

# RL 5 - Electronic, optical and magnetic properties of low-dimensional systems

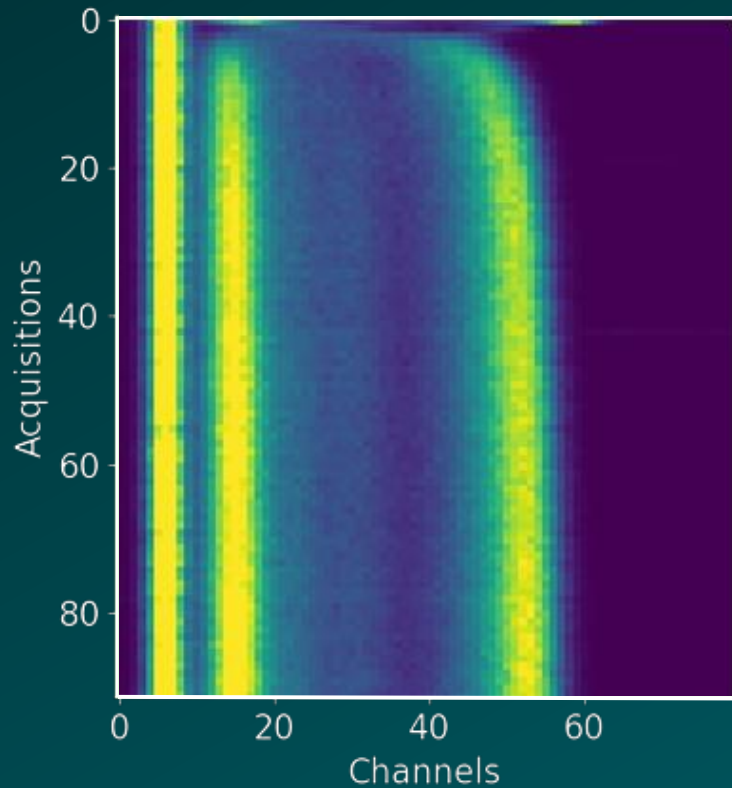
- **CdTe detector for fast X-ray Spectro-imaging**
- **Variable Energy Positron Annihilation Spectroscopy**
- **Dynamical electron spectro-microscopy of nanoscale and low dimensional systems**
- **Advanced scanning microscopies for real-time monitoring of molecular interactions in organic nano-crystals**
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# CdTe detector for fast X-ray Spectro-imaging

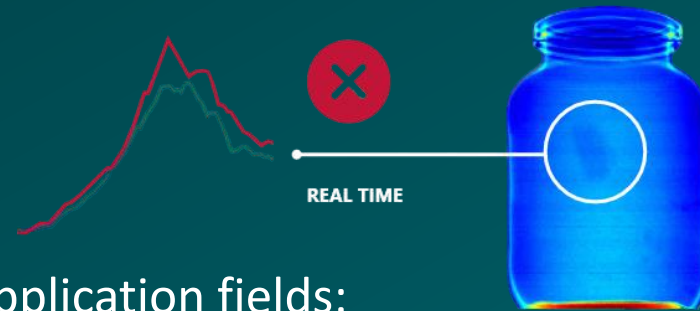
Improving the performances of a new generation X-ray solid state detector through the study of CdTe physics



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- Get in touch with XSpectra<sup>®</sup>: Xnext patented technology
- Multienergy radiography
- Development of a Pockels effect setup for electric field mapping



Application fields:



FOOD SAFETY



MATERIAL RECYCLING



PHARMA SAFETY



SECURITY CONTROLS



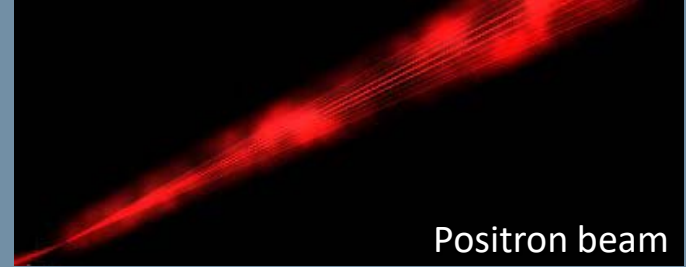
Useful links:

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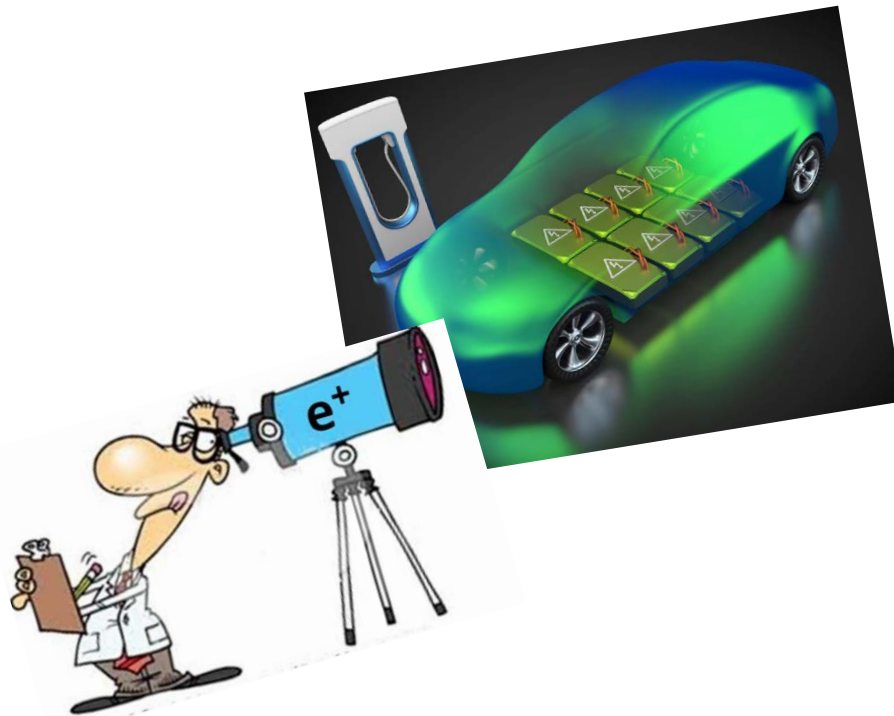
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# Variable Energy Positron Annihilation Spectroscopy



## Applied Physics thesis

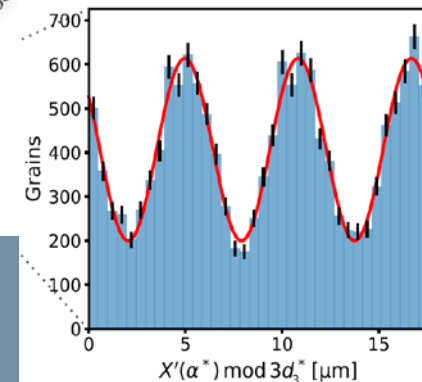
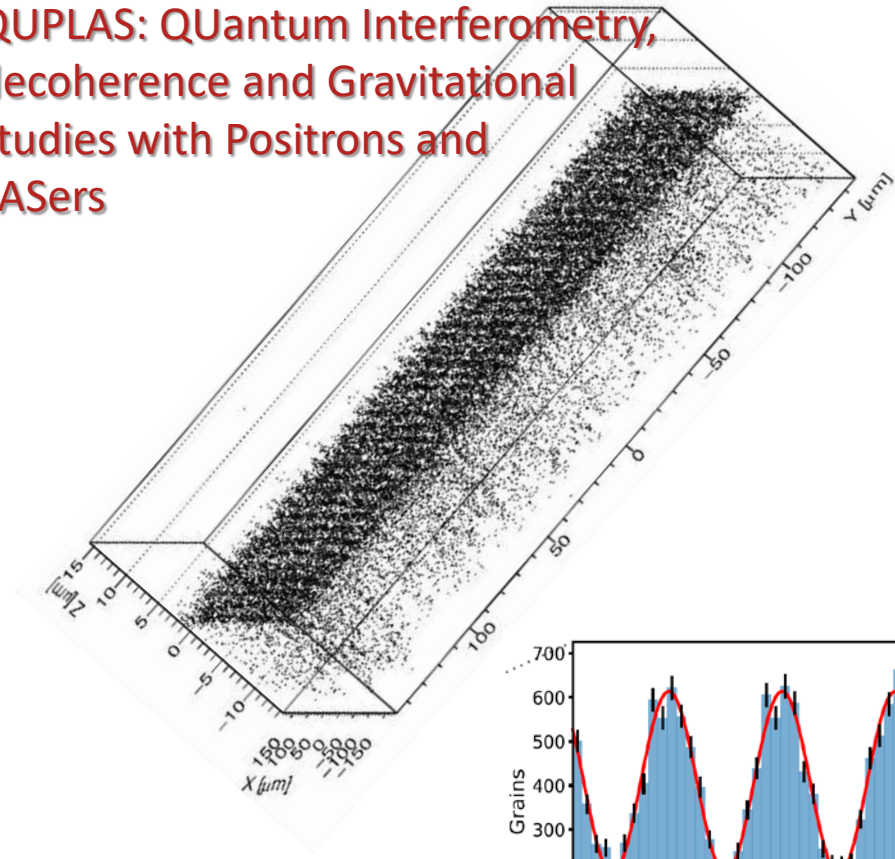
Lithium and sodium-ion batteries



## Physics thesis

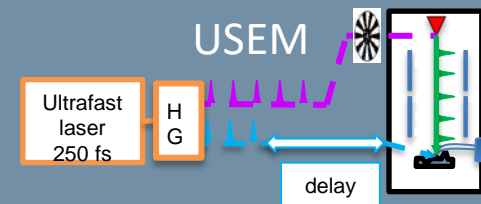
Antimatter Interferometry

QUPLAS: QUantum Interferometry, decoherence and Gravitational studies with Positrons and LASers



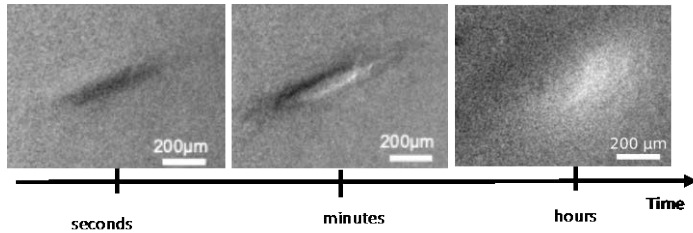
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# Dynamical electron spectro-microscopy of nanoscale and low dimensional systems



We develop **time-resolved electron imaging & spectroscopy** to investigate **dynamical micro-nanostructures** and **ultrafast phenomena in low dimensional systems**

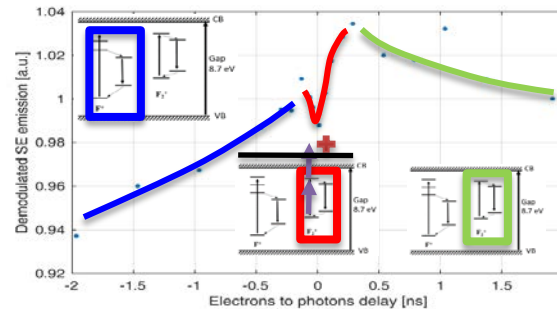
*Evolution of photo-induced space charge in perovskite thin films*



*G. Irde et al, Micron 121, 53 (2019)*

*S. M. Pietralunga et al., Adv. Mat. Interf. 7, 16 (2020)*

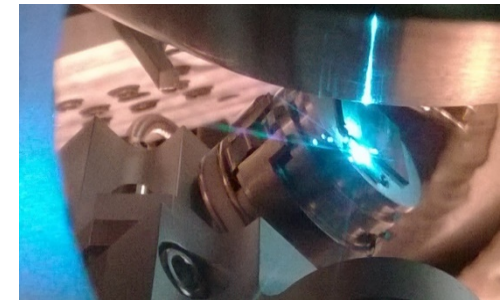
*Dynamics of color centers at Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> surface*



*M. Zani et al., Ultramicroscopy 187, 93, (2018)*



*USEM set up and sample chamber*



## Theses:

- Surface electro-dynamics in semiconductor surfaces and low dimensional materials (experimental)
- Imaging MEMS and NEMS (micro and nano electro-mechanical systems) dynamics
- Modelling of charge transport, emission and collection in dynamical Electron Microscopy (numerical)
- Electron sources, detectors and spectrometers for dynamical Electron Microscopy
- Electron Micro-Spectroscopy at the nanoscale in novel and nanostructured materials

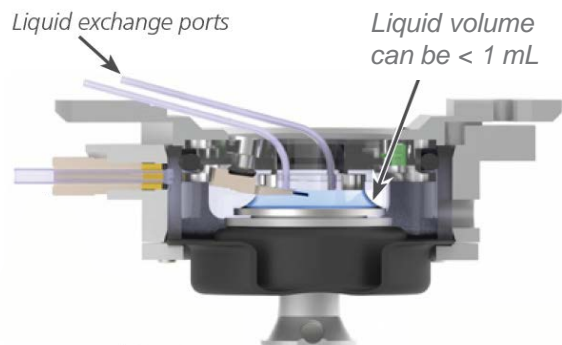
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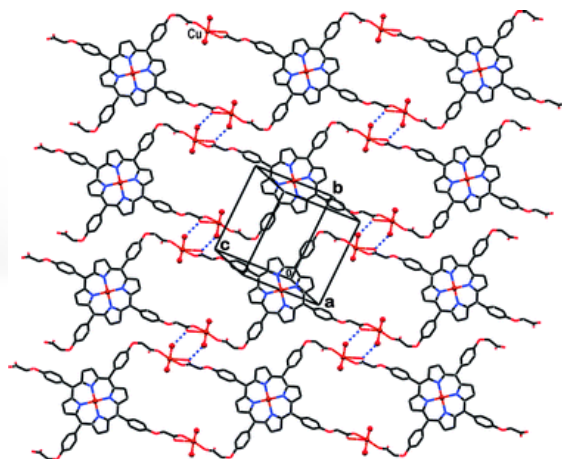


# Advanced scanning microscopies for real-time monitoring of molecular interactions in organic nano-crystals

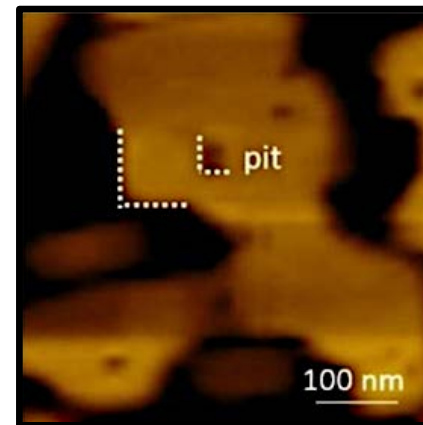
NT-MDT microscope



Cross-sectional drawing of the ambient stage and fluid perfusion probe holder



Porphyrin (TPP) nanoarray



ChemNANOMat 6 (2020) 567-575

## Tailoring the nonlinear optical properties of nanostructures and metasurfaces

## Enhanced light-matter interaction for sensing

### Nonlinear optics in dielectric antennas

V. Gili et al., *Opt. Express* **24**, 15965 (2016)

### Nonlinear optics in plasmonic antennas

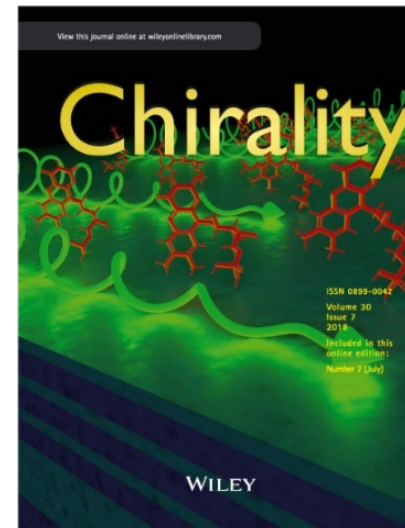
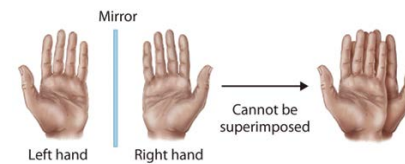
M. Celebrano et al., *Nat. Nanotech.* **10**, 412 (2015)  
M. Celebrano et al. *Nano Lett.* **19**, 7013 (2019)

### Nonlinear optics in metasurfaces

L. Carletti et al. *ACS Photonics* **8**, 731-737 (2021)

- Nonlinear nano-photonics for integrated all-optical logic
- Nonlinear ultraflat optics with metasurfaces

- Label-free optical sensing
- Recognition and sorting of chiral biomolecules



### Nonlinear sensing

L. Ghirardini et al. *JPC* **122**, 11475 (2018)

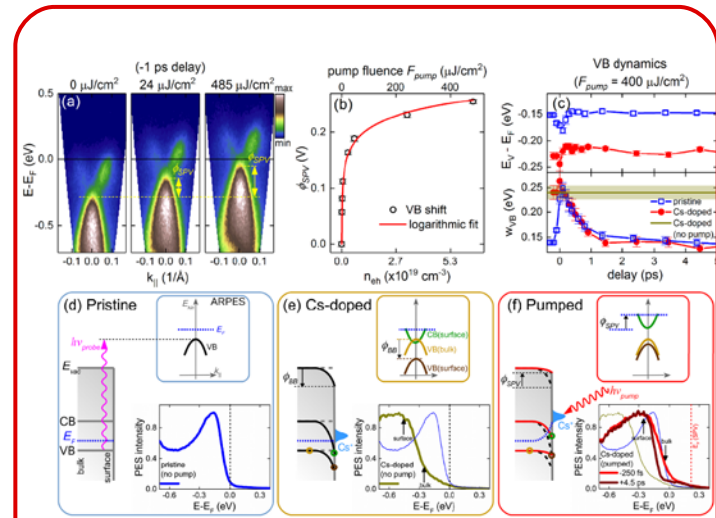
### Chiral surface waves

G. Pellegrini et al., *Phys. Rev. B*, **95**, 241402 (2017)

# Femtosecond time- and angle- resolved photoemission spectroscopy on 2D quantum materials

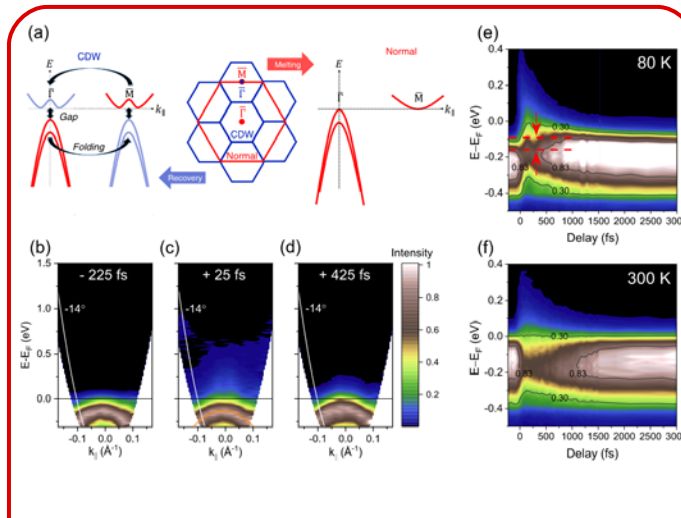
We investigate electronic structure and dynamics in novel two-dimension layered materials by femtosecond time- and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (tr-ARPES)

Our latest interests involve: **Topological and excitonic insulators, Mott and Charge Density Waves (CDW) phase transitions**



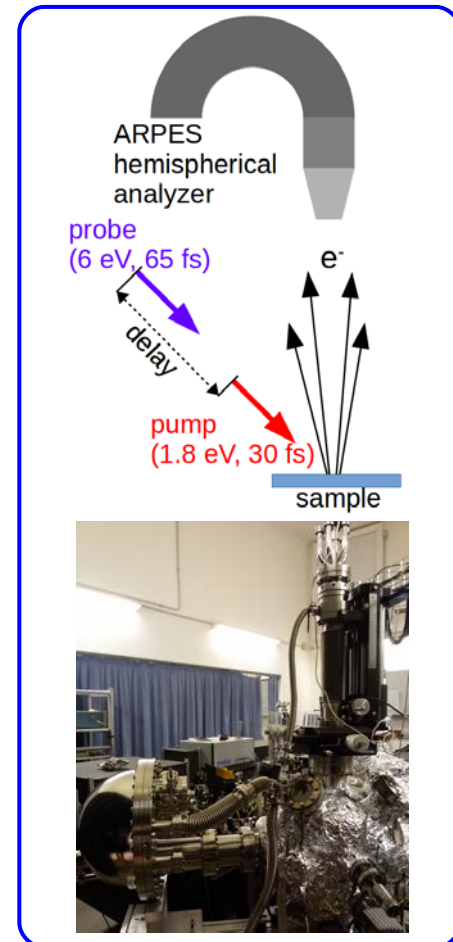
Non-equilibrium band broadening, gap renormalization and band inversion in black phosphorus

H. Hedayat, A. Ceraso, G. Soavi, S. Akhavan, A. Cadore, C. Dallera, G. Cerullo, A.C. Ferrari, E. Carpene, *2D Mater.* **8** 025020 (2021)



Excitonic and lattice contributions to the charge density wave in 1T-TiSe<sub>2</sub> revealed by a phonon bottleneck

H. Hedayat, C.J. Sayers, D. Bugini, C. Dallera, D. Wolverson, T. Batten, S. Karbassi, S. Friedemann, G. Cerullo, J. van Wezel, S.R. Clark, E. Carpene, E. Da Como, *Phys. Rev. Res.* **1** 023029 (2019)





# Monte-Carlo simulation of complex statistical phenomena



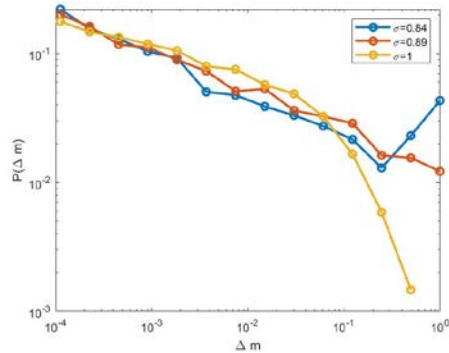
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We study and simulate the evolution of complex systems including

- Random Ising models (including ferromagnets and spin glasses)
- Avalanches in plasticity and phase transitions

*Avalanches in ferromagnets with below-critical / critical / above-critical randomness*

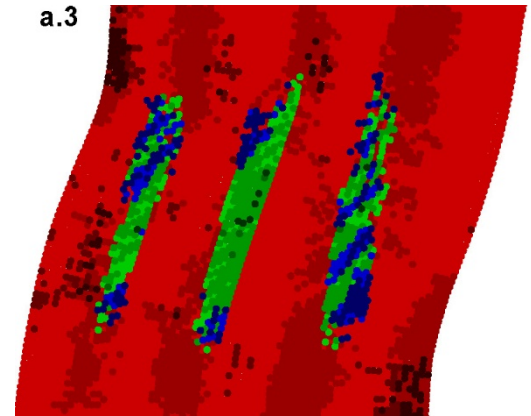
*M. Metra et al (2021)*



## Theses:

- Cluster Monte-Carlo simulations of phase transitions
- Dynamic (real-time) simulations of non-equilibrium phenomena
- Phase transitions in planar martensitic solids
- Poincaré disk representation of plastic evolution in planar solids

*Bursty phase transitions in martensitic solids*  
*E. Arbib et al, Int. J. Plasticity (2020)*



*Representation of the Poincaré disk*  
*MC Escher, Angels and Demons*

