

IMT-MINAFAB as a platform of interaction in nanoscience and nanotechnologies

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Summary

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- Current projects.
- Equipment overview.
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About IMT-MINAFAB, in brief



- State of the art research infrastructure, operating since September 2008.
- Center of services for micro- and nanofabrication and
- Platform of interaction as open-centre for research and education-byresearch, focused on multidisciplinary innovation and knowledge transfer to industry.
- Enables highly efficient exploitation of IMT's existing tangible and intangible assets in nano-science/technologies (clean-room facility, advanced equipments, knowledge and experience, partners and clients).
- Complex technological platform: CAD tools, mask shop sector, analysis and characterization, nanobio fabrication, reliability tests.
- Access is facilitated in a variety of ways, with notable accent on developing common R&D projects and on offering direct access of innovative companies to nanoscience and nanotechnology expertise and tools.



Main facts, main figures [1]



- Class 1000 clean room (220 sqm) for the mask shop and the most demanding technological processes.
- Class 100,000 clean room so called "grey area" (200 sqm), mostly for the characterization equipments.
- Class 10,000 clean room (120 sqm) for thin films by CVD techniques, RTP, etc. (to become operational).
- Accumulated total investment in equipments and infrastructure: about 9 M euro (2006-2009: 7 M euro; 2008: 3.5 M, mainly from Capacities projects).
- Large range of services. Main categories:
 - micro/nanofabrication for devices and systems
 - inspection, analysis and characterization of surfaces, films, crystals, nanostructures
 - design, modeling and simulation
 - complex RDI services from design, to reliability testing



Main facts, main figures [2]



- Over 60 national users as partners in consortia, or based on bilateral agreements: 30 companies, 15 research institutes, 15 universities.
- Over 30 industrial users, as partners in consortia or contracted service users: Austria(1), Finland(1), France(1), Germany(8), Greece(1), Hungary(2), Italy(3), Poland(1), Slovakia(2), Spain(1), Sweden(6), The Netherlands(3), etc.
- Over 30 partners in research FP6-7, bilateral projects: Belgium(2), Finland(1), France(2), Germany(11), Greece(1), Hungary(1), Italy(2), Ireland(1), Israel(1), Poland(1), Spain(1), The Netherlands(3), UK(1), Singapore(1), etc.
- Master courses and hands-on training for students of Polytechnic University of Bucharest.
- Operation of IMT-MINAFAB conforms with best technical/technological/ management standards (e.g., degree of decontamination, safety of operation



Main facts, main figures [3]

• Accumulated funding based on:



- three projects for technological networks (2005-2008) NanoScaleLab and NanoBioLab labs created in this context: nuclei of some current experimental labs.
- four infrastructure projects (2006-2008) extension of capabilities.
- eight infrastructure projects from the "Capacities" programme (2007-2009) five of them consolidated the "Centre of nanotechnologies"; reconstruction/updating of the premises.
- MIMOMEMS project of centre of excellence, funded by the EU.
- Various research projects in national programmes.
- Individual themes of research in the "core programme".
- Result:
 - IMT-MINAFAB as an integrated cluster of new experimental laboratories initiated and operated by various research groups. Other equipments that can be used for production (mask shop, wafer processing etc.) are managed by execution personnel, in a dedicated department.
 - Provides the experimental support for a number of interdisciplinary groups, such as:
 - Centre of Nanotechnology (CNT-IMT) under the aegis of Romanian Academy.
 - MIMOMEMS Centre of Excellence from IMT (RF and Opto MEMS), EC 2008-2011.
 - **LEA (Associated European Laboratory)** "Smart MEMS", IMT-Bucharest in association with LAAS/CNRS, Toulouse (France) and FORTH, Heraklion (Greece).
 - Infrastructure providing state of the art services in micro-nanotechnology and handson education and training.

Major fields of R&D



• Collaborative multidisciplinary research, focusing on convergent micro-nano-bio technologies, based on **structuring and characterization at the nanoscale**.

• Components for nanoelectronics, photonics and microwaves

- new fabrication technologies in Si, as well as in wide bandgap semiconductors, dielectrics, polymers.
- CNT/graphene-based nanostructures for nanoelectronics (transistors and chip interconnections).
- new concepts and structures for optical MEMS and RF-MEMS.
- Advanced nanomaterials and nanostructures for therapies, biosensing, energy and other industries
 - functionalized nanoporous materials, nanocomposite particles, microarrays.
 - nanocomposite and film assemblies for fuel cells and photovoltaics.
 - SAM's, immobilization and combined studies of molecular interactions.
 - microfluidic components and biochips for biosensing and monitoring.
 - functional films and nanocomposites for: neurosensing, constructions.

Major fields of R&D



- New technologies for fabrication and characterization
 - nanolithography, mask-free nano-connections, high aspect-ratio nanostructures.
 - silicon nanoelectrodes, functional porous silicon, bio-active materials, field emission nanostructures.
 - soft-lithography and replication.
 - rapid prototyping: dip-pen nanolithography, laser micromachining, 3D and inkjet printing.
 - nanomechanical characterization of materials.

IMT-MINAFAB currently provides a complex technological platform for basic research, application-oriented R&D and even small-scale production.

Current projects [1]



• FP6 projects



IMT was acting as coordinator, partner, associate partner or subcontractor.

Current projects [2]



• FP7 (and related) projects



Current projects [3]



European Centre of Excellence in Microwave, Millimetre Wave and Optical Devices, based on Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems for Advanced Communication Systems and Sensors – MIMOMEMS, Contract no. 202897, REGPOT, 2008-2011. Coordinator: IMT-Bucharest. Contact: Dr. Alexandru Muller (alexandru.muller@imt.ro).

- Enabling MEMS-MMIC technology for cost-effective multifunctional RF-system integration -MEMS-4-MMIC, Contract no.: 204101, STREP, ICT, 2008-2011. Coordinator: IMST GmbH, Germany. Coordinator: Dr. Stephen Trueman, CONSORZIO SAPIENZA INNOVAZIONE, Italy. IMT role: Partner. IMT Contact: Dr. Dan Neculoiu (dan.neculoiu@imt.ro).
- Carbon nAnotube Technology for High-speed nExt-geneRation nano-InterconNEcts -CATHERINE, Contract no. 216215, STREP, ICT, 2008-2011. IMT role: Partner. IMT Contact: Adrian Dinescu (adrian.dinescu@imt.ro).
- Flexible Patterning of Complex Micro Structures using Adaptive Embossing Technology FlexPAET, IP, NMP, 2008-2010. Coordinator: Dr.-Ing. Christian Wenzel, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft zur Förderung der angewandten Forschung e.V. Fraunhofer Institut für Produktionstechnolgie (IPT), Germany. IMT role: Partner. IMT Contact: Dr. Dana Cristea (dana.cristea@imt.ro).
- European scale infrastructure in NanoBiotechnology EuroNanoBio, CSA, NMP, 2009-2010. Coordinator: Prof. Patrick Boisseau CEA, France. IMT role: Partner. IMT contact: Prof. Dan Dascalu (dan.dascalu@imt.ro).

Current projects [4]



- Nanoelectronics for Safe, Fuel Efficient and Environment Friendly Automotive Solution SE2A; ENIAC nanoelectronics - Coord: NXP Semiconductor Netherlands BV, The Netherlands. IMT contact: Dr. Alexandru Muller (alexandru.muller@imt.ro).
- Novel Gain Materials and Devices Based on III-V-N Compounds; COST Action Coord: University of Essex, UK. IMT contact: Dr. Alexandru Muller (alexandru.muller@imt.ro),
- Micro Nano Technology Use by SME's- MINATUSE; EUREKA Coord: IMEC, Belgium. IMT Contact: Ionica Miresteanu (ionica.miresteanu@imt.ro).
- Development of competences of educational staff by integrating operational tasks into measures of vocational training and further education – ComEd; Leonardo da Vinci -Coord: BWAW Thüringen GmbH, Germany. IMT Contact: Dr. Raluca Muller (raluca.muller@imt.ro).
- A system-in-a-microfluidic package approach for focused diagnostic DNA microchips DNASIP; ERA-NET - Coord: Université catolique de Louvain, Belgium. IMT contact: Monica Simion (monica.simion@imt.ro).
- Nanostructural carbonaceous films for cold emitters NANOCAFE; ERA-NET Coord: Industrial Institute of Electronics, Poland. IMT contact: Florea Craciunoiu (florea.craciunoiu@imt.ro).

Bilateral research cooperation with organizations from:

Italy, France, Belgium, UK, Japan, Singapore, South-Africa.

Equipment overview [1]



- Main tool categories:
 - lithography chrome, maskless, nano
 - 4-6" processes e-beam induced, physical/chemical depositions, thermal...
 - characterization and testing electron/contact/X-ray/UV/Vis/NIR
 /chemical/mechanical/electrical/thermal
 - CAD and simulation coupled analysis, M(O)EMS, RF-MEMS, microfluidics...

Pattern generator for mask manufacturing DWL 66 fs Heidelberg Instruments Mikrotechnik, Germany

Mask manufacturing for all semiconductor applications Minimum pattern : 1µm

Direct writing - HeCd 442-nm laser -(wafers, different substrate types) using various photosensitive coatings (positive and negative resists, SU8, photosensitive polyimide)

-3D structuring in thick photosensitive materials





Dip Pen Nanolithography Writer NSCRIPTOR Nanolnk, Inc., USA



Scanning probe lithography technique for patterning in nanometre range.

Direct writing method that can use molecular and biomolecular "inks" on a variety of substrates: polymers, sol-gel precursors, nanopowder, complex molecules, quantum dots etc.

Pattern width down to **30 nm**.



RIE Plasma Etcher Etchlab 200 SENTECH Instruments, Germany)

Conventional and nonconventional processes:

• Etching: Si, SiC, SiO2, polySi, Si3N4, TiO2, SU8, PDMS, PMMA

• Physical-chemical reactions at room temperature for the **modification of the surfaces** (contact angle, superficial polymerization, hydrophilic and/or hydrophobic surfaces).

• Plasma RF treatments for improving the substrate adherence.



Using RIE in micro- and nanophotonics



Vega OTescan



III-V quantum dots. The PL and Raman responses confirmed negligible damage during the etching process



Fresnel mirrors obtained by plasma etching of silicon and silicon dioxide

Electron Beam Evaporation and DC sputtering system AUTO 500 BOC Edwards, UK



Film deposition processes: - DC sputtering

- e-beam evaporation

Chamber size: 500mm x 500mm

Coating materials: AI, Ni, Cr, Au, Pt, Ti, W, etc

Up to 6 coatings in a single vaccum process (4 e-beam, and 2 sputtering)

Resolution: 0.1nm



Electron beam lithography and nanoengineering workstation e_Line Raith, Germany



- high resolution FE SEM
- direct writing Electron Beam nanoLithography (EBL)
- nanomanipulation: e-beam induced deposition (EBID), e-beam induced etching (EBIE)

Stage:

laser interferometer; 100mmx100mm; 2nm resolution

Minimum line width: 10-20nm

Stitching accuracy: 40nm



e_Line

High aspect ratio (12:1) structures in PMMA

Diffractive Optical Element (DOE) for photonics applications



Photonic cristals in PMMA on silicon for near IR applications







Mix-and-match lithography for biomedical applications: optical lithography (left), combined with EBL (right) Mix-and-match lithography for 300 nm fingers used for SAW devices (Cooperation IMT Bucharest- IESL FORTH)





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J SEM MAG: 61 x DET: SE Delector HV: 29.60 kV DATE: 05/2007 1 mm Vega ©Tescan VAC: HWac Device: VG2920673R0 Digital Microscopy Imaging

NanoScale Lal

Research Topics

- Nanolithography with sub 20 nm resolution;
- Three-dimensional nanostructures;
- CNT based interconnections for next-generation integrated circuits
- CNT based nanodevices
 - SAW devices with nanometer interdigitated electrodes;
- Optical devices, holograms, micro lenses, gratings
- Development of Nanodevices using E-beam induced deposition and etching
- Development of circuits for communications based
 on photonic crystals

Cooperation

- **FP7 CATHERINE Project FET- STREP:** Carbon nAnotube Technology for Highspeed nExt-geneRation nano-
- InterconNEcts
- INFN- Roma
- MIMOMEMS
- UCL
- Inst. Biodinamica
- INCDFLPR
- Zoom Soft SRL



Structure obtained using conventional lithography and EBID for 4-probe measurements of electrical properties of a polymer nanowire (Cooperation IMT Bucharest – UCL)

e_Line

Field Emission Gun Scanning Electron Microscope (FEG-SEM) Nova NanoSEM 630 FEI Company, USA



- ultra high resolution in the nanoscale range, for a variety of applications that involve sample characterization, analysis for S/TEM sample preparation

Research

- Materials Qualification
- Surface morphology inspection
- Nanometrology
- Device Characterization

Main current cooperation

- INFN Rome
- FORTH Heraklion
- Univ. Salerno
- Univ. Kyoto



Nova NanoSEM 630



Carbon nanotube grown in porous Al2O3 (IMT Bucharest for **FP7 CATHERINE**)

CNT "buckypaper" (IMT Bucharest for **national project**)



CNT "buckypaper" (IMT Bucharest for **national project**)



OUR



Au nanoparticle clusters on porous Si (national project, biosensing)



CNT's and graphene

Nanofiber bundle coated with Ni, embedded in polymer susbtrate - applications in aeronatics (radar screening) - sample from INFN Rome



Scanning Probe Microscope NTEGRA Aura NT-MDT Co., Russia

Research



- Grain and particle size analysis
 Surface cleaning and polishing studies
- Morphological studies of biological and biocompatible materials







AFM: Latex nanoparticles on quartz



STM: Terrraces of template stripped gold



AFM: EBL 80nm pits

Nanomechanical Characterization equipment Nano Indenter G200 Agilent Technologies, USA



Research

•High resolution *mechanical characterization* of a wide variety of materials in small volumes, thin films and coatings: -metals, -semiconductors -ceramics -biocompatible material.

> •Determine: -hardness, -film adherence -wear behaviour, etc.









Equipments acquired in the MIMOMEMS project

Vector Network Analyzer (VNA) up to 110 GHz and on wafer measurement facilities in order to upgrade the 0.8-65 GHz existing on wafer characterization system

- Frequency synthesiser up to 65GHz
- Au plating facility for semiconductor wafers

White light interferometer- optical profiling system for research applications

► Near field scanning optical microscope (SNOM)





Scanning Near-field Optical Microscope alpha 300S Witec, Germany







Nanostructure characterization by near field scanning optical microscopy: a) transmission mode image of a hexagonal array of aluminium regions deposited on a glass substrate (Fisher pattern). b) reflection mode image of an array of polymer stripes realized by electron beam lithography.

Operating Modes:

Near-field microscopy: transmission, reflection, collection, fluorescence *Confocal microscopy:* transmission, reflection, fluorescence, can be upgraded with a Raman spectrometer

Atomic Force Microscopy contact and AC-Mode

Applications:

- Imaging the optical properties of a sample with resolution *below the_diffraction limit* with applications in nanotechnology, nanophotonics, nanooptics and plasmonics

- Life sciences
- Materials research
- Single molecule detection.

Cooperation examples:

- MIMOMEMS-REGPOT-FP7
- FLEXPAET-IP- FP7/NMP

X-ray Diffraction System (triple axis rotating anode) SmartLab Technical characteristics: Rigaku Corporation, Japan



>9kW rotating anode, 200mm wafer

- Triple axis, vertical goniometer
- Independent Theta Theta rotation
- >Horizontal sample position; X-Y Micro Area Mapping

 <u>X- Ray methods and applications for structural Analysis:</u>
 X-ray Powder diffraction (XRPD)
 High resolution X-ray diffraction (HRXRD) - phase analysis, crystal orientation, thermal stability
 X-ray reflectometry (XRR, including HRMR XRR) - layer thickness, density, roughness, interface layers;
 Grazing incidence diffraction (GIXRD) -

texture analysis and pole figures In-plane grazing incidence diffraction (IPGID) Small angle X-ray scattering (SAXS) Single crystal diffraction (SCD)

Investigation of the $CH_3(CH_2)_{17}SiCl_3$ organic film_monolayer





SmartLab









High Resolution Raman Spectrometer LabRAM HR 800 HORIBA Jobin Yvon, Japan

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μ- Raman investigations of micro/nano structures

- composition and phase (crystalline/amorphous) of composites materials;
- * nature of oxides on compound semiconductors;
- polymers characterizations and polimer nanocomposites;
- chemical and biological detection using SERS technique;
- * micro/nano structures characterization micro/nanorods, carbon nanotubes (CNT), self
- ***** self assembled molecule (SAM) on functionalized substrate for nano- bio applications



Nanobiotechnology laboratory: NanoBioLab



Micro-Nano Plotter *OmniGrid* Genomic Solutions Ltd., UK

Dip and spot a given volume of sample solution onto a solid surface

Print speed:

10,000 spots/11 slides in less than 3.5 hr

Vacuum wash station for washing between sample transfers; humidity control minimizes sample evaporation



Microarray sample



Au/PS samples after BSA printing - SEM

•DNASIP-ERA-NET- focused diagnostic DNA chips

Scanning Electrochemical Microscope ElProScan HEKA, Germany



- Positioning system with 3 stepper motors (XY 100 nm or 15 nm stepper motors) and a piezo translator (5 nm resolution and 100 mm scan range, closed loop regulated) mounted on a granite portal including fundamental plate
- Bipotentiostat/Galvanostat PG 340 with two low current Preamplifiers
- Software POTPULSE with SCAN extension



Principle of detection



Directly measuring of the catalytic activity of biosensor microelectrode arrays



Applications:

VanoBioLa

- Constant distance Nano-SECM → Substrate imaging (Topography);
- Temperature-Controlled SECM;
- SECM for local corrosion investigation;
- Chemical reactivity \rightarrow Heterogeneous electron transfer reactions studies; Electrocatalysis
- Probing patterned biological systems
- Bio SECM Membrane transport

Combined Time Resolved and Steady State Fluorescence Spectrometer - *FLS920P* - Edinburgh Instruments, UK



Zeta Potential and Submicron Particle Size Analyzer - *DelsaNano* -Beckman Coulter, USA



Fluorescence decay of BSA-Cy3



Applications: photophysics, photochemistry, biophysics and semiconductor.

Biomedical field: study of enzymes, dynamics and structure of nucleic acids, protein folding and DNA sequencing.Pharmaceutical : monitoring drug interactions.

Materials physics: study nanostructures such as quantum wells and quantum dots; characterisation of doping or impurity level in semiconductors.

Applications

- Formulation / tableting
- Final QC
- Formulation stability
- Research
 - Virus, bacteria
 - protein applications (aggregation)
 - bio-nanoparticles
 - Lyposomes, lipids, polysaccharides
 - Colloid drug carrier systems
 - Parenteral and oral drugs
 - micelles
 - Zeta potential of tablet surface



Testing for reliability

- Semiconductor Characterization System (DC) with Wafer Probing
 Station 4200SCS/C/-
 - various modules- (Keithley Instruments, USA)
- Mobile Thermal Airstream System ThermoStream TP04300A-8C3-11 (Temptronic, USA)
- Damp heat Climatic chamber (Angelantoni, Italy)
- **Electrodynamic vibration system with thermal and electrical tests**
 - TV 55240/LS (TIRA, Germany)
- □ Thermal shock chamber TSE-11-A (Espec Europe, Germany)
- Universal Ovens with electrical testing UFB 400 (Memmert, Germany)
- Highly Accelerated Stress Test Chamber temperature, humidity, pressure, polarization - EHS-211M (Espec Europe, Germany)
- □ Free Fall Shock Machine 0707-20 (MRAD, USA)







Reliability la











Coupled analysis for MEMS CoventorWare 2008.010 (COVENTOR, USA)

ARCHITECT, DESIGNER, ANALYZER, MemElectro, MemMech, CoSolveEM, MemETherm, MemPZR, MemPZE, Damping MM, InertiaMM, MemHenry, MemCFD, Netflow, SwitchSim, ReactSim, MemFSI, BubbleSim, DropSim, SEMulator3D, EM3D

Ansys Multiphysics 11.0 (ANSYS, USA) - structural, thermal, acoustic, electromagnetic and coupled field analyses, CFD COMSOL Multiphysics

Photonic components - simulation, modeling and design Opti FDTD 8.1, Opti-HS, OptiBPM 9.0, OptiGrating (Optiwave, Canada)

Microwave and millimeter wave circuits and microsystems: design and modeling IE3D, FIDELITY (Zeland, USA)

Quantum physics/chemistry : electronic structure calculations and *ab initio* molecular dynamics simulations of molecules and solids **SIESTA** (ICMAB-SIESTA)

Other tools

TransMagic STANDARD (TWeatherford, USA) SolidWorks Office Professional (SolidWorks, USA)- 3D CAD design software Mathematica 7 (Wolfram, USA) Matlab 7 (The MathWorks, USA) OriginPro 8 (OriginLab, USA) Visual Studio 2008 Pro Programming tool for RAD and IDE.





Collaboration matrix

	Partnerships in RTD activities, sharing the IP resulting from research	Scientific and technological services, including design and consulting	Direct access, "hands-on" activities (after proper training)
Research groups outside IMT- Bucharest	 usually financed by a contract of partnership agreement. 	 typically, specific activities will be performed by IMT- Bucharest as a subcontractor (technological processes, analysis and characterization, design and simulation, etc.) with no IP rights. 	- direct access of researchers from partner organizations, as part of common RTD.
Educational bodies for Ph.D. and postdoctoral studies, M.Sc. studies, "hands- on" training etc.	- supported by individual grants or following an agreement with universities, specifying the cost and intellectual property issues.	- occasionally.	- as part of a common research activity, or providing training on a commercial basis.
Companies (Industry)	- based on special NDA and IP agreements.	- services provided on commercial basis.	- companies may use their own IP rights.



Complete information

□ IMT-MINAFAB full info -

www.imt.ro/MINAFAB/

Current projects and achievements: IMT-Bucharest - SCIENTIFIC REPORT 2008 www.imt.ro/raport_anual_2008.pdf (soon available for 2009)

IMT-Bucharest - Brochure for scientific-technological services www.imt.ro/brosura_imt_bucuresti_2009.pdf

Quick list of capabilities and tools -

http://www.imt.ro/MINAFAB/description.htm

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