


Biennial Report 2007-2008

An aerial, top-down view of a large stadium, seen through a circular opening in a red surface. The stadium's seating is a vibrant orange, and the central field is green. The seating is arranged in a grid pattern, with several sections labeled 'EXIT' in yellow. The field is divided into several rectangular sections by white lines. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

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Foreword



Francesc Serra Mestres
Director (until May 2008)

The 2007-2008 time frame covered by this report is influenced, as it could not be otherwise, by a number of events and circumstances, which besides defining a specific contextual framework, have resulted in consequences of diverse sign when looked in detail, but clearly positive in global terms.

It is known that the activity of the center moves around R+D+i and is focused in the area of Micro and Nanosystems. The activities are developed by interacting with international and national entities of various dimensions, ranges and significances, such as the European Programs, the National Plan, the Ministries and the parent organization CSIC. In this framework and during this biennial period,

Competitiveness has grown in the calls for new European projects, and new instruments and possibilities have been developed (ERC, technology platforms, etc.)

The Ministry of which we depended through CSIC has changed to a Department (MICINN), which nominally seems more oriented to activities of innovation and interaction with industry.

Our parent organization, CSIC, has changed its legal structure to a State Agency, with the aim of finding solutions to the problems of lack of flexibility and lack of administrative dynamism, which hinder its activity.

The center has systematized and increased the activity related to the “open doors” policy of its facilities (especially the Clean Room) to external users, both National and European. The GIC-SERV program financed by MICINN has allowed the development of more than one hundred access projects, with technological success indexes greater than 90 %.

The center has enlarged the surface of its offices and laboratories by a 60 % and of the Clean Room by a 50 %. In parallel, a program for the renewal of equipment has been developed. Both projects have been directly financed by CSIC. The next year will see the conclusion of these initiatives and the beginning of their valorization, which will only be dependent on the essential increase of human resources that would allow an optimum exploitation of the new technological capabilities.

The halfway point of the Strategic Plan 2005-2009 has been crossed, with results above the proposed objectives.

In favour of it, in spite of it, because of it and as an evidence of it, the biennial report presented here is a good overview of the work that has been done in this framework.



Emilio Lora-Tamayo
Director (from May 2008)

Research highlights

◆ GoodFood

Prof. Carles Cané coordinated the “GoodFood” (*Food safety and quality monitoring with microsystems*) Integrated Project of the 6th Framework Programme of the European Union. (FP6-IST-1-508744-IP; 2004-2007). The project involved 29 partners from 10 countries.

◆ Invention award

Silver Medal awarded at the 36th International Exhibition of Inventions, Geneva 2008, to the patent “Digital Stereotaxic Biopsy System”, by Manuel Lozano and Miguel Ullán from IMB-CNM plus two external researchers.

◆ Epson project

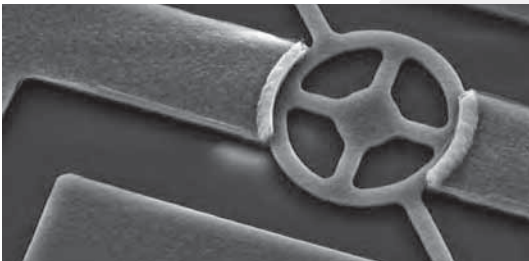
IMB-CNM has developed a joint project with Seiko Epson Corp., Japan, on MEMS/NEMS resonators and bulk acoustic resonators (FBAR), including technology transfer (2003-2007).

◆ Power devices and systems

IMB-CNM is the leading partner of an ESA project for the design and fabrication of SiC high temperature blocking diodes for the solar arrays of the *BepiColombo* joint ESA and JAXA mission to Mercury, scheduled for launch in 2013.



GoodFood



Epson project



Power devices and systems



Other highlights in SiC technology and devices have been published in the following two papers:

Early stage formation of graphene on the C face of 6H-SiC, by N. Camara, G. Rius, J.-R. Huntzinger, A. Tiberj, L. Magaud, N. Mestres, P. Godignon, J. Camassel, *Appl. Phys. Lett.* 93 (2008) 263102.

Bipolar conduction impact on electrical characteristics and reliability of 1.2- and 3.5 kV 4H-SiC JBS diodes, by P. Broselard, N. Camara, V. Banu, X. Jorda, M. Vellvehi, P. Godignon, J. Millan, *Special Issue on SiC Devices, IEEE Trans. Electron Dev.* 65 (2008) 1847-1856.

A novel approach to detect hot spots in active ICs and devices has been developed, based on sensing the heat flux generated by the hot-spot within the chip substrate with a probe-laser beam, which allows inspecting the chip through its lateral sides. It is described in:

X. Perpiñà, J. Altet, X. Jorda, M. Vellvehi, J. Millan, N. Mestres, *Hot-spot detection in integrated circuits by substrate heat-flux sensing, IEEE Electron Dev. Lett.* 29 (2008) 1142-1144.

The process technology for the fabrication of 50 A – 3.3 kV IGBTs with an active area of 1.3x1.3 cm² has

been set-up at IMB-CNM Clean Room. Voltage and current sensors are included for reliability enhancement purposes. Features of the IGBT technology are described in:

Bi-IGBT- A low losses power structure by IGBT parallel association, by C. Caramel, R. De Maglie, P. Austin, J.L. Sanchez, J. Le Gal, E. Imberon, J.P. Laur, D. Flores, S. Hidalgo, J. Millan, J. Rebollo, *Semic. Sci. and Tech.* (2008) 1-8.

The power devices and systems group organized the *7th European Conference on Silicon Carbide and Related Materials (EC-SCRM'08)*, Barcelona, 7-11 Sept. 2008, with Prof. P. Godignon acting as General Chairman.

◆ (Bio)chemical sensors

The most relevant topics on (bio)sensor research rely on the development of integrated optochemical based biosensors, interdigitated electrode arrays for biosensing applications and nanoparticle based ultramicroelectrode arrays.

Three-dimensional interdigitated electrode array as a transducer for label-free biosensors, by A. Bratov, J. Ramon-Azcon, N. Abramova, A. Merlos, J. Adrian, F. Sánchez-Baeza, M.P. Marco, C. Dominguez, *Biosensors & Bioelectronics*, 24 (2008) 729-735.

Underpotential deposition-anodic stripping voltammetric detection of copper at gold nanoparticle-modified ultramicroelectrode arrays, by

J. Orozco, C. Fernández-Sánchez, C. Jiménez-Jorquera, *Environmental Science & Technology*, 42 (2008) 4877-4882.

Optical biosensor based on hollow integrated waveguides, by V.J. Cadarso, C. Fernández-Sánchez, A. Llobera, M. Darder, C. Domínguez, *Anal. Chem.* 80 (2008) 3498-3501.

Detection of *Escherichia Coli* and *Salmonella Typhimurium* using interdigitated microelectrode capacitive immunosensors: the importance of transducer geometry, by O. Laczka, E. Baldrich, F.J. Muñoz, F.J. Del Campo, *Anal. Chem.* 80 (2008) 7239-7247.

Full-field photonic biosensors based on tunable bio-doped sol-gel glasses, by A. Llobera, V.J. Cadarso, M. Darder, C. Domínguez, C. Fernández-Sánchez, *Lab on a Chip* 8 (2008) 1185-1190.

On-chip electric field driven electrochemical detection using a poly(dimethylsiloxane) microchannel with gold microband electrodes, by O. Ordeig, N. Godino, F.J. Del Campo, F.J. Muñoz, F. Nikolajeff, L. Nyholm, *Anal. Chem.* 80 (2008) 3622-3632.

◆ Nanotube and nanowire devices

The highlights of the research results on carbon nanotubes, graphene, and Si nanowire based devices are summarized at the following publications in high-impact journals:

Subnanometer motion of cargoes driven by thermal gradients along carbon nanotubes, by A. Barreiro, R. Rurali, E. Hernandez, J. Moser, T. Pichler, L. Forró, A. Bachtold, *Science* 320 (2008) 775-778.

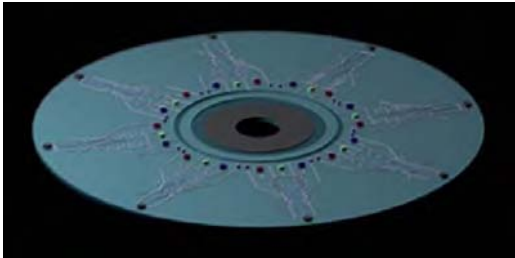
Hydrogenase-Coated Carbon Nano-tubes for Efficient H₂ Oxidation, by A. Alonso, O. Rüdiger, A. Maroto-Valiente, M. Velez, I. Rodríguez-Ramos, F.J. Muñoz, V.M. Fernández, A.L. De Lacey, *Nano Lett.* 7 (2007) 1603-1608.

Detecting Individual Electrons Using a Carbon Nanotube Field-Effect Transistor, by A. Grüneis, M.J. Esplandiu, D. García-Sánchez, A. Bachtold, *Nano Lett.* 7 (2007) 3766 -3769.

Mechanical detection of carbon nanotube resonator vibrations, by D. García-Sánchez, A. San Paulo, M.J. Esplandiu, F. Pérez-Murano, L. Forró, A. Aguasca, A. Bachtold, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 99 (2007) 085501.

Imaging mechanical vibrations in suspended graphene sheets, by D. García-Sánchez, A.M. van der Zande, A. San Paulo, B. Lassagne, P.L. McEuen, A. Bachtold, *Nano Lett.* 8 (2008) 1399-1403.

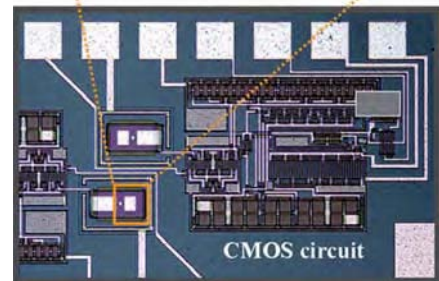
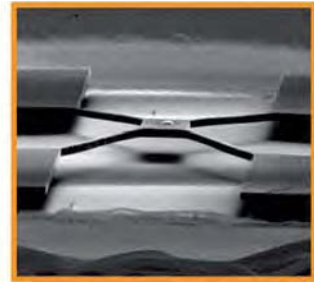
Suspended Mechanical Structures Based on Elastic Silicon Nanowire Arrays, by A. San Paulo, N. Arellano, J.A. Plaza, R. He, C. Carraro, R. Maboudian, R.T. Howe, J. Bokor, P. Yang, *Nano Lett.* 7 (2007) 1100-1004.



ERC Grant



ENIAC projects



CMOS/NEMS integration

◆ Nanofabrication

A new “gas-transfer” lithography technique has been developed for the direct patterning of substrates at the micrometer and nanometer scale. It is described in:

Silane nanopatterns via gas-phase soft lithography, by R. de la Rica, A. Baldí, E. Mendoza, A. San Paulo, A. Llobera, C. Fernández-Sánchez, *Small* 4 (2008) 1076-1079.

Prof. Francesc Pérez-Murano has coordinated the “Novopoly” (Novel polymer materials for MEMS and NEMS) STREP project of the 6th Framework Programme of the European Union. (FP6-NMP-013619; 2005-2008).

◆ CMOS / NEMS integration

Following a sustained activity of developing CMOS compatible nanofabrication methods, IMB has developed sensors based on the monolithic integration of nanomechanical resonators in CMOS circuits. These sensors have outstanding performance in mass sensitivity and spatial resolution, which allows addressing applications such as the determination of the evaporation rate of sessile droplets at ambient pressure.

Outcomes of this activity include two cover pages on referred journals (see the publications section).

◆ ERC Grant

A Starting Grant of the European Research Council was awarded to Dr. Andreu Llobera, postdoctoral researcher at IMB-CNM at the first call (2007). Project “Hip-Lab: High-throughput integrated photonic lab-on-a-DVD platforms” (ERC-2007-StG-209243-2).

◆ New ENIAC projects

IMB-CNM participates in three projects approved in the first call (2008) of the European ENIAC Joint Undertaking on nanoelectronics.

Two of the projects are related with power devices technology for rational use of energy: E3CAR - Nanoelectronics for an Energy Efficient Electrical Car, and SmartPM - Smart Power Management in Home and Health.

The third project is on advanced double patterning lithography for the 22 nm technology node: LENS - Lithography Enhancement towards Nano Scale.

◆ EXPLORA projects

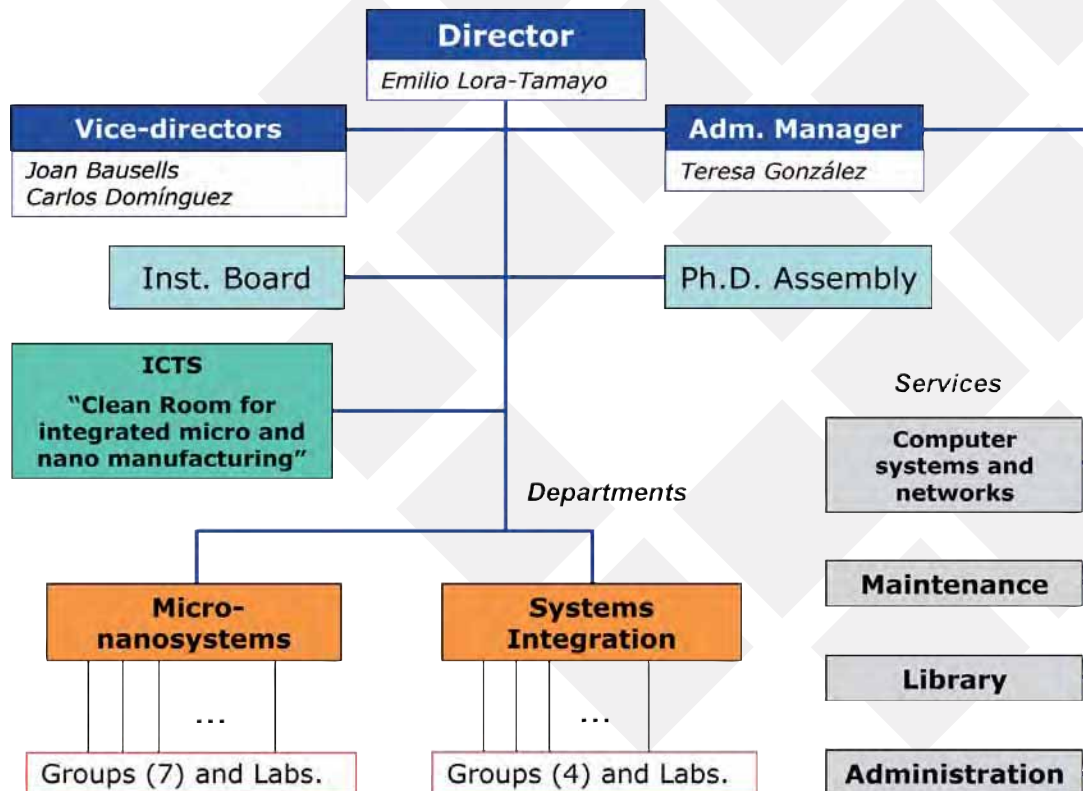
Two IMB-CNM research groups have received funding from the Spanish EXPLORA-INGENIO 2010 program, for the exploration of radically new scientific ideas: *High-sensitivity electrical readout of proteomic microarrays* and *NANOTERM: Feasibility study for thermoelectrical microgenerators based on silicon nanowires*.

IMB structure

The Institute has two Departments, which gather the resources and activities related to scientific research: Micro-nanosystems and Systems Integration. Each Department is organised in various research groups. The micro and nanofabrication clean room is considered at the Department level but with a different nature, which goes beyond being a laboratory supporting the work done by the Departments. It is considered by CSIC as an

Horizontal Unit. There is a dynamic internal organization within the Departments, assembling human resources according to the requirements of the research projects. The research lines touch horizontally this more or less vertical structure, gathering different skills and competences around specific scientific and technologic objectives.

◆ IMB structure



◆ Research groups

◆ Micro-Nanosystems Department

Manuel Lozano

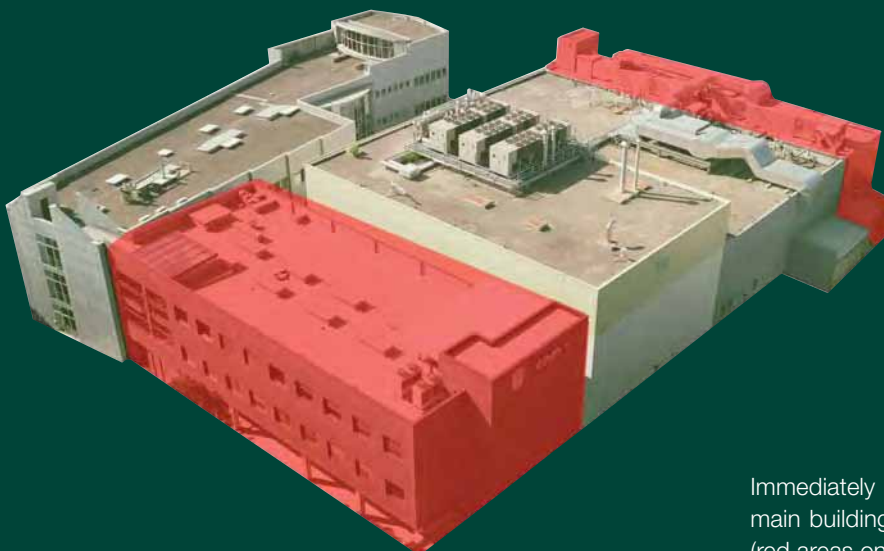
- **Bio MEMS**
F. Xavier Muñoz
- **Electrochemical transducers**
Cecilia Jiménez
- **Gas sensors and fuel cells**
Carles Cané
- **Micro-nano tools**
Jaume Esteve
- **Nanofabrication and functional properties of nanostructures**
Francesc Pérez
- **Radiation detectors**
Manuel Lozano
- **Silicon photonics**
Carlos Domínguez

◆ Systems Integration Department

Philippe Godignon

- **Biomedical applications**
Rosa Villa
- **Integrated circuits and systems**
Lluís Terés
- **Integration of power devices and systems**
José Millán
- **Reverse engineering in microelectronic devices**
Salvador Hidalgo

Facilities



Immediately before the reporting period, both the main building and the clean room were expanded (red areas on the photograph).

The IMB offices and laboratories building added an additional “wing” which resulted in an increase from 5000 m² to 6500 m². The clean room building increased its surface from 1000 m² to 1500 m², which has allowed the integration in a single clean room of the micro and nanofabrication equipment.



Construction works for the IMB new offices and laboratories building (2005-2006).

Construction works for the clean room extension (2005-2007).

The IMB-CNM large scale facility (ICTS - Singular Scientific and Technological Facility)¹ includes a clean room for integrated micro and nanofabrication, a test and characterization service and a packaging service.

The clean room integrates microelectronic fabrication processes, microsystem technologies and nano fabrication equipment, such as electron beam lithography, nanoimprint lithography and focused ion beam.

A complete CMOS integrated circuit fabrication line is available. In addition, microsystems-dedicated equipment allows working with metals, etching solutions, etc. that could contaminate CMOS-dedicated machines. This duplication of many of the clean room processes has been allowed by the recent

extension of the clean room. The whole set of processes runs on 100 mm diameter silicon wafers, and there is a partial capability for 150 mm diameter wafers.

Two access modalities are available for users: command of specific processes which are performed by the clean room personnel, and qualified self-service, which is only available for a limited (but growing) number of equipment.

An external access programme (GICSERV) is available from 2006, with funding from the Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, which allows external users to access the ICTS services for free, for projects of limited complexity. Up to 105 projects have been funded in this way up to the end of the reporting period, from Spain and some other European countries.

(1) ICTS is an official label given by the Spanish Ministry of Research and Innovation to up to (currently) 24 Spanish Large Scale Facilities.



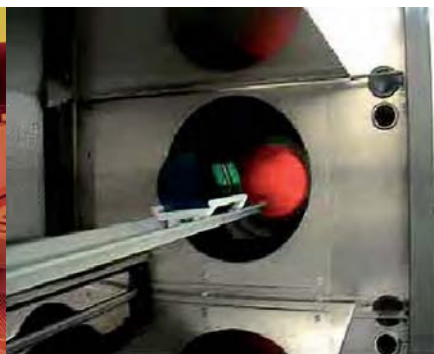
Electron beam lithography system.

Medium current ion implanter with special implant chamber and ion species.

Service bay with vacuum pumps and other auxiliary equipment.



Mask aligners for microsystems ("non-CMOS") photolithography.



Oxidation/diffusion furnace



Rapid Manufacturing with an EOS Formiga P100 laser sintering system.

Research activities

◆ Integrated circuits and systems

The research is devoted to analog, digital & RF CMOS design and test of integrated circuits and systems to improve and exploit the nano/micro-technologies for advanced applications, such as:

- Visible, infrared and X-ray analog & digital imagers.
- Integrated sensor & actuator N/MEMS interfaces.
- Multi-technological modeling & simulation.
- Low-power RF circuits for wireless sensors.
- Remote-powered and body-implantable systems.
- SoC & System electronics based on flexible platforms.

◆ Micro-nano-bio systems

Design and development of novel micro and nanosensors and complex and compact miniaturized systems for biological and biomedical applications. The various steps of device design, cha-

racterization, encapsulation and packaging, as well as customized electronic instrumentation are approached from the initial conception to the final biodevice in order to generate knowledge, micro-nano devices and complete systems with high added value.

Activities include the development of new technologies and tools for the detection, identification, quantification, and monitoring of molecules, cells and tissues of clinical and biomedical relevance. Research focuses in:

- Micro-Nano systems for diagnosis.
- On-chip environmental health monitoring.
- Nano-Bio-Electronic Interfaces.
- NanoBioFuel cells.
- Nanobioelectrochemistry.

◆ Micro-nanotechnologies

The general objective is the advanced research and development on new processes, devices and sensors for Integrated Circuits, MEMS, NEMS and Smart Systems, mainly using silicon based micro nano technologies. More specifically, the work includes research at different levels of integration such as design, simulation, fabrication, characterization and optimization tasks for:

- Processes and micro-nanoelectronic technologies and their integration (More Moore approach).
- Nano-systems, sensors, NMEMS (More than Moore approach).
- Application-oriented smart systems and subsystems for fields such as medical, environment, food, energy, telecom, particle physics, space, etc.

Specific topics addressed are: high-k dielectrics, reliability of devices and technologies, CMOS-MEMS, SOI-MEMS and 3-D heterogeneous integration, micro-nanotools, MOMS/NOMS, thermally isolated micro-nano-structures, radiation sensors, radiation hardness characterization, power MEMS (nano-thermoelectrics, scavenging and microfuel cells).

◆ Nanofabrication and nanostructures

Investigation, study and exploitation of new and exceptional electromechanical properties that arise in solid state artificial structures by the fact that their significant dimensions are in the nanometer scale. These nanostructures are obtained by using 'so called' nanotechnological methods, so that research on advanced nanofabrication methods is an essential part of the activities. Also, development of specialized electromechanical characterization methods is of great interest. The aim is to investigate on novel properties and methods with a potential to demonstrate novel functionalities and ultra-high performance of electromechanical devices and systems. The main activities are:

- Advanced nanofabrication methods.
- Novel nanometrology tools and methods.
- Singular functional properties of nanostructures.
- Ultimate performance limits of nanodevices.

◆ Power devices and systems

The activities include research on innovative and breakthrough technologies of power devices and systems for efficiency improvements and energy consumption reduction, with special emphasis on automotive, transport, aerospace, renewable energy and energy distribution applications. Specifically:

1. Silicon based power devices and integrated circuits: Modelling, design and processing of MOS controlled devices (DMOS, IGBT), LDMOS for high frequency, superjunction devices, SOI based power switches, smart power and protection devices.

2. Wide Band Gap Semiconductors: Modelling and set up of optimized technologies for Wide Band Gap semiconductor (SiC, GaN, Diamond, Graphene on SiC) processing, design and implementation of novel power devices.

3. Power systems and heterogeneous integration: New methods for the design, modelling, simulation, development and characterization (thermal and electrical) of power integrated systems. New interconnection and packaging techniques. Reliability analysis.

◆ Transducers for chemical and bio-chemical sensing

This activity is devoted to R&D of new chemical and biochemical transducers. Different transduction principles and/or signal propagation media are investigated, making use of new technologies combined with microelectronic technology, new device structures, processes and materials. This work is aimed at improving transducers performance and developing new concepts of sensors, autonomous systems, and platforms for lab-on-a-chip analytical systems.

Electrochemical devices: Barrier IDEAs, polySi impedimetric transducers, CNT sensors, voltammetric microelectrodes and UMEAs, ISFET sensors.

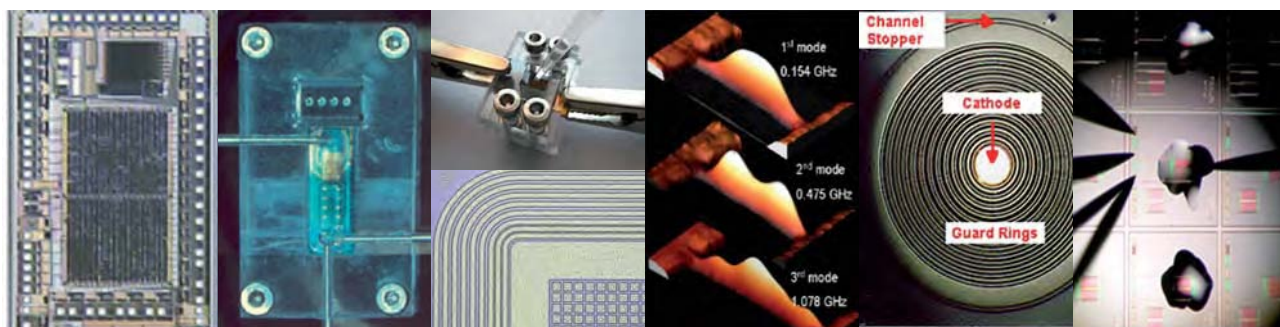
Photonic/Optical Devices.

Silicon based devices: Micro-optical components, optochemical sensors, interferometric devices, optomechanical components, Si nanocrystal light emitters.

Hybrid Si/polymer integration: Sol-gel based sensors, polymeric optical elements, free space components (hollow/MIR).

Advanced materials and processes: Functional organo-inorganic polymeric materials, gas phase soft-lithography, nanostructured materials for sensors.

Chemical sensor systems and arrays: Electrical protein microarray readers, multisensor systems, wireless RFID-like sensors.



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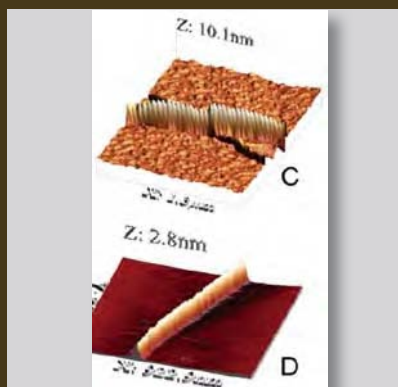
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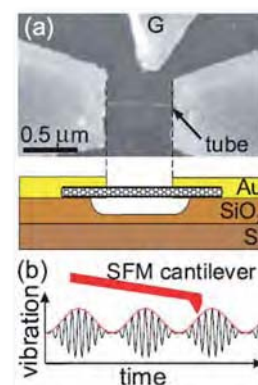
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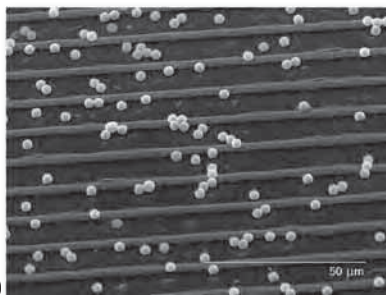
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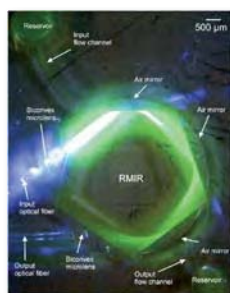
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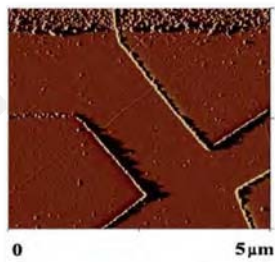
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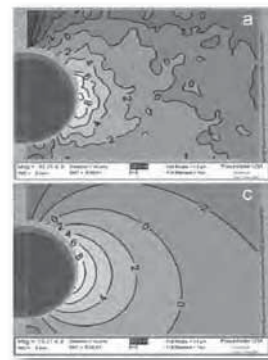
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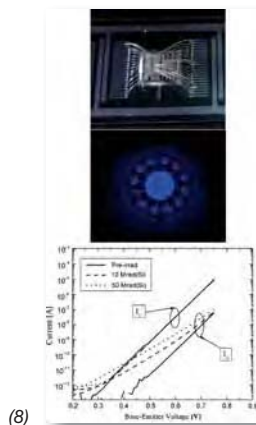
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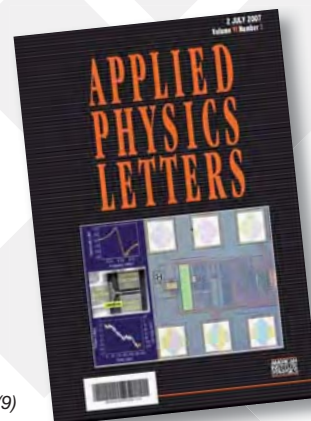
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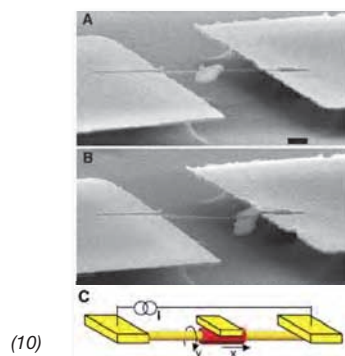
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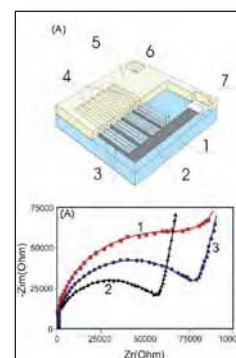
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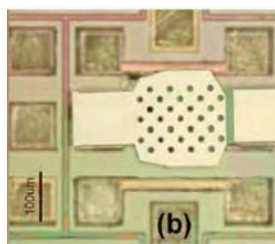
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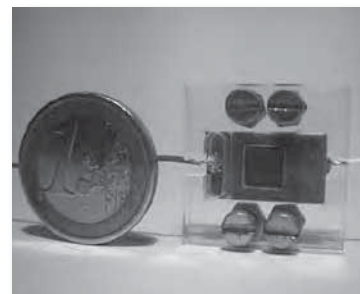
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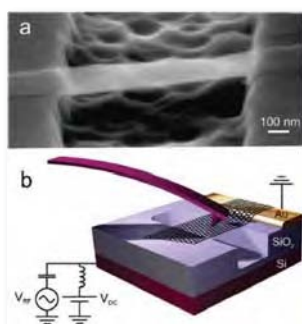
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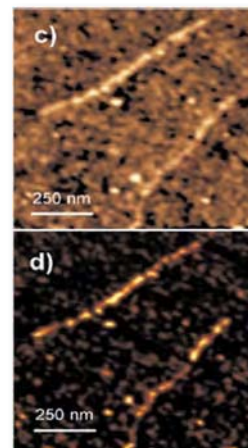
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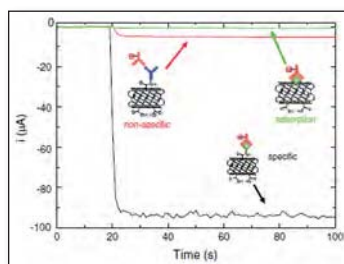
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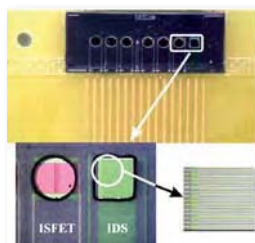
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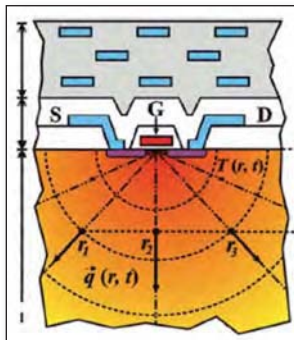
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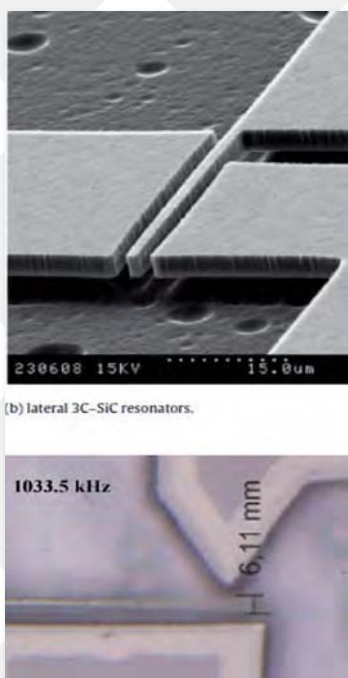


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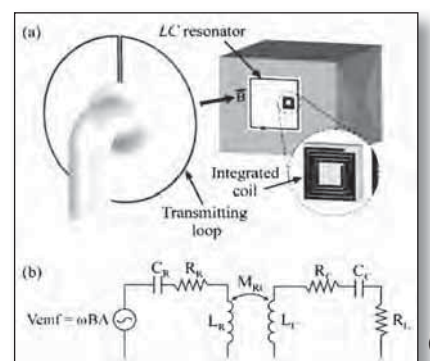
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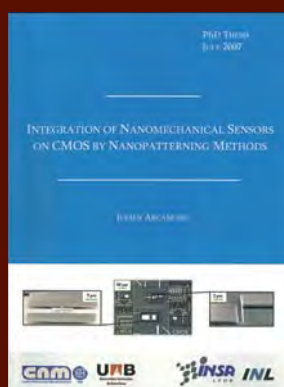
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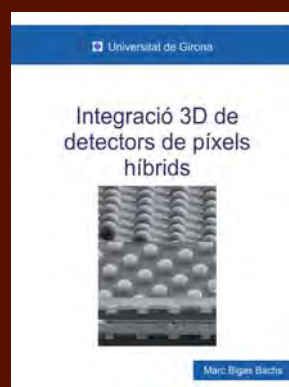
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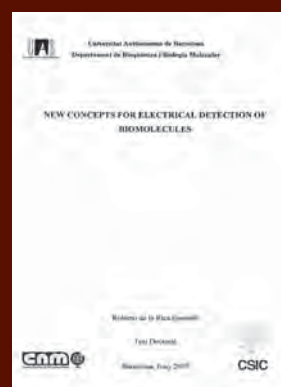
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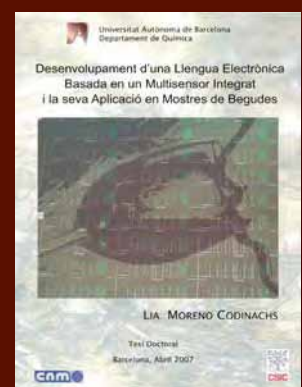
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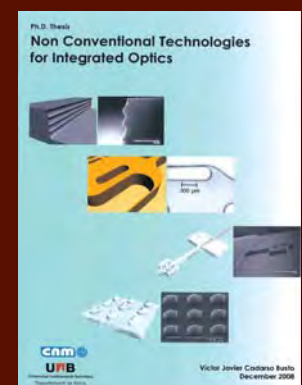
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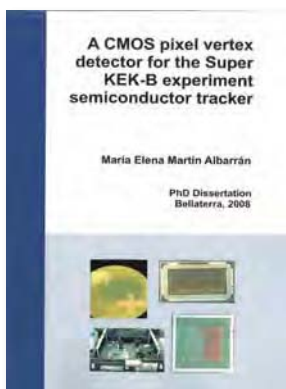
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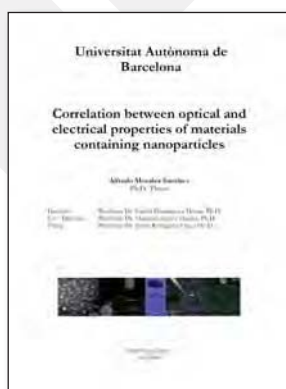
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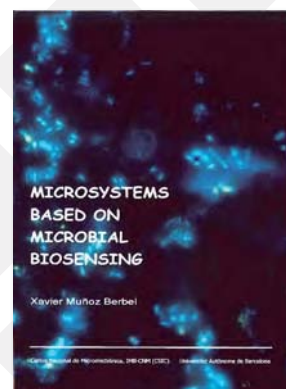
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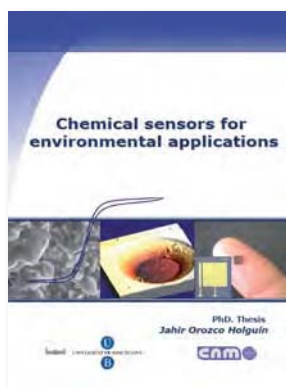
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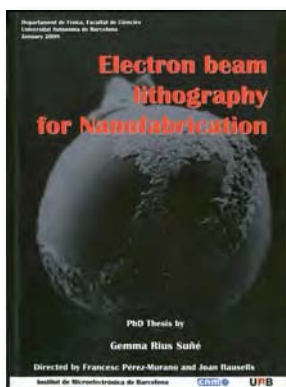
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Outreach

IMB has an increasing activity in outreach events aiming at promoting the society awareness of the benefits of science and specifically of micro/nano-electronics, and the public support of science and technology. A programme of visits from high school students is on-going to encourage young people to follow science and technology careers. IMB participates in the annual Science and Technology week in Spain and regularly presents the results of its research work in public media.



◆ Microelectronics Museum Area

The Zenon Navarro Microelectronics Museum area has been set up to disseminate microelectronics technology and its applications, by showing equipment used for the design, fabrication or measurement of electronic devices. The

equipment on display has been used by IMB-CNM on its R&D projects. The museum includes multimedia material and device prototypes.

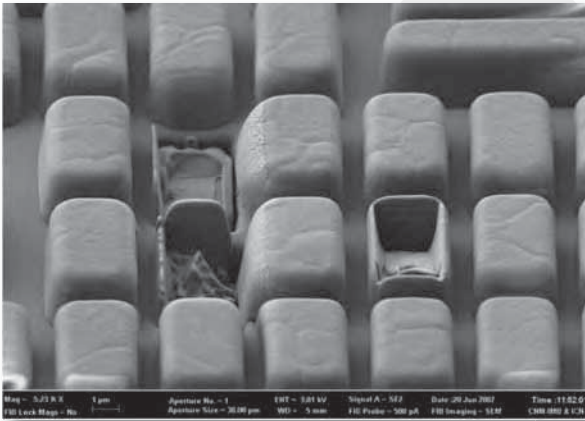


◆ Zenon Navarro (1947-2007)

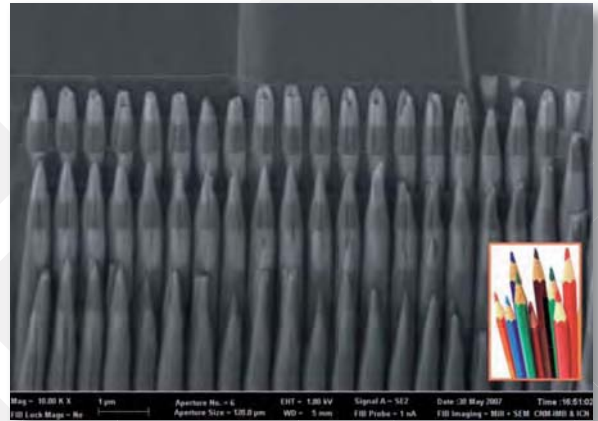
The Museum is dedicated to Zenon Navarro Garriga, physicist, who in the early 1980s built the original UAB clean room, which was used by CNM during its initial years. He later managed the building and installation of the IMB-CNM clean room and during many years he was the photolithography process manager. A degenerative illness didn't prevent him from working until the very end and sharing with everybody at IMB his deep knowledge of technology and his particular but clear-sighted view of many other life issues.



Spanish Scientific Photograph Contest 2007



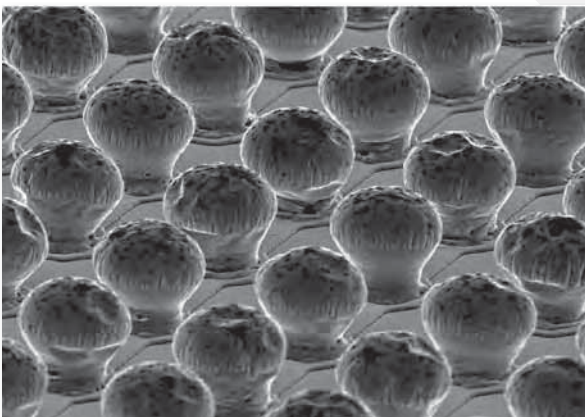
Selected work:
Desecration (FIB localized etching of metal structures on a chip).
Justo Sabadell, Jordi Llobet, Xavier Borrísé.



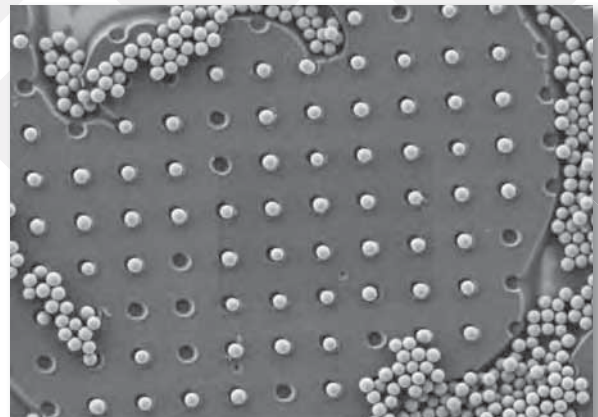
Selected work:
Nano-pencils (Localized sputtering effects during FIB etching of a multi-metal chip).
Justo Sabadell, Jordi Llobet, Xavier Borrísé.



Spanish Scientific Photograph Contest 2008



Selected work:
Alien's nest (Failed tin-lead bumps).
Enric Cabruja.



Selected work:
Marbles (Latex nanoparticles - 300 nm diameter- over a nanoimprint-structured polymeric layer).
Irene Fernández-Cuesta.

EIPBN 2007

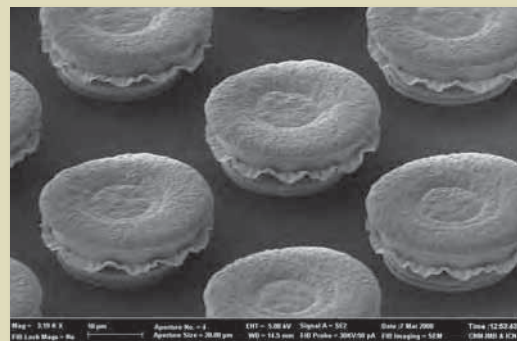


EIPBN 2007 - 51th Int. Conf. on Electron, Ion and Photon Beam Technology and Nanofabrication, Denver, CO, USA.

Best electron micrograph Award **Irene Fernández-Cuesta, IMB-CNM**
Title: Gaudi's Sagrada Família

Description: Polymeric structure, after "trying" to clean the sample.

34th Int. Conf. on Micro & Nano Engineering, 2008



34th Int. Conf. on Micro & Nano Engineering, 2008, Athens, Greece

Micro & nanograph Contest - 1st prize
Jordi Llobet, IMB-CNM and Laura Barrachina, Baolab.

Title: Nano Burguers with lettuce.

Description: Vertical test structures, built with 3 metal layers.

Partnerships

IMB-CNM has specific partnerships and collaborations with industry, universities and research centres to better address the scientific and technological challenges.

IMB-CNM is a member of the Barcelona Nanotechnology Cluster-Bellaterra (BNC-b). BNC-b is a scientific and industrially oriented virtual entity, grouping the capabilities and expertise in nanoscience and nanotechnology of a number of research centres and companies located in the Research Park of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) at Bellaterra:



- Centre d'Investigació en Nanociència i Nanotecnologia, CIN2 (CSIC-ICN)
- Institut de Ciència de Materials de Barcelona, ICMA B (CSIC)
- Various Departments of Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, UAB
- Centre Nacional de Microelectrònica, IMB-CNM (CSIC)
- MATGAS 2000, A.I.E.
- D+T Microelectrònica, A.I.E.

BNC-b currently includes a total of more than 450 researchers.

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The UAB Research Park is a non-profit private foundation, created in 2007 by three research institutions, the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), the Spanish Research Council (CSIC) and the Agrofood Research and Technology Institute (IRTA), as a basic tool to promote the transfer of knowledge and technology between the academic community and the industry. It gathers the research capabilities located at the UAB campus, and it currently includes 30 research centres and institutes with more than 4000 researchers.



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D+T Microelectrònica A.I.E. is an Association of Economic Interest which provides access for industry (especially SMEs) to the micro and nanotechnologies of IMB-CNM. It is located in the IMB-CNM building, and its mission is to facilitate the incorporation of microelectronic technologies in industrial products, designing, developing and manufacturing chips and microsystems tailored to specific needs.



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◆ Associated Units

CNM-IMB has special collaborations with a number of research groups from Spanish Universities and technological centres, through “Associated Unit” agreements with the Spanish Research Council (CSIC):

- Electronic Materials and Engineering Group, Department of Electronics, University of Barcelona (UB), since 1998.
- Group of Semiconductor Devices, Department of Electronic Engineering, Polytechnical University of Catalonia (UPC), since 1998.
- Group of Electronic Circuits and Systems, Department of Electronic Engineering, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), since 2002.
- Sensor & Biosensor group, Department of Chemistry, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), since 2002.
- Institute for Systems based on Optoelectronics and Microtechnology (ISOM), Politechnical University of Madrid (UPM), since 2002.
- Inasmet-Tecnalia technological centre, San Sebastián, Spain, since 2007.



◆ Research consortiums

IMB-CNM participates in international research consortiums and in public-private partnerships within the framework of Joint Technology Initiatives such as ENIAC (the European Nanoelectronics Initiative Advisory Council), the Framework Programmes for research and technological development of the European Union, pan-European networks such as EUREKA and other initiatives such as the European Research Council.

IMB-CNM is a member of EPoSS (the European Technology Platform on Smart Systems Integration), Photonics 21 (the Technology Platform for Photonics in Europe) and EPIC (the European Photonics Industry Consortium). It is one of the promoters of Génesis-Red (the Spanish Technology Platform on Nanoelectronics and Smart Systems Integration), and participates through it in the Forum of Stakeholders of ENIAC.

Researchers from IMB-CNM are members of CERES (Space Studies and Research Center) of UAB, which is a unit of IEEC (Institute for Space Studies of Catalonia).

National collaborative research projects are performed within the framework of the National Plans for R+D+I.

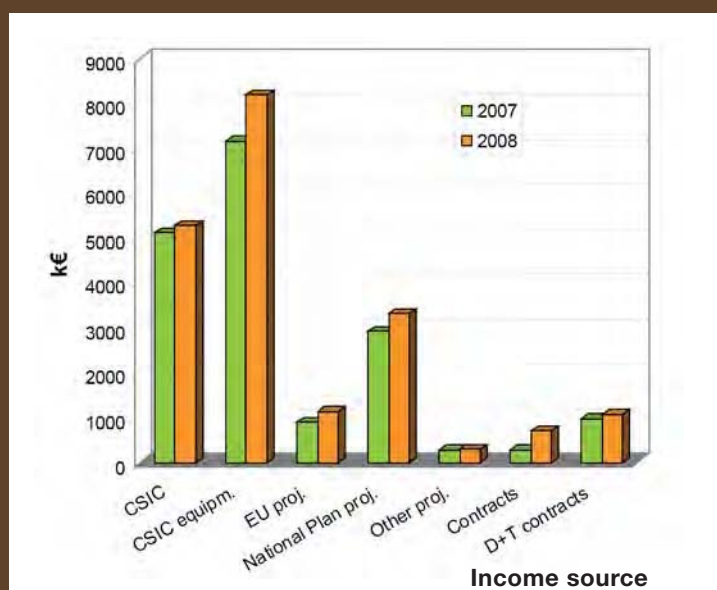


Key Figures

STAFF - End 2008	Female	Male	Total
Researchers	13	50	63
Students	18	23	41
Clean room facility	10	23	33
Support services	3	18	21
Administration & general services	11	7	18
Visitors	0	3	3
TOTAL	55	124	179

During 2007-2008 IMB-CNM has been following the Strategic Plan 2005-2009, which defines the overall budget, the new human resources provided by CSIC, and objectives for external funding and scientific productivity.

A new Action Plan for the period 2010-2013 has been prepared during the second half of 2008.

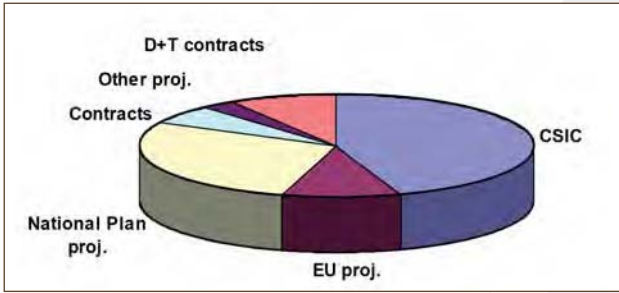


◆ Budget

During 2007 and 2008 the budgets included a special action from CSIC for clean room equipment acquisition.

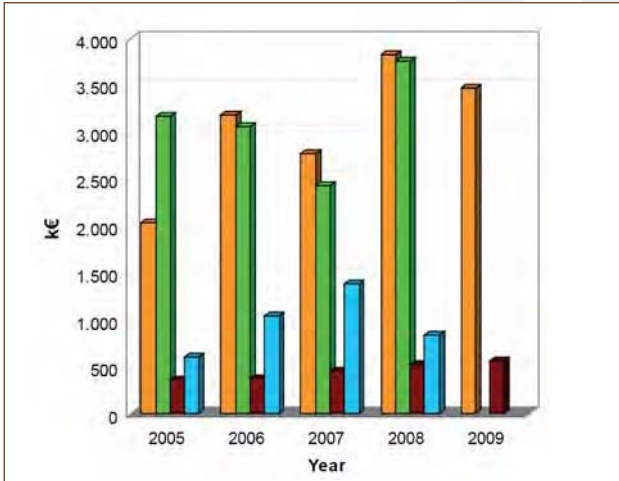
Total 2007: 17657 k€

Total 2008: 20003 k€



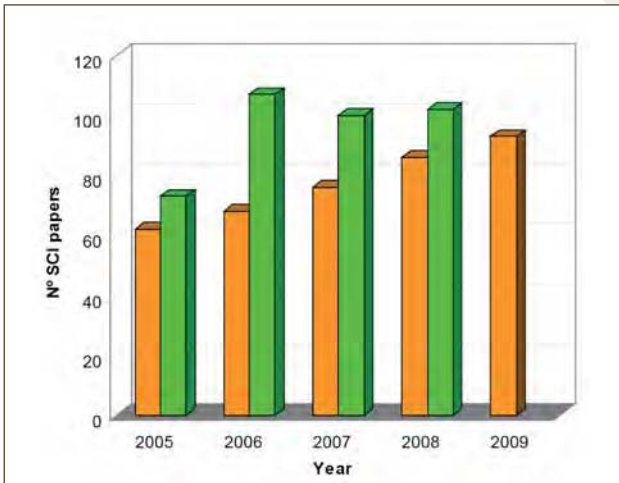
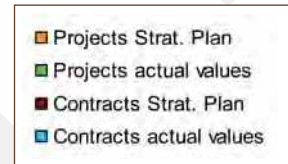
◆ Budget distribution

Income distribution (for year 2008) excluding the CSIC special action for equipment acquisition.

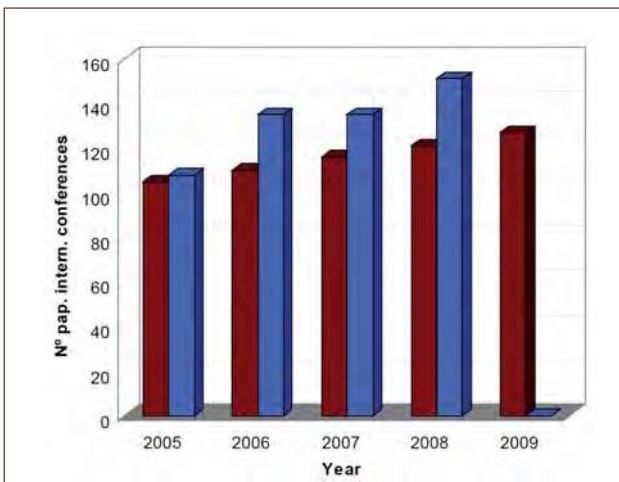
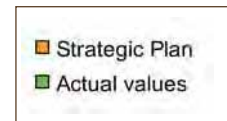


◆ External Funding

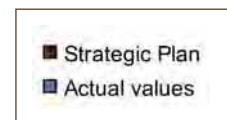
External funding from competitive public projects and industrial contracts, in the context of the 2005-2009 Strategic Plan.



◆ Papers in SCI journals



◆ Papers in international conferences



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