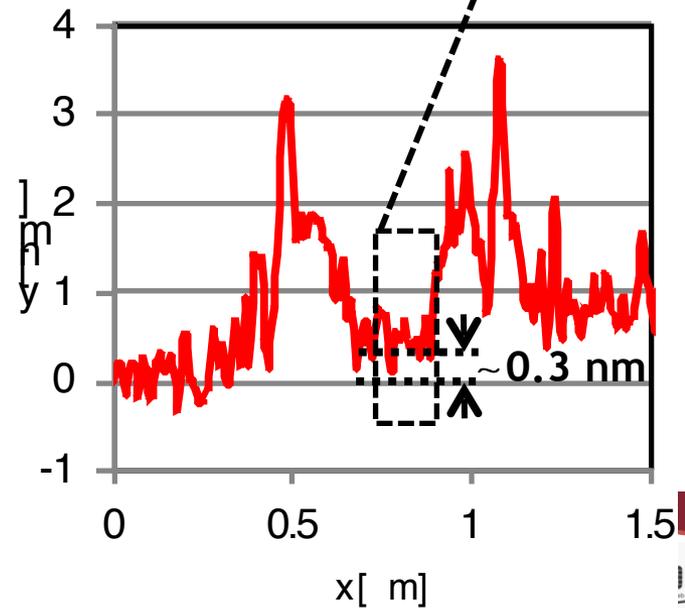
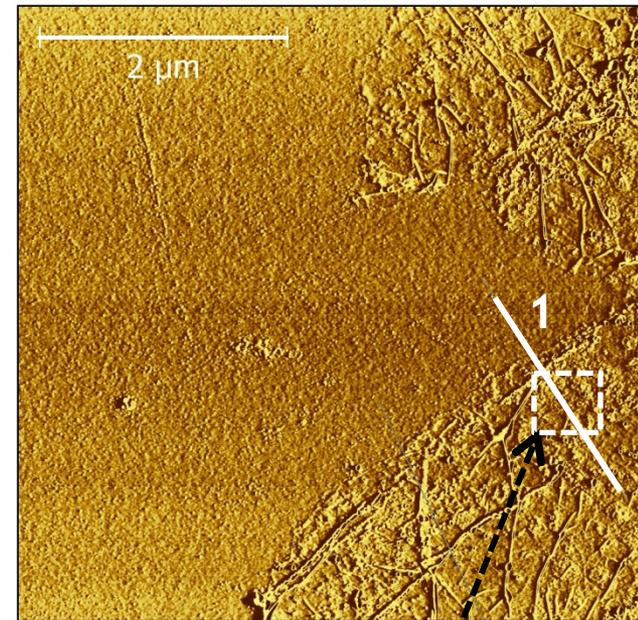
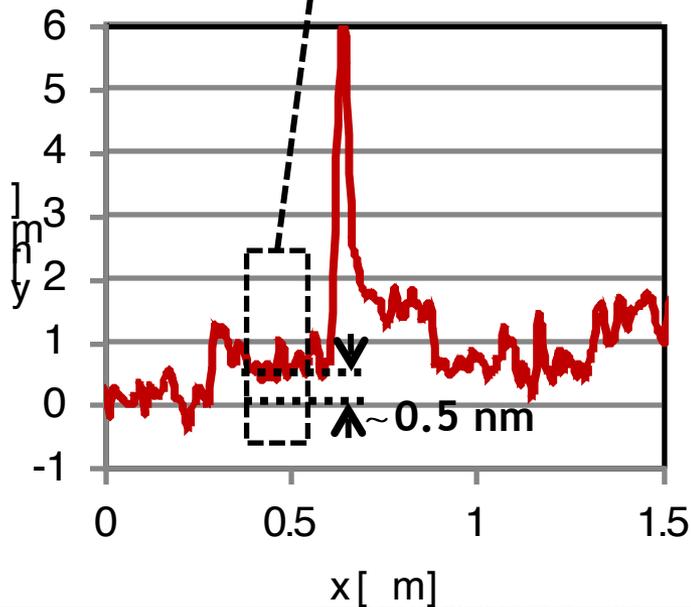
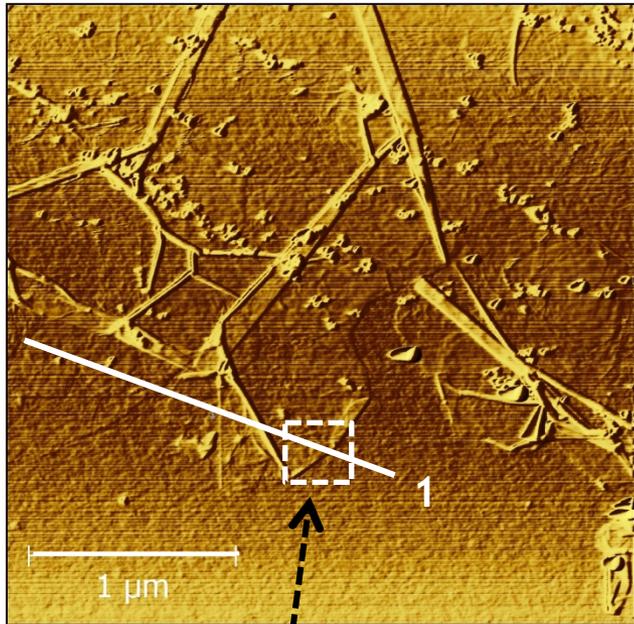
## Atomic Force Microscopy - AFM - Bruker (ex-VEECO) for nanocharacterization and nanomanipulation.

- ICON (controller Nanoscope 5 + Harmonics)
- Multimode (controller Nanoscope 3)

*Modules for material characterizations (both solid, liquid and bio) and functional characterizations*

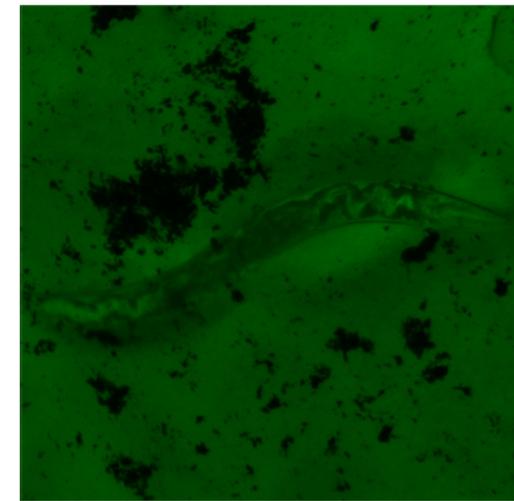
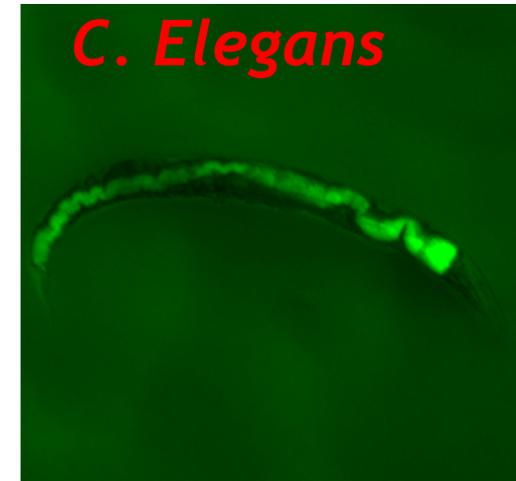
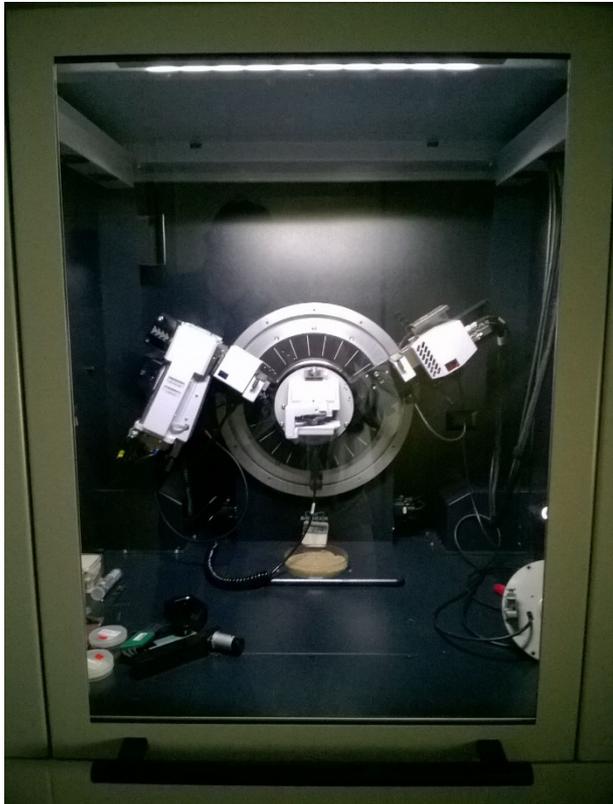


# Graphene



# AREA 1: Microscopies and characterization at Nanoscale

- X-ray diffractometer - XRD
- Zeiss fluorescence confocal optical microscopy for *live imaging*
- *Correlative microscopy (FESEM-Optical microscopy)*

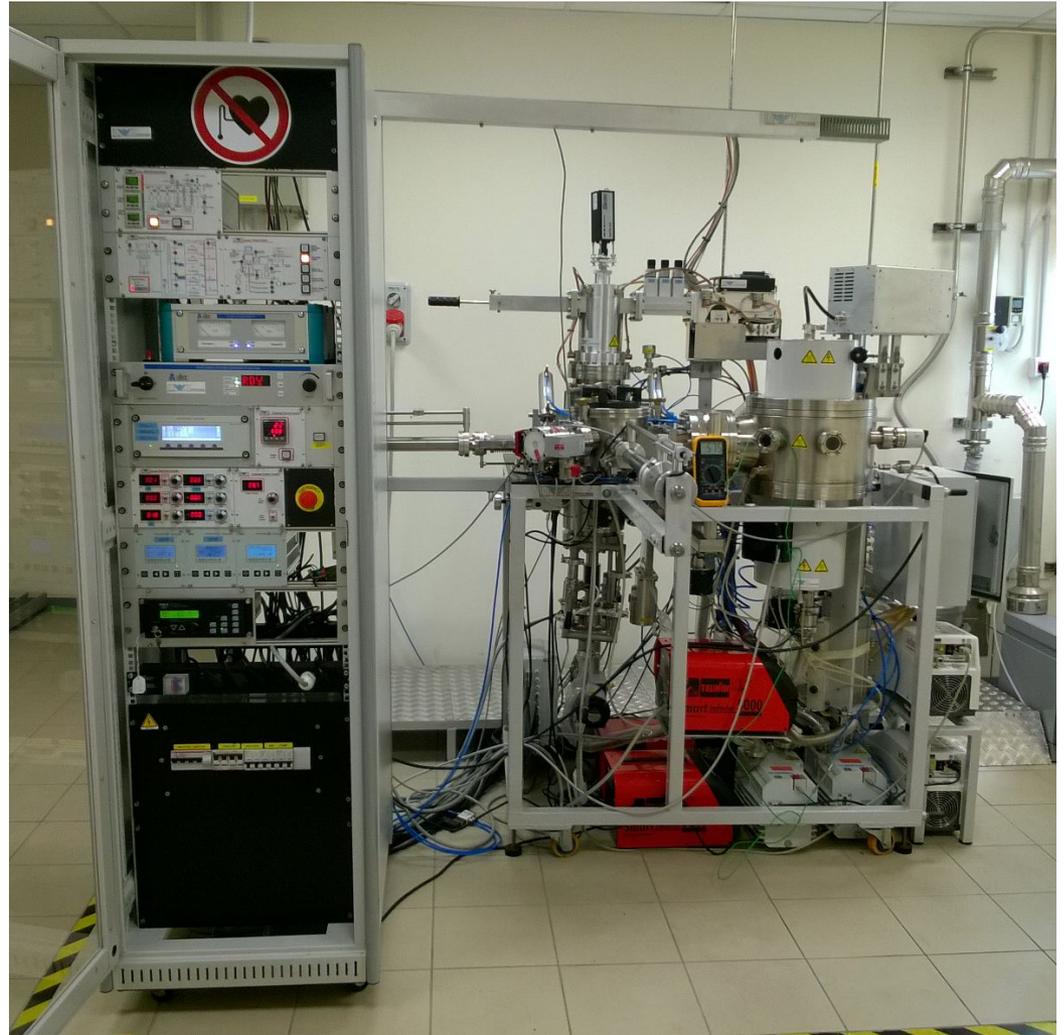


# AREA 2: Nanofabrication

**MWCVD deposition system for growth of silicon nanowires and carbon nanostructures, with a load lock chamber**

**Applications:**

- Nanostructured Solar Cells
  - NW-Si / ZnO junctions
  - Macroporous silicon thin films
- NW-MOS transistors, for biological nanosensors



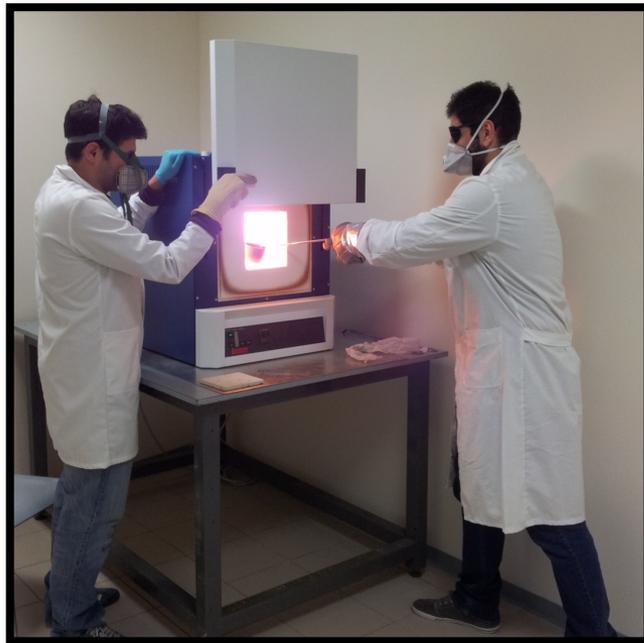
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# AREA 3: Nanocomposites, graphene-based materials

- Muffle furnace (1400 ° C) for the production of graphene / graphite nanoplatelets (GNP)
- Rotational Rheometer with electro-module
- Nanocomposite processing and production



# AREA 4: Processing and Chemistry

- Fume hood
- Metal Sputtering
- Carbon evaporator
- Furnace
- Functionalization /  
targeting of  
molecular and  
supramolecular  
structures



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