



**OPERA COST Action**  
**International Hybrid Training school**  
**Characterization techniques for epitaxial materials**

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European Network for Innovative  
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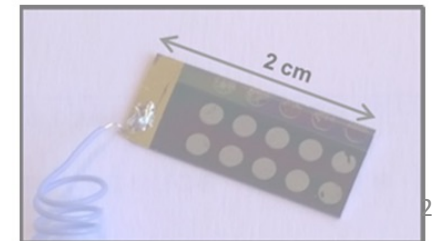
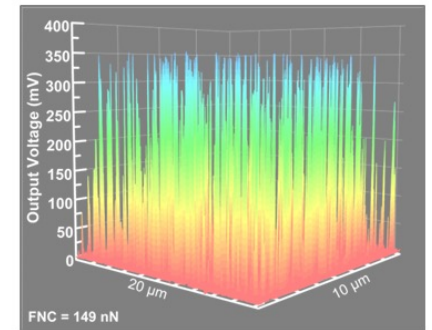
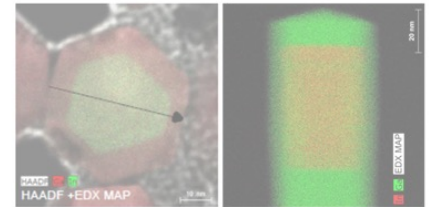
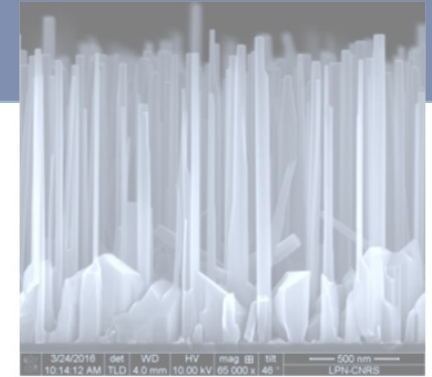
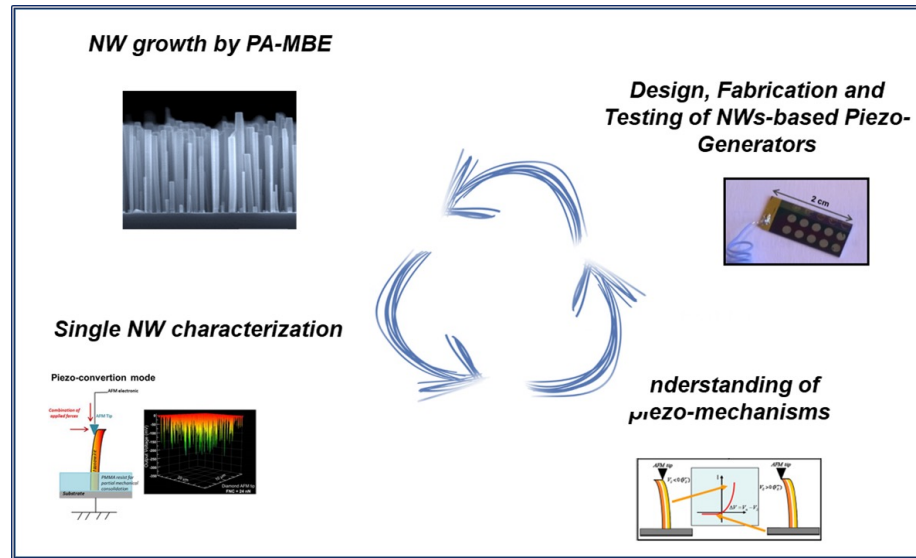
# Presentation of OPERA COST action

*Dr. Noelle Gogneau - Chair*

*Dr. Yamina André – Scientific Grant Holder*

## Development of high-efficient and ultra-compact piezo-transducers based on III-N NWs for supplying $\mu$ -sensors and medical implants

Dr. Noëlle Gogneau





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410

PERSONNES



120

CHERCHEURS ET  
ENSEIGNANTS-  
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INGÉNIEURS, TECHNICIENS  
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18 000 m<sup>2</sup>

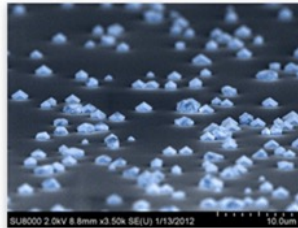
DONT 2 900 M<sup>2</sup> DE SALLES  
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4 DEPARTMENTS



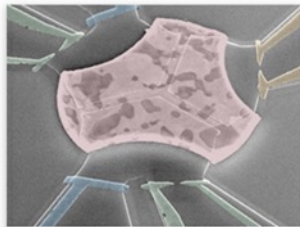
**Photonics Dept.**

*From fundamental  
research to the  
development of new  
photonic devices*



**Materials Dept.**

*Epitaxy of materials and  
study of the properties of  
new structures with  
advanced functionalities*



**Electronic Dept.**

*Understanding of  
phenomena and  
realization of devices at  
the nanometric scale*



**Microsystem &  
Microfluidic Dept.**

*Study and understanding  
of innovative micro / nano  
devices*

*Innovation is essential  
for the R&D of  
tomorrow!*



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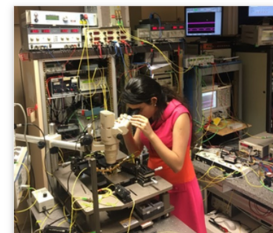
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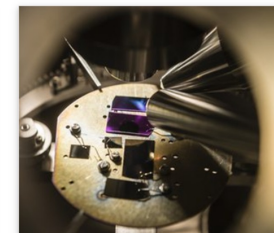
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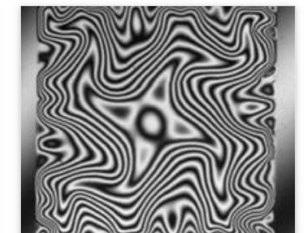
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**Expérimentation RF et  
optique**



**Instrumentation**



**Plateforme multi-  
physique**



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A dynamic economy



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Some big company names :

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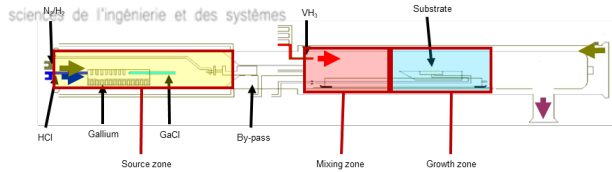
Sectors with international reach:

Logistics and transports,  
Mechanics,  
Biotechnology,  
Food industries...

**Franziska Fischer**  
Administrative Grant Holder

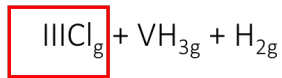
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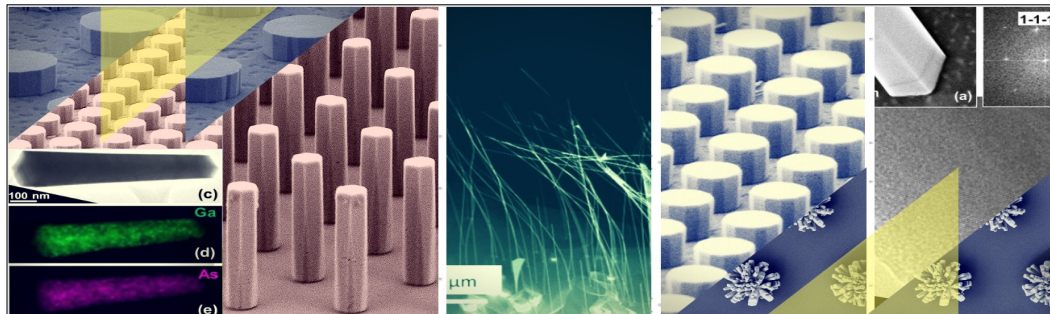
III Elements : III-Cl<sub>x</sub> (GaCl, InCl, InCl<sub>3</sub>)  
 V : VH<sub>3</sub> (NH<sub>3</sub>, AsH<sub>3</sub>)  
 Low material consumption  
 ( average total flow 3L/min)

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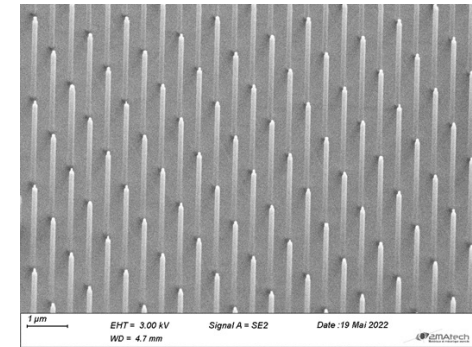


Possibility to tune the growth rate from  
 (1 μm/h to 130 μm/h)

Good selectivity in SAG



**Epitaxy of III-V nanostructures and nanowires  
 by Hydride Vapor Phase Epitaxy (HVPE)**



Pattern characteristics:  
 Pitch = 1 μm  
 Hole diameters = 80 nm

Photodetection  
 Energy Conversion

**Epitaxy – a little history !**

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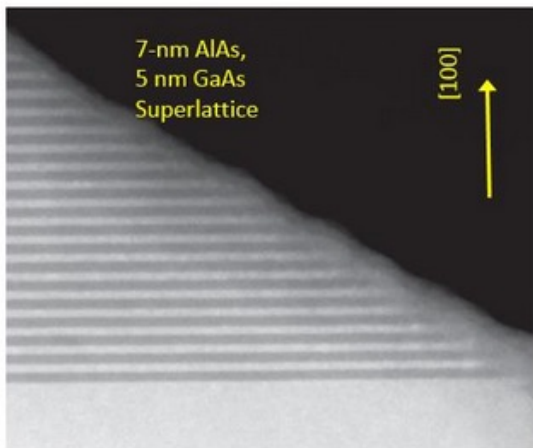
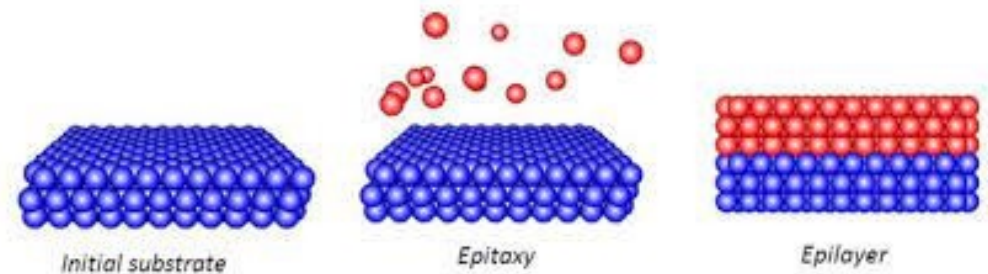
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# Epitaxy - Definition

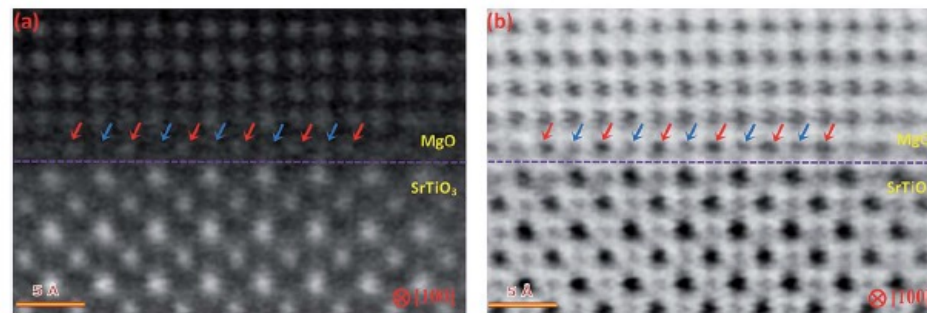
# Epitaxy

Refers to the growth of a material with a highly ordered atomic arrangement (thin films, nanostructures, 2D materials, inorganic or organic materials) on top of another one (crystalline, amorphous material)

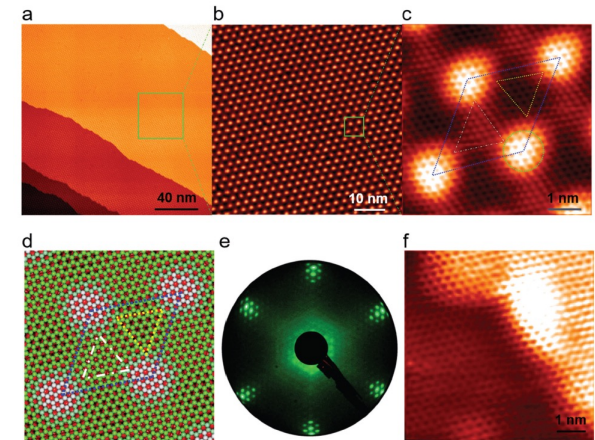
The word **epitaxy** derives from the **Greek prefix** **epi** meaning “upon” or “over”  
**taxis** meaning “arrangement” or “order”



MBE of AlAs/GaAs superlattice [1]



(a) HAADF and (b) ABF STEM image of the MgO/STO heterointerface [2]



Epitaxially-grown wafer-size graphene on a Ru(0001) surface [3]

# Epitaxy – A little history



[4]

*“In 1951 Gordon Teal and Howard Christensen at Bell Labs developed a process, now called epitaxial deposition, to grow a thin layer of material on a substrate that continues the underlying crystalline structure. Sheftal', Kokorish, and Krasilov described similar work on germanium and silicon in the U.S.S.R. in 1957.”*

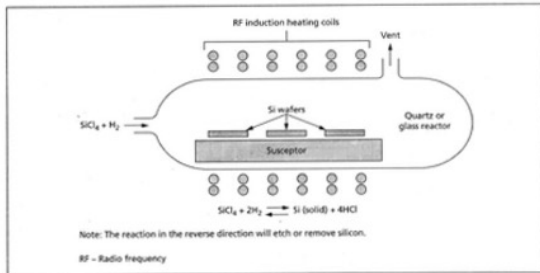
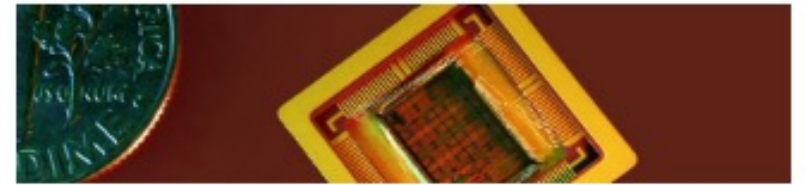


Diagram of a simple epitaxial reactor  
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A research-scale epitaxial reactor in operation  
Credit: University of South Carolina



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## 1960: EPITAXIAL DEPOSITION PROCESS ENHANCES TRANSISTOR PERFORMANCE

DEVELOPMENT OF THIN-FILM CRYSTAL-GROWTH PROCESS LEADS TO TRANSISTORS WITH HIGH SWITCHING SPEEDS.



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At the urging of Ian Ross, a Bell Labs team led by Henry Theurer used chemical-vapor deposition to add a thin epitaxial layer of silicon between the base and collector of a transistor in 1960. This approach raised the transistor's breakdown voltage while dramatically increasing its switching speed, [1961 Milestone] two important circuit-design characteristics. The added manufacturing cost of the extra process step was more than offset by improvements in device performance. The technology was quickly transferred to Western Electric and used in manufacturing silicon transistors for electronic telephone switching in the Bell System.

## Epitaxy – A little history



The beginning of the 21st century is also marked by Nobel Prizes highlighting the strong impact of epitaxy in research and innovation

Between 2009 and 2014, the Nobel Prize foundation has honored numerous scientists for their **works using epitaxy** and has enabled and encouraged applications that are now commonly used



**2000, H. Kroemer & Z. I. Alferov**  
*"for developing semiconductor heterostructures used in high-speed- and opto-electronics"*



**2007, A. Fert and P. Grünberg**  
*"for the discovery of Giant Magnetoresistance."*

**2009, W.S. Boyle & G. E. Smith**  
*"for the invention of an imaging semiconductor circuit – the CCD sensor"*

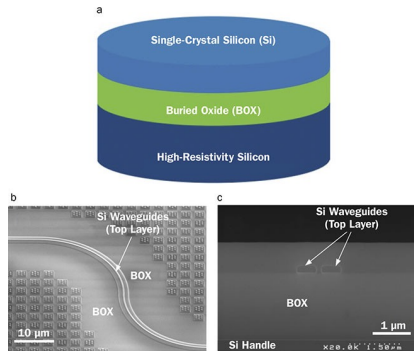


**2014, I. Akasaki, H. Amano & S. Nakamura** *"for the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources"*

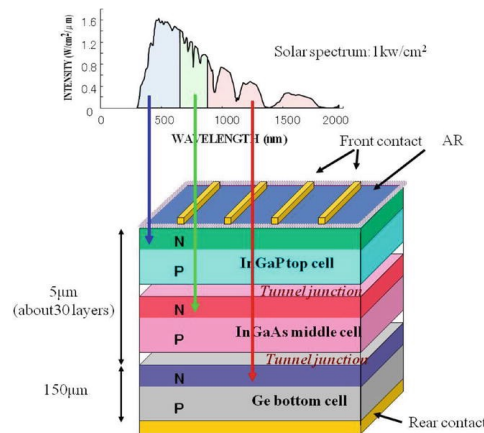
# Epitaxy – Towards applications

“Conventional” semiconductors, the first grown, represent the most prominent used materials in applications of epitaxy

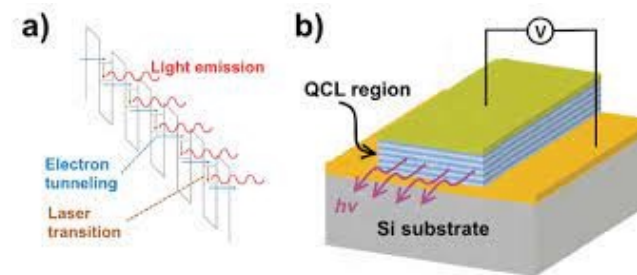
High potential in terms of innovation



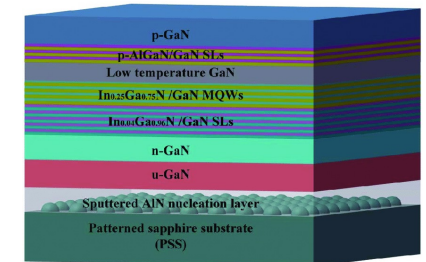
SOI Technology Lights Up the Next Wave of Photonics Solutions [10]



High-Efficiency GaAs-Based Solar Cells [9]



Quantum Cascade Laser [5-7]



Green light-emitting diode (LED) epitaxial structure [8]

Although epitaxial 2D-layers based on silicon and III-V semiconductors have largely demonstrated their potential in terms of innovation, continuous efforts in the development of epitaxy have realized new breakthroughs opening the way towards more efficient, low cost and/or more eco-friendly devices.

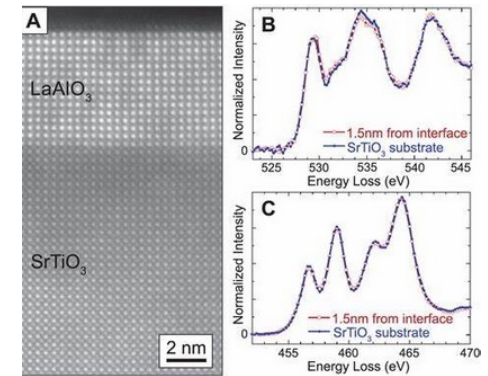
# Epitaxy – Towards applications

The past two decades have also seen an impressive boom and development of a wide range of novel epitaxial materials, combinations and forms of materials

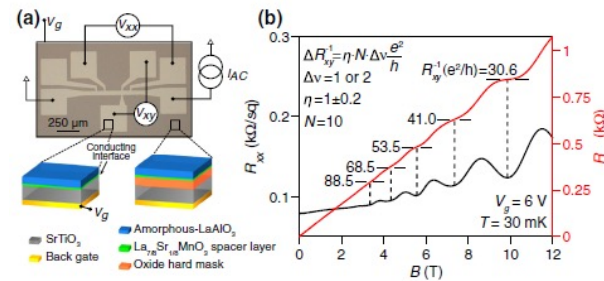


**Functional oxides** include a wide diversity of material systems ranging from simple binary materials to complex oxide heterostructures

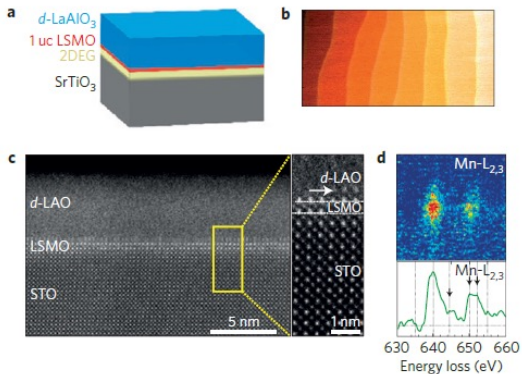
Their large variety of properties offers a step change across a multitude of applications spanning from electronic devices to energy applications [11-12]



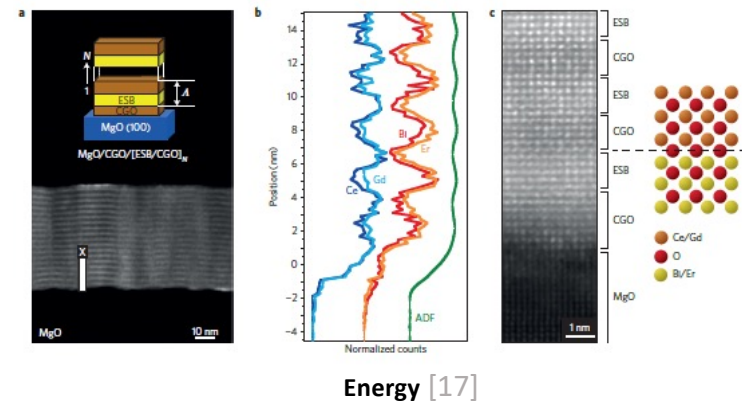
Superconductivity [16]



Observation of the quantum Hall effect [15]



2D electron gas [13] with high mobilities [14]



Energy [17]

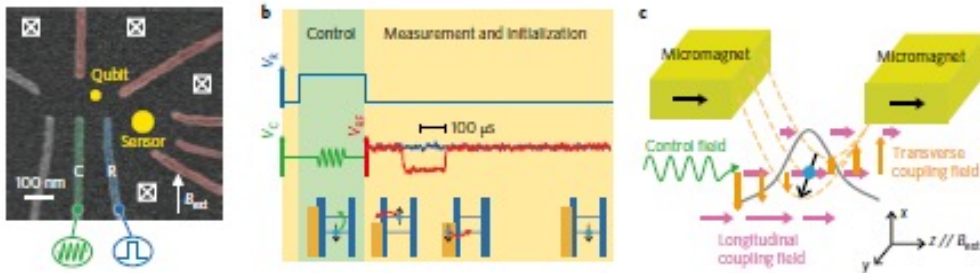
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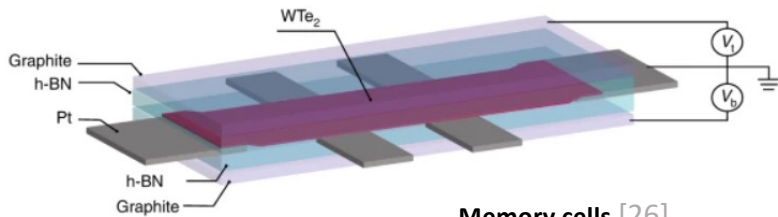


2D-materials have unambiguously demonstrated their high potential for the observation of novel quantum phenomena such as in electronics and photonics [28]

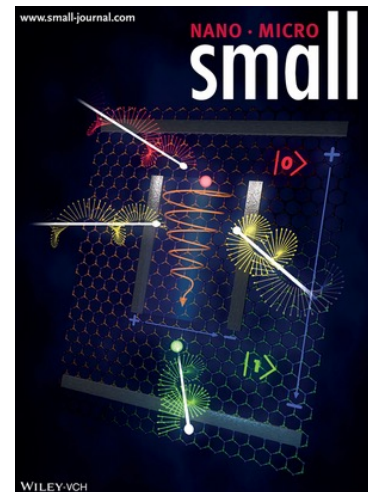
Recent works on graphene- and beyond-graphene-materials have established their large capacity for applications in various domains



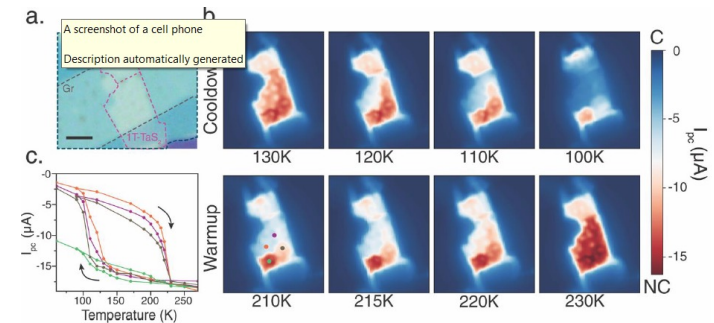
Transistors [18-19]



Memory cells [26]



Valleytronics [27]



Photodetectors [20-21]

- Batteries [22]
- Transparent electrodes [23]
- Energy storage [24-25]

What do all these applications have in common?

# Epitaxy

*Epitaxial materials are the basis for device innovation*

## Motivations

☀ Epitaxial growth is useful for applications that place stringent demands on a deposited layer:

- \* High purity
- \* Low defect density
- \* Abrupt interfaces
- \* Controlled material thickness and carrier concentration
- \* Controlled doping profiles
- \* Possibility to grow p-n junction & other multilayer structures
  
- \* High repeatability and uniformity
- \* Safe, efficient operation

**Better  
structural, optical, electrical...  
properties**

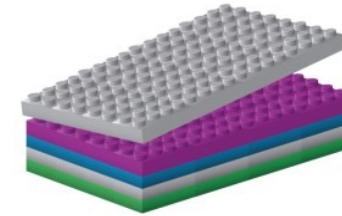
☀ Can create clean, fresh surface for device fabrication

## Epitaxy Fundamentals – few words !

Which epitaxial technique for the semiconductors ?



[43]



[44]

When selecting an epitaxial growth technology for a particular material system and/or device application, the choice needs to take into account:

- ✓ The basic principles of thermodynamics,
- ✓ Kinetics,
- ✓ Surface energies
- ...

As well as practical issues of:

- ✓ Reproducibility,
- ✓ Scalability,
- ✓ Process control,
- ✓ Instrumentation,
- ✓ Safety and capital equipment costs.


Several epitaxial techniques have been used for the growth of epilayers of III-V, II-VI compound semiconductors, Oxide and 2D-materials.


- ☼ Liquid Phase Epitaxy (LPE),
- ☼ Molecular Beam Epitaxy (MBE) and the hybrid systems
- ☼ Vapor Phase Epitaxy (VPE) and the related techniques
- ☼ Pulsed laser deposition (PLD)
- ☼ Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)
- ☼ ...

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OPERA will build a new and innovative European Network composed of expert communities in epitaxial growth focusing on different materials classes: conventional semiconductors, oxides and 2D materials.

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## LATEST NEWS



Postpone of the Workshop –  
“From Epitaxial Materials  
towards Technological  
Transfer:  
Academic/Industrial  
meeting”

APRIL 26, 2023

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## LATEST JOB OPPORTUNITIES



New Research Technologist  
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## *Epitaxy: Main advances in science and technology.*

Growth or transfer of a material with a highly ordered atomic arrangement (thin films, nanostructures, 2D materials, inorganic or organic materials) on top of another one (crystalline, amorphous material)

Over the last decades, it is striking to see how research in epitaxy has enabled the development, fabrication and integration of the most innovative materials at the origin of all devices used daily in electronics, optoelectronics, energy, telecommunications to name just a few.

## OPERA - Context & Needs

**Today, material innovation is more vital than ever and needs to be more efficient,  
design-driven and environmentally friendly**

### Different “epitaxial” communities

- ❖ *Materials oriented: Silicon, III-V semiconductors, wide-band-gap materials, oxides, 2D-materials, 3D-metamaterials...*
- ❖ *Deposition techniques: MOVPE & MBE; LPE, CVD, ALD/ALE & MLD/ MLE, PLD*
- ❖ *Focused communities: NWs or QDs, epitaxial process (Van der Waals epitaxy), targeted applications (photovoltaic cells, gas sensors, white LEDs or flexible electronics...*

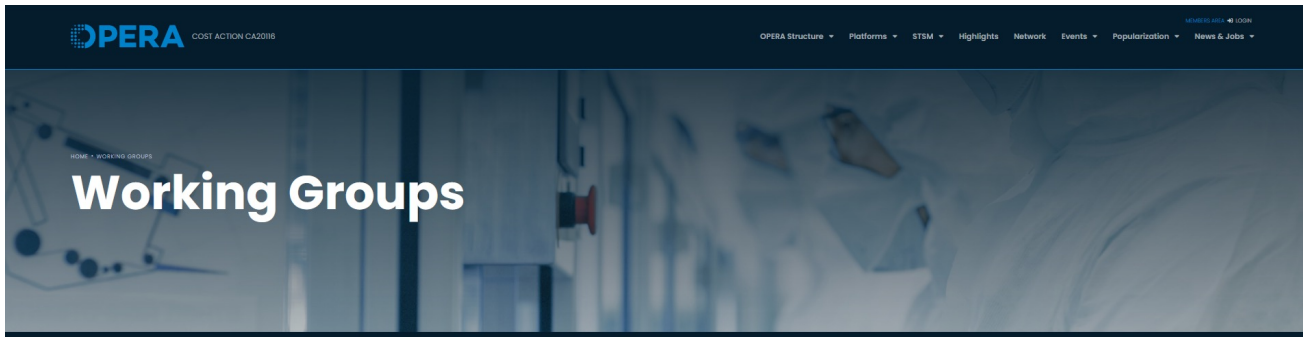
*Organization of international conferences, workshops centered on materials, epitaxial techniques a good illustration of these community partitions !*

*Integrate and concern only a small part of working groups*

**We need**

**A broader structure of the epitaxy community in the thematic sense, with the aim of addressing common problems and pushing innovations beyond the boundaries !**

**Only by joint efforts from researchers from different communities, startup & industry with a sharing and open mindset**



35 European COST countries  
 4 Near- neighbouring countries  
 3 international partners

*Today: More than 800 persons subscribing the mailing list*

**WG1**  
**Fundamental research – New Materials**

In material science, the ambition is to address new challenges, pushing the frontiers of knowledge. To address Sustainable Development Goals: the fundamental key in the epitaxy field must be addressed for mastering "actual" materials and developing new materials.

**Objectives:** To master the material growth under various forms (2D film, 3D structures, nanostructures); and to develop and control the growth of new materials, it is essential to understand the fundamental mechanisms driving their synthesis by closely combining experimental and theoretical approaches.

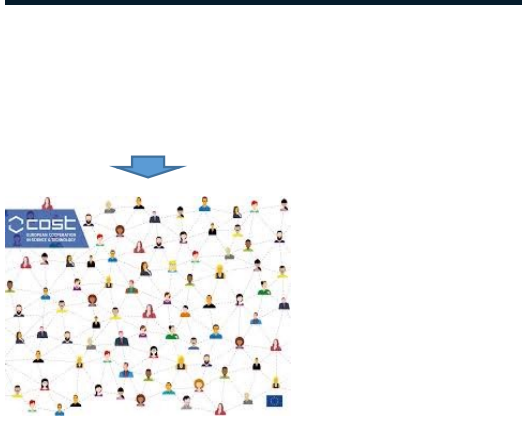
- **WG1.1** Fundamental aspects of epitaxy
- **WG1.2** Theory of epitaxy
- **WG1.3** Substrates and pre-growth: Towards hybridization
- **WG1.4** In-situ growth and characterization

**WG2**  
**Applications-oriented material developments**

Optimization of materials for innovative devices: Novel device performances rely on material properties. In this regard, materials must be developed considering device requirements.

**Objectives:** To make the bridge between fundamental researches (WG1) and industrial applications (WG3).

- **WG2.1** Characterization and control of novel functional materials;
- **WG2.2** Engineering epitaxial strategies for functional properties of devices;
- **WG2.3** Theoretical simulation of fundamental properties and functional devices;
- **WG2.4** New/optimized tools for growth and characterization.




**WG3**  
**Industry-oriented materials development and technological transfers**

To develop technological transfer-ready devices, the fundamental challenges of tasks 1 & 2 must be addressed by taking into account market-proof device specifications.

**Objectives:** To convert scientific excellence into innovative solutions and establish disruptive technologies.

- **WG3.1** Assessment of materials requirements, development of advanced materials and technological transfers for: Photonics, Electronics, Energy, communication/information, Health and Environment;
- **WG3.2** Epitaxial tools and techniques: Because of the assessment of materials requirements, development of advanced materials/nanostructures and technological transfers is also based on the development of new techniques, new material sources and adequate and new substrates.



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EVENTS COST WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

### Workshop - "Application-oriented material development"

**DATE:** 12 SEPTEMBER TO 14 SEPTEMBER, 2023

Organized by the EU COST Action OPERA Bucharest-Magurele, September 12-14, 2023 Abstract Submission Deadline: June 15th, 2023 Dear colleagues, We would like to draw your attention to the upcoming OPERA Workshop "Application-oriented material development", which will be held in Bucharest-Magurele, Romania, September 12-14, 2023. The content of the Workshop will cover the scientific tasks of the...

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### Postpone of the Workshop - "From Epitaxial Materials towards Technological Transfer: Academic/Industrial meeting"

**DATE:** 28 AUGUST TO 31 AUGUST, 2023

Organized by the EU COST Action OPERA New dates: August 29-31, 2023 New Abstract Submission Deadline: June 30, 2023 The OPERA Workshop "From Epitaxial Materials towards Technological Transfer: Academic/Industrial meeting" will be held in Paris-Saclay-France, August 29-31, 2023. 3 main topics will be addressed. The content of the Workshop will cover the scientific tasks of the...

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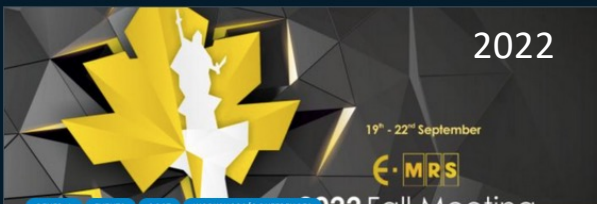
EVENTS COST WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

### Workshop "Fundamental research - New Materials"

**DATE:** 18 APRIL TO 21 APRIL, 2023

Workshop Programme Here Booklet Here Workshop Last Information Here The content of the Workshop will cover the scientific tasks of the Action related to the Work Group 1 by taking an interdisciplinary and cross-community approach to key developments in epitaxy, new theoretical and experimental for the maturation of epitaxial materials, and novel functionalities for next-generation devices. To...

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GENERAL EVENTS COST WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES

### COST OPERA special events at symposium H - EMRS 2022

**DATE:** 18 SEPTEMBER TO 21 SEPTEMBER, 2022

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**Training school "Modern directions in Epitaxy"**

The training school will include the areas of **fundamental and applied** epitaxy research, including advances in the technique, synthesis of new materials, discovery of new physical properties, formation of novel heterostructures, and the development of innovative devices.

Apply for the school by sending the application form ([link to form](#)) no later than 1/5-2022, 12:00 CET to: [opera-registration@clermont-auvergne-inp.fr](mailto:opera-registration@clermont-auvergne-inp.fr). Decision will be communicated to applicants by email no later than 20/5.

**Additional questions**, please contact the training school organizers: Felix Trier – [fetri@dtu.dk](mailto:fetri@dtu.dk), Thomas Sand Jespersen – [tsaje@dtu.dk](mailto:tsaje@dtu.dk), Nini Pryds – [nipr@dtu.dk](mailto:nipr@dtu.dk)

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**ABSTRACT**  
This school will focus on the areas of fundamental and applied epitaxy research, including advances in the technique, synthesis of new materials, discovery of new physical properties, formation of novel heterostructures, and the development of innovative devices.

**PRACTICAL DETAILS**  
40 participants will be accepted to participate in person at the training school. 10 participants will be accepted by videoconferencing by the COST Action. The school will be held at DTU's Lyngby campus with virtual access to the facilities, equipment and training material. **FREE** and virtual access to the facilities. **FREE** for the school during 5 business days (1/5-2022, 12:00 CET). Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact the organizers.

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**6th Call for the Short-Term Scientific Missions**

Dear Colleagues, We are pleased to inform you about the opening of the 6th Call for the Short-Term Scientific Missions (STSMs) funded by the COST Action European Network for Innovative and Advanced Epitaxy (CA20116 – OPERA). This 6th call will fund STSMs taking place from 15 July to 1 October 2023. The deadline for the...

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**NEW Opening CALL  
ITC Conference Grants**

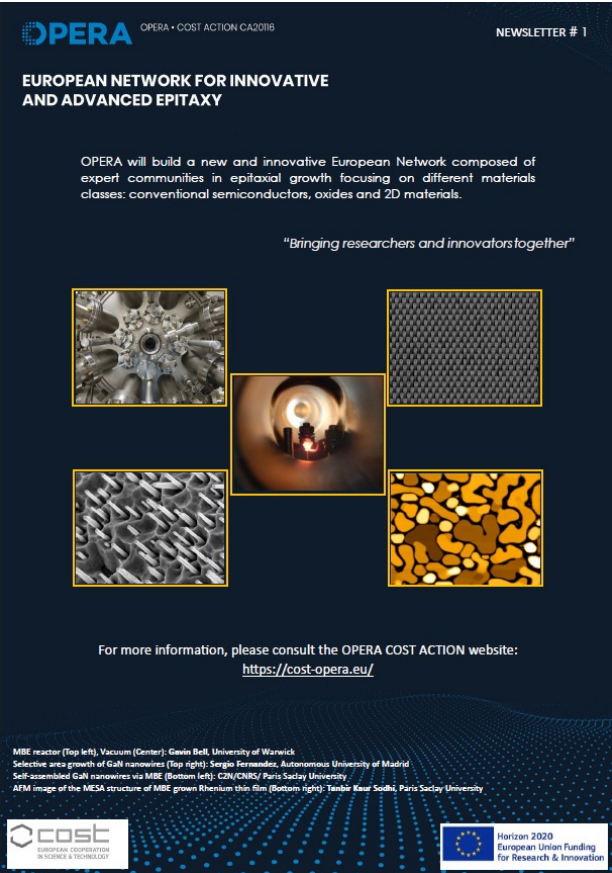
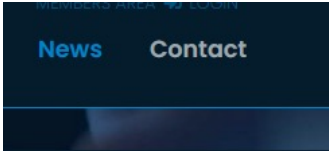
We are pleased to announce the **opening of the COST OPERA ITC Conference Grants.**

The aim of the ITC Conference Grants is to support **young researchers from Participating Inclusiveness Target Country (ITC) to attend international science and technology-related conferences** on the topic of the COST Action that are not organized by the COST Action.

ITC conference grants **cover ONLY conference fees.**

- ✓ Please submit your application 45 days prior to the planned conference attendance and except summer holyday period (July 22-August 15).
- ✓ Attendance at the conference and the application process must start and end during the **same Grant Period**

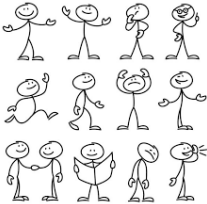
(before Oct. 15 for COST OPERA).



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