

DIPARTIMENTO DI CHIMICA, MATERIALI E INGEGNERIA CHIMICA GIULIO NATTA

ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES

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INFO - TIMELINE







RESEARCH - TIMELINE

During PhD

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Non Covalent Interactions Sugars – Aromatics Synthesis - NMR -Computational

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Non Covalent Interactions Crystal Engineering Supramolecular Chemistry Fluorinated Materials Structural Characterization The Halogen Bond

CRYSTAL ENGINEERING and SUPRAMOLECULAR MATERIALS TH(AT) WORK !



Pharmaceutical Co-crystals



Supramolecular Liquid Crystals



Supramolecular Rotors



Adaptive Materials



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Tunable Bio-materials



Materials for Personalized Medicine



X-RAY STRUCTURAL CHARACTERIZATION



Grazing Incidence X-ray Diffraction



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Fig. 1. – Registrazione con contatore Geiger dello spettro ai raggi X del 1–2–polibutadiene (CuKa).

G. NATTA e P. CORRADINI – Polimeri cristallini del hutadiene e struttura, ecc. – TAV. 1.



Fig. 2. - Spettro di fibra del 1-2-polibutadiene.



STRUCTURE – FUNCTION RELATIONSHIPS STRUCTURE – PROPERTY RELATIONSHIPS STRUCTURE – ACTIVITY RELATIONSHIPS

Web of Science Core Collection (2021 – 2017)



- 115 publications with 1378 citations
- 2 granted patents and 6 international patent applications
- More than 13.000 overall citations received in the last 5 years
- Overall budget from competitive projects: 3 Milion Euros

67 Chemistry Multidisciplinary	20 Crystallography	9 Nanoscience Nanotechnology	8 Biochemistry Molecular Biology	
	20 Materials Science Multidisciplinary	8 Chemistry Inorganic Nuclear	8 Chemistry Organic	
	14 Chemistry Physical	8 Physics Applied	6 Biophysics	



OUTLOOK

- Over the past few decades, scientists have discovered ways to produce materials with incredible attributes - smart materials that are selfhealing or self-cleaning; memory metals that can revert to their original shapes; and crystals that turn pressure into energy; and nanomaterials.
- Nanomaterials in particular stand out in terms of their high rate of improvement, broad potential applicability, and long-term potential to drive massive economic impact.
- Advanced nanomaterials such as graphene and carbon nanotubes are driving significant impact.
 For example, graphene and carbon nanotubes could help create new types of displays and superefficient batteries and solar cells. Finally,
 pharmaceutical companies are already progressing in research to use nanoparticles for targeted drug treatments for diseases such as cancer.

How disruptive technologies could affect society, businesses and economies

Implications for

individuals and societies

Implications for economies

and governments

Primary Secondary Other potential impact

	Changes quality of life, health, and envi- ronment	Changes patterns of consump- tion	Changes nature of work	Creates opportu- nities for entre- preneurs	Creates new products and services	Shifts surplus between producers or industries	Shifts surplus from producers to consumers	Changes organi- zational structures	Drives economic growth or productivity	Changes comparative advantage for nations	Affects employment	Poses new regulatory and legal challenges
Next- generation genomics												
Energy storage												
3D printing												
Advanced materials												
Advanced oil and gas exploration and recovery												
Renewable energy												

Implications for established businesses

and other organizations

SOURCE: McKinsey Global Institute analysis

ARCHITECTING A BETTER FUTURE

ORGANIC AND METAL-ORGANIC MATERIALS

Materials with **permanent or adaptive porosity and structure modularity** will become relevant to several contemporary challenges related to the **environment and energy sustainability**.

- Improved heterogeneous catalytic processes
- Improved separation methods
- CO₂ capture and pollutant capture
- Methane or hydrogen storage for vehicular transport
- Electrically conductive porous materials
- Photocatalysis, solar energy and environmental sensing
- Drug delivery systems

Molecular modules from renewable resources or waste valorization





Low-Medium TRL



Engineering Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients and Agrochemicals

Exploiting the fundamental principles of crystal engineering and supramolecular chemistry we target **new multi-component pharmaceutical materials** (e.g. API+coformer) or **new multi-component agrochemical materials** with **improved physicochemical properties** and **bioavalaibility**.

Significant opportunities for intellectual property and improved medicines

SUSTAINABLE GOALS



A New road to better drugs



High TRL

Engineering Renewable Materials

Using the renewable resources provided by Nature we aim to develop functional materials able to perform specific functions such as convert mechanical to electrical energy or harvesting solar energy.

Next-generation energy systems for wearable electronics, biodevices and robots



Investigating the Fundamentals of Non-Covalent Interactions

Non-covalent interactions play a major role in many and different fields of physics, chemistry, engineering and biology and their impact span from the physical properties of matter to the biological functions of living organism. In general, interactions affect or control recognition, self-organization, and self-assembly phenomena of organic and inorganic systems and are thus an important topic in supramolecular chemistry and nanotechnologies.





X-RAY Structural Characterization

Properties of a material are intrinsically dependent on the internal arrangement of molecules in the solid state. Therefore, knowledge of three-dimensional structure of the matter is a prerequisite for **structure-property correlations and design of functional materials.** The structural information obtained from crystallographic analysis paved the way for rapid development in electronic devices and materials science (e.g. perovskite solar cells.

PROGRAMMA DEGLI INTERVENTI PER LA RIPRESA ECONOMICA: Sviluppo di nuovi accordi di collaborazione con le università per la ricerca, l'innovazione e il trasferimento tecnologico





Advanced and sustainable materials and manufacturing for the life sciences and energy transition



NEXT-GENERATION ADVANCED MATERIALS (NEXT-GAME)

SINGLE CRYSTAL X-RAY SYSTEM

SAXS/WAXS/GISAXS MULTIFUNCTIONAL SYSTEM

LAUE SYSTEM

X-RAY ABSORPTION SPECTROSCOPY (EXAFS)



LEARNING BY DOING

- Modularity and Flexibility towards new emerginng topics
- Increasing laboratory courses both for MS and PhD program
- Meetings and Workshops of new emerging topics



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