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### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

Nationality: Italian

Date and place of birth: November 27th 1983, Milano (Italy)

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

# Assistant Professor of Physics – Department of Materials Science, University of Milano-Bicocca (Italy)

Period: December 2019 – present

Principal Investigator of the 'Laboratory of Ultrafast Microscopy for Nanoscale Dynamics' (LUMiNaD).

### Scientist – École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Switzerland)

Period: February 2016 – November 2019; Advisor: Prof. Fabrizio Carbone.

Ultrafast electron diffraction, microscopy and spectroscopy experiments performed in the LUMES laboratory. The appointment was partially supported by the EPFL Fellowship program co-founded by Marie Sklodowska-Curie (H2020 – MSCA – COFUND 2016, GA n. 665667).

### Post-doctoral Research Scholar - California Institute of Technology (U.S.A.)

*Period*: November 2011 – January 2016; *Advisor*: Prof. Ahmed H. Zewail (Nobel Laurate in Chemistry - 1999). The research activity was focused on the investigation of the nature of atomic-scale ultrafast phenomena in nanomaterials.

#### M.Sc. internship at the French Atomic Energy Commission, CEA-Saclay (France)

Period: March 2007 – September 2007; Advisor: Dr. Nicholas Barrett.

Investigation of surface properties of correlated perovskite materials. My appointment was supported within the framework of the FP6 INCEMS European project.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

# Teaching assistant - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Switzerland)

Period: March 2016 - November 2019.

"Physique Generale II" (code: PHYS-106(a)). Spring of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Instructor: Prof. Fabrizio Carbone.

"Solid State Physics I" (code: PHYS-309). Fall of 2018. Instructor: Prof. Henrik Rønnow.

"Physique Generale I" (code: UNIL-112). Spring of 2019. Instructor: Prof. Fabrizio Carbone.

# Teaching assistant - California Institute of Technology (U.S.A.)

Period: March 2015 – June 2015.

"Dynamics and Complexity in Physical and Life Sciences" (code: Ch 228). Spring of 2015.

Instructor: Prof. Ahmed H. Zewail.

### Teaching assistant - Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

Period: March 2008 - September 2011.

"Fundamentals of Experimental Physics" (code: 081389, 12 credits, spring of 2009).

"Fundamentals of Thermodynamics and Acoustics" (code: 085646, 5 credits, spring of 2011).

Instructor: Prof. Alberto Tagliaferri.

### **EDUCATION**

#### Ph.D. in Physics (Italian/French joint degree)

## Politecnico di Milano (Italy) - École Polytechnique X (France) - CEA-Saclay (France)

Period: January 2008 – October 2011.

Advisors: Prof. Alberto Tagliaferri, Dr. Nicholas Barrett, Prof. Henri-Jean Drouhin.

Investigation of electronic and structural properties of semiconductor nanostructures for optoelectronics applications using spectro-microscopy techniques.

Thesis title: Investigation of Ge Surface Diffusion and SiGe Nanostructures by Spectro-microscopy Techniques.

Final grade: "avec mention très honorable".

#### M.Sc. in Physics Engineering – Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

Period: September 2005 - December 2007.

Major in Photonics and Nanotechnology. Final grade: 110/110 magna cum laude.

### Alta Scuola Politecnica (ASP)

### Politecnico di Milano and Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

*Period*: September 2005 – February 2008. Diploma in Management of Innovation.

#### M.Sc. in Mathematics Engineering – Politecnico di Torino (Italy)

This degree has been obtained thanks to the successful completion of the ASP program.

#### B.Sc. in Physics Engineering – Politecnico di Milano (Italy)

Period: September 2002 – July 2005.

Major in laser physics and condensed matter physics. Final grade: 110/110 magna cum laude.

# Scientific High School Diploma – Angri, Salerno (Italy)

Period: September 1997 – July 2002.

*Final grade*: 100/100.

### SCIENTIFIC RESULTS AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

- Author and co-author of 33 scientific publications and 1 book chapter.
- Hirsch (h)-index: 14 (from Scopus).
- Reviewer activity for the following journals: Science Advances, New Journal of Physics, Nano Letters, ACS
   Photonics, Structural Dynamics, Ultramicroscopy, Advances in Physics: X, Physica Status Solidi (Rapid
   Research Letters).
- Review panel member for student admission to the Bachelor of Science in Materials Science, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy.
- International evaluator for the "Émergence Call for Proposals 2021-2022", Sorbonne University, France.
- International evaluator for the "VENI research programme 2021" of the Dutch Research Council, The Netherlands.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSABILITIES**

- Faculty member, Department of Materials Science, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy (Period: 2019 present).
- Member of the Managing Committee of the Microscopy Platform; Materials Science advisor and Electron Microscopy specialist, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy (Period: 2019 – present).
- Member of the Erasmus Committee; Materials Science advisor, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

- (period: 2020 present).
- Member of the Orientation Committee; Materials Science advisor, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy (Period: 2020 present).

#### MEMBERSHIP OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2018 - present. Member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) - member n. 31011858.

2021 – present. Member of the American Physical Society (APS) – member n. 62074153.

2021 - present. Member of the Materials Research Society (MRS).

### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- Ultrafast Electron Diffraction (UED), Ultrafast Electron Microscopy (UEM) and Ultrafast Electron Energy-Loss Spectroscopy (Femto-EELS).
- Femtosecond Lasers and Non-linear Optics.
- Transmission electron microscopy (TEM), Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) and Scanning Auger Microscoy (SAM).
- Angle-resolved Photoemission (ARPES) and Photo-electron emission microscopy (PEEM).
- Scanning probe microscopies (AFM and STM).
- Optical microscopy and Raman spectroscopy.
- Softwares and Programming Languages: Matlab, Mathematica, Solidworks, Simlon, Comsol, OpenFOAM, Abinit, C/C++, LabView.

### **LANGUAGES**

- Italian: native language.
- English: fluent, working language.
- French: fluent, working language.

# FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- May 2021. Scientific coordinator and principal investigator of the FET-OPEN project entitled "Ultrafast all-optical spatio-temporal electron modulators: opening new frontiers in electron microscopy (SMART-electron, GA n. 964591)" funded by the European Union for 3.042 milion euro.
- November 2018. Accepted grant proposal as co-PI entitled "Project Heidi: Stimulated Nuclear Excitation by Electron Capture". Founding source: Google Inc (final award of 400000 USD).
- March 2018. Italian National Academic Qualification as Associate Professor in Experimental Physics of Matter (FIS 02/B1).
- March 2016. Accepted grant for the EPFL's international postdoctoral fellowship programme co-founded by Marie Sklodowska-Curie (March 2016, H2020 – MSCA – COFUND 2016, GA n. 665667).
- February 2016. Accepted grant within the ACHN-2015 funding scheme of the Agence Nationale pour la Recherche (ANR), France. Awarded in February 2016 (400000 Euro), application withdrawn after winning.
- September 2011. Award for the "Best oral presentation at the XCVII Conference of the Italian Physical Society" (L'Aquila, Italy) in the Condensed Matter Physics session.
- July 2010. Accepted experiment proposal at the SOLEIL Synchrotron (Paris, France), entitled "Electronic Structure of Ge nanostructures by Resonant k space-PEEM" (experiment n. 20100485). (July 2010)

- July 2009. Accepted experiment proposal at the ESRF Synchrotron (Grenoble, France), entitled "Nano-diffraction mapping and predictive modelling of the strain in single artificial SiGe nanostructures" (experiment n. SI-1873). (July 2009)
- January 2008. Medal of Excellence as "Best M.Sc. Graduate Student in Physics Engineering in 2006-2007" at Politecnico di Milano (Italy).
- January 2008. Ph.D. Fellowship of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research. (January 2008

   February 2011).

### SEMINARS AND TALKS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Invited talk at the International Online Workshop on "Electrons, Photons and Plasmons 2021", March 10-12, 2021.
- Invited colloquium at the Department of Physics of the University of Arizona (USA). (Oct. 2020)
- Invited talk at the 3nd International Workshop on "Electron Beam Spectroscopy for Nanophotonics", Paris (France). (Sept. 2019)
- Invited talk at the 14th Femtochemistry Conference Dynamics of the Complexity in Chemistry, Biology and Physics, Shanghai (China). (August 2019)
- Invited talk at the International Conference on Quantum Imaging and Electron Beam Shaping (QSORT Conference-2019), Erlangen (Germany). (July 2019)
- Contributed talk at the WE-Heraeus-Seminar on "Ultrafast Quantum Phenomena in the Near Field" at the Physikzentrum Bad Honnef (Germany). (March 2019)
- Invited seminar at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), Newark (New Jersey, USA). The seminar was part of the interview process for Assistant Professor position in Physics. (February 2019)
- Invited talk at the 9th Annual meeting of the NCCR-MUST 2019, Grindelwald (Switzerland). (Jan. 2019).
- Invited talk at the 256th meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) within the session "Ultrafast Molecular Sciences by Femtosecond Photons & Electrons: Symposium in honor of Ahmed Zewail", Boston (USA). (August 2018)
- Contributed talk at the XXI International Conference on Ultrafast Phenomena (UP2018), Hamburg (Germany). (July 2018)
- Invited talk at the conference "From Solid State to Biophysics IX: From Basic to Life Sciences", Cavtat (Croatia). (June 2018)
- Invited talk at the International Conference on Electron Beam Shaping in Space and Time (QSORT Conference-2018), Jülich (Germany). (May 2018)
- Invited seminar at the University of California Irvine (UCI), Irvine (California, USA). The seminar was part of the interview process for Assistant Professor position in Physical Chemistry. (April 2018)
- Invited talk at the 4th International Conference on Ultrafast Structural Dynamics (ICUSD-2017), Trieste (Italy). (Dec. 2017)
- Invited talk at the 2nd International Workshop on "Electron Beam Spectroscopy for Nanophotonics", Barcelona (Spain). (Oct. 2017)
- Invited talk at the 6th International Workshop on "Epitaxial Growth and Fundamental Properties of Semiconductor Nanostructures", Como (Italy). (Sept. 2017)

- Invited talk at the International Conference on "Quantum physics in Complex Matter: Superconductivity, Magnetism and Ferroelectricity (Superstripes 2017)", Ischia (Italy). (June 2017)
- Contributed talk at the workshop on "Electron Microscopy with High Temporal Resolution (EMHTR-2017)", Strasbourg (France). (May 2017)
- Invited talk at the 2017 Materials Research Society (MRS) meeting, Phoenix (United States of America).
   (April 2017).
- Contributed talk at the 5th Banff Meeting on Structural Dynamics, Alberta (Canada). (Jan. 2017)
- Invited talk at the 7th Annual meeting of the NCCR-MUST 2017, Grindelwald (Switzerland). (Jan. 2017).
- Invited talk at the "4th Italian Experience in Biomedical Research: Young Minds at Work", Desenzano del Garda (Italy). (Nov. 2016)
- Invited talk at the EMN Meeting on Photonics 2016, Barcelona (Spain). (Sept. 2016)
- Invited talk at the International Conference on "Quantum in Complex Matter: Superconductivity, Magnetism and Ferroelectricity (Superstripes 2016)", Ischia (Italy). (June 2016)
- Invited talk at the conference "From Solid State to Biophysics VIII: From Basic to Life Sciences", Cavtat (Croatia). (June 2016)
- Contributed talk at the 19th International Vacuum Congress (IVC-19), Paris (France). (Sept. 2013).
- Invited talk at the National Conference on Condensed Matter Physics FisMat2013, Milano (Italy). (Sept. 2013)
- Contributed talk at the XCVII Conference of Italian Physical Society, L'Aguila (Italy). (Sept. 2011)
- Contributed talk at 28th European Conference on Surface Science (ECOSS-28), Wroclaw (Poland). (Sept. 2011)
- Contributed talk at the European Conference on Surface Crystallography and Dynamics 10 (ECSCD-10), Reading (UK). (Sept. 2010)
- Contributed talk at the 3rd International Conference on Nanostructures SElf-Assembly (NanoSEA) 2010, Cassis (France). (July 2010)
- Contributed talk at the 8th edition of International Workshop on Epitaxial Semiconductor on Patterned Substrates and Novel Index Surfaces (ESPS-NIS), Como (Italy). (June 2010)
- Contributed talk at the 26th edition of the European Conference on Surface Science (ECOSS-26), Parma (Italy). (Sept. 2009)

#### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

34. G. M. Vanacore, I. Madan & F. Carbone,

Spatio-temporal shaping of a free-electron wave function via coherent light—electron interaction.

La Rivista del Nuovo Cimento (2020)

33. X. Fu, F. Barantani, S. Gargiulo, I. Madan, G. Berruto, T. LaGrange, L. Jin, J. Wu, **G. M. Vanacore**, F. Carbone & Y. Zhu

Nanoscale-femtosecond dielectric response of Mott insulators captured by two-color near-field ultrafast electron microscopy

#### **Nature Communications 11**, 5770 (2020)

- 32. I. Madan\*, **G. M. Vanacore**\*, S. Gargiulo, T. LaGrange, and F. Carbone, (\*authors contributed equally)
  The quantum future of microscopy: Wave function engineering of electrons, ions, and nuclei, **Appl. Phys. Lett. 116**, 230502 (2020)
- 31. **G. M. Vanacore**, G. Berruto, I. Madan, E. Pomarico, P. Biagioni, R. J. Lamb, D. McGrouther, O. Reinhardt, I. Kaminer, B. Barwick, H. Larocque, V. Grillo, E. Karimi, F. J. García de Abajo, F. Carbone, Ultrafast generation and control of an electron vortex beam via chiral plasmonic near-fields, *Nature Materials* **18**, 573-579 (2019)
- 30. I. Madan\*, **G. M. Vanacore**\*, E. Pomarico, G. Berruto, R. J. Lamb, D. McGrouther, TTA Lummen, T. Latychevskaia, F. J. García de Abajo, F. Carbone, (\*authors contributed equally)

  Ultrafast holography enabled by quantum interference of ultrashort electrons, **Science Advances 5**, eaav8358 (2019)
- 29. **G. M. Vanacore**, I. Madan, G. Berruto, K. Wang, E. Pomarico, R. J. Lamb, D. McGrouther, I. Kaminer, B. Barwick, F. J. García de Abajo, F. Carbone, Attosecond coherent control of free-electron wave functions using semi-infinite light fields, *Nature Communications* **9**, 2694 (2018)
- 28. K. Wang\*, G. M. Vanacore\*, E. Pomarico, I. Madan, G. Berruto, F. J. García de Abajo, I. Kaminer, and F. Carbone, (\*Authors contributed equally)
  Photon-Induced Far-Field and Near-Field Electron Microscopy,
  in Conference on Lasers and Electro-Optics, OSA Technical Digest (online) (Optical Society of America, 2018),
  paper STh1N.4.
- 27. E. Pomarico, I. Madan, G. Berruto, **G. M. Vanacore**, K. Wang, I. Kaminer, F. J. García de Abajo, and F. Carbone, meV Resolution in Laser-Assisted Energy-Filtered Transmission Electron Microscopy, *ACS Photonics* **5**, 759-764 (2018).
- G. Berruto, I. Madan, Y. Murooka, G. M. Vanacore, E. Pomarico, J. Rajeswari, R. Lamb, P. Huang, A. J. Kruchkov, Y. Togawa, T. LaGrange, D. McGrouther, H. M. Rønnow, and F. Carbone,
   Laser-Induced Skyrmion Writing and Erasing in an Ultrafast Cryo-Lorentz Transmission Electron Microscope,
   Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 117201 (2018)
- 25. **G. M. Vanacore**, J. Hu, W. Liang, S. Bietti, S. Sanguinetti, F. Carbone, and A. H. Zewail, Ultrafast atomic-scale visualization of acoustic phonons generated by optically excited quantum dots, *Structural Dynamics* **4**, 044034 (2017).
- 24. F. Pennacchio, **G. M. Vanacore**, G. F. Mancini, M. Oppermann, R. Jayaraman, P. Musumeci, P. Baum, and F. Carbone,

Design and implementation of an optimal laser pulse front tilting scheme for ultrafast electron diffraction in reflection geometry with high temporal resolution,

Structural Dynamics 4, 044032 (2017).

23. J. Hu, G. M. Vanacore, A. Cepellotti, N. Marzari, and A. H. Zewail,

Rippling ultrafast dynamics of suspended 2D monolayers, graphene,

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 113, E6555-E6561 (2016).

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22. G. M. Vanacore, A. W. P. Fitzpatrick, and A. H. Zewail,

Four-dimensional electron microscopy: ultrafast imaging, diffraction and spectroscopy in materials science and biology,

Nano Today 11, 228-249 (2016).

21. J. Hu, G. M. Vanacore, Z. Yang, X. Miao, and A. H. Zewail,

Transient structures and possible limits of data recording in phase-change materials,

ACS Nano 9, 6728-6737 (2015).

20. G. M. Vanacore, R. van der Veen, and A. H. Zewail,

Origin of axial and radial expansions in carbon nanotubes revealed by ultrafast diffraction and spectroscopy, *ACS Nano* 9, 1721-1729 (2015).

19. A. W. P. Fitzpatrick, G. M. Vanacore, and A. H. Zewail,

Nanomechanics and intermolecular forces of amyloid revealed by four-dimensional electron microscopy, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **112**, 3380-3385 (2015).

18. M. Chaigneau, **G. M. Vanacore**, M. Bollani, G. Picardi, A. Tagliaferri, and R. Ossikovski, 20-nm-resolved stress profile in SiGe nano-stripes obtained by tip enhanced Raman spectroscopy, in *Handbook on enhanced spectroscopies* by Marc Lamy de la Chapelle, Pietro Giuseppe Gucciardi, Nathalie Lidgi-Guigui, Pan Stanford Publishing, July 2015.

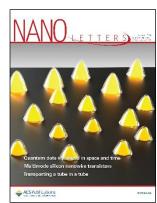
17. **G. M. Vanacore**, G. Nicotra, M. Zani, M. Bollani, E. Bonera, F. Montalenti, G. Capellini, G. Isella, J. Osmond, A. Picco, F. Boioli, and A. Tagliaferri,

Delayed plastic relaxation limit in SiGe islands grown by Ge diffusion from a local source,

**J. Appl. Phys. 117**, 104309 (2015)

 G. M. Vanacore, J. Hu, W. Liang, S. Bietti, S. Sanguinetti, and A. H. Zewail, Diffraction of quantum dot reveals nano-scale ultrafast energy localization, *Nano Letters* 14, 6148-6154 (2014).

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15. W. Liang, G. M. Vanacore, and A. H. Zewail,

Observing (non)linear lattice dynamics in graphite by ultrafast Kikuchi diffraction,

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 111, 5491 (2014).

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14. **G. M. Vanacore**, M. Zani, M. Bollani, E. Bonera, G. Nicotra, J. Osmond, G. Capellini, G. Isella and A. Tagliaferri, Monitoring the kinetic evolution of self-assembled SiGe islands grown by Ge surface thermal diffusion from a local source,

Nanotechnology 25, 135606 (2014).

13. M. Bollani, S. Bietti, C. Frigeri, D. Chrastina, K. Reyes, P. Smereka, J.M. Millunchick, **G. M. Vanacore**, M. Burghammer, A. Tagliaferri, S. Sanguinetti,

Ordered arrays of embedded Ga nanoparticles on patterned silicon substrates,

Nanotechnology 25, 205301 (2014).

12. A. W. P. Fitzpatrick, U. J. Lorenz, **G. M. Vanacore**, and A. H. Zewail,

4D Cryo-Electron Microscopy of Proteins,

J. Am. Chem. Soc. 135, 19123-19126 (2013).

11. **G. M. Vanacore**, M. Chaigneau, N. Barrett, M. Bollani, F. Boioli, M. Salvalaglio, F. Montalenti, N. Manini, L. Caramella, P. Biagioni, D. Chrastina, G. Isella, O. Renault, M. Zani, R. Sordan, G. Onida, R. Ossikovski, H.-J. Drouhin, and A. Tagliaferri,

Hydrostatic strain enhancement in laterally confined SiGe nano-stripes,

Phys. Rev. B 88, 115309 (2013).

10. G. M. Vanacore,

Strain-induced work function changes in Ge nano-stripes on Si(001) studied by energy-filtered photoelectron emission microscopy,

**Nuovo Cimento C 35**, 49-58 (2012). (invited paper)

09. D. Chrastina\*, **G. M. Vanacore**\*, M. Zani, M. Bollani, S. Schöder, M. Burghammer, P. Boye, G. Isella, R. Sordan, and A. Tagliaferri, (\*authors contributed equally)

Patterning-induced strain relief in single lithographic SiGe nanostructures studied by nanobeam x-ray diffraction,

Nanotechnology 23, 155702 (2012).

08. M. Bollani, D. Chrastina, V. Montuori, D. Terziotti, E. Bonera, **G. M. Vanacore**, A. Tagliaferri, R. Sordan, C. Spinella, G. Nicotra,

Homogeneity of Ge-rich nanostructures as characterized by chemical etching and transmission electron microscopy,

Nanotechnology 23, 045302 (2012)

- 07. **G. M. Vanacore**, M. Zani, M. Bollani, D. Colombo, G. Isella, J. Osmond, R. Sordan, and A. Tagliaferri, Size evolution of ordered SiGe islands grown by surface thermal diffusion on pit-patterned Si(100) surface, *Nanoscale Res. Lett.* **5**, 1921 1925 (2010).
- 06. M. Bollani, E. Bonera, D. Chrastina, A. Fedorov, V. Montuori, A. Picco, A. Tagliaferri, **G. M. Vanacore** and R. Sordan,

Ordered Arrays of SiGe Islands from Low-Energy PECVD,

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05. **G. M. Vanacore**, M. Zani, G. Isella, J. Osmond, M. Bollani, and A. Tagliaferri, Quantitative investigation of the influence of carbon surfactant on Ge surface diffusion and island nucleation on Si(100),

Phys. Rev. B 82, 125456 (2010).

04. G. M. Vanacore, L. F. Zagonel, and N. Barrett,

Surface enhanced covalency and Madelung potentials in Nb-doped SrTiO<sub>3</sub> (100), (110) and (111) single crystals,

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- 03. A. Pancotti, N. Barrett, L. F. Zagonel, and **G. M. Vanacore**,
  Multiple scattering X-Ray photoelectron diffraction study of the SrTiO₃(100) surface, *J. Appl. Phys.* 106, 034104 (2009).
- 02. A. Broglia, P. Pinacci, A. Radaelli, A. Bottino, G. Capannelli, A. Comite, **G. M. Vanacore**, M. Zani, Synthesis and characterization of Pd membranes on alumina-modified porous stainless steel supports, *Desalination* **245**, 508-515 (2009).
- 01. F. Ghezzi, M. Zani, S. Magni, **G. M. Vanacore**, A. Tagliaferri, Surface and bulk modification of W–La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> armor mock-up, *J. Nucl. Mater.* **393**, 522–526 (2009).