

# Sostenibilità e materiali inorganici per l'energia

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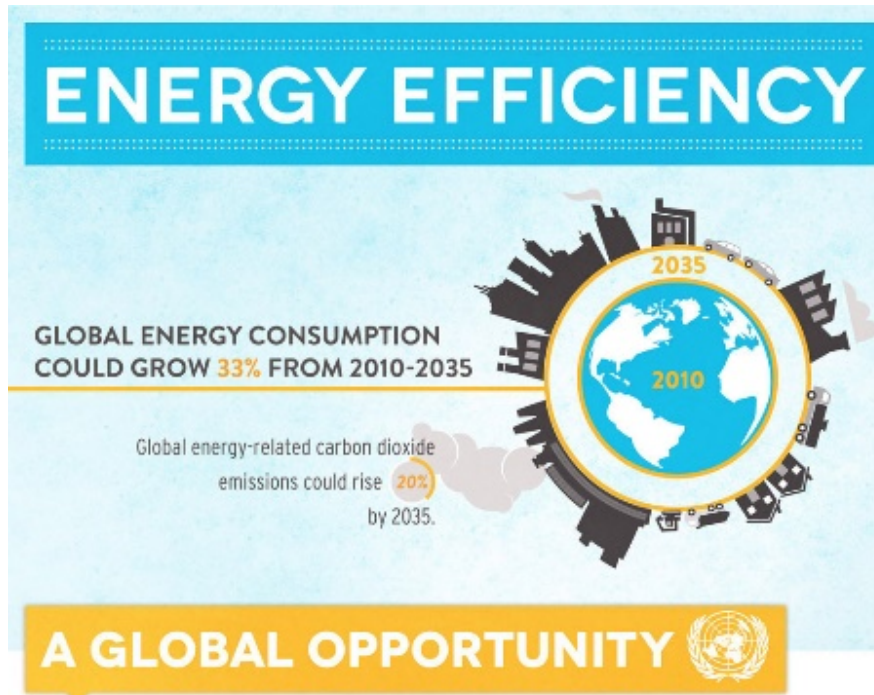
Il concetto di **sviluppo sostenibile** in Italia (D.Lgs. 3 aprile 2006, n. 152 e D.lgs 16 gennaio 2008, n. 4[6], è così definito:

- Art. 3-quater (Principio dello sviluppo sostenibile) Ogni attività umana [...] deve conformarsi al principio dello sviluppo sostenibile [...] il principio dello sviluppo sostenibile deve consentire di individuare un equilibrato rapporto, nell'ambito delle risorse ereditate, tra quelle da risparmiare e quelle da trasmettere, [...]

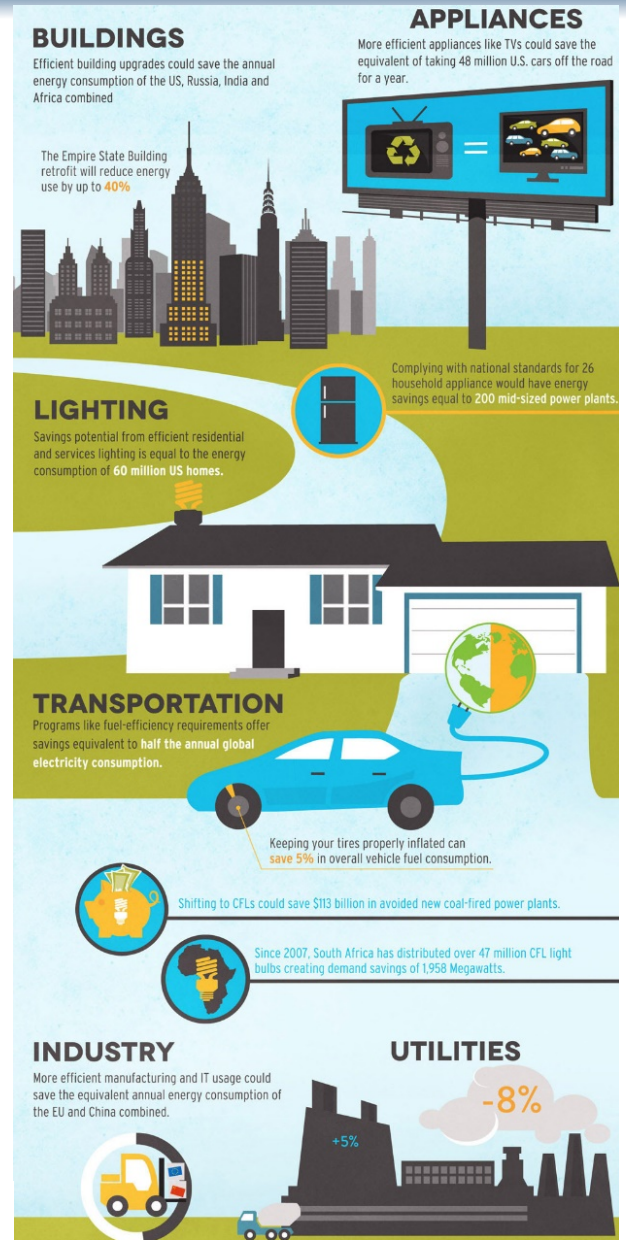
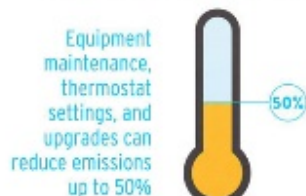
In Italia il "Piano d'azione per la sostenibilità ambientale dei consumi della pubblica amministrazione" (PAN GPP) (legge 296 del 2006 e decreto interministeriale 11 aprile 2008), ha definito **gli obiettivi ambientali strategici in Italia:**

- **efficienza e risparmio nell'uso delle risorse, in particolare dell'energia e conseguente riduzione delle emissioni di CO<sub>2</sub>**
- **riduzione dell'uso di sostanze pericolose**
- **riduzione quantitativa dei rifiuti prodotti.**

Efficienza energetica ed energie rinnovabili sono state definite dalle Nazioni Unite come i **PILASTRI GEMELLI** di una energia sostenibile.



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called on governments, businesses and civil society to double the global rate of improvements in energy efficiency.





## ATTIVITA' DEL GRUPPO

### Efficienza energetica

Termoelettrici per il recupero energetico di calori dispersi (studio di materiali non tossici né rari)

Nanolubrificanti e rivestimenti duri per il miglioramento dell'efficienza energetica di dispositivi e l'aumento del loro tempo di vita mediante riduzione di attrito e usura

Rivestimenti per miglioramento di resistenza ad ossidazione a caldo e di prestazioni di turbine a gas

### Energie rinnovabili e economia dell'idrogeno

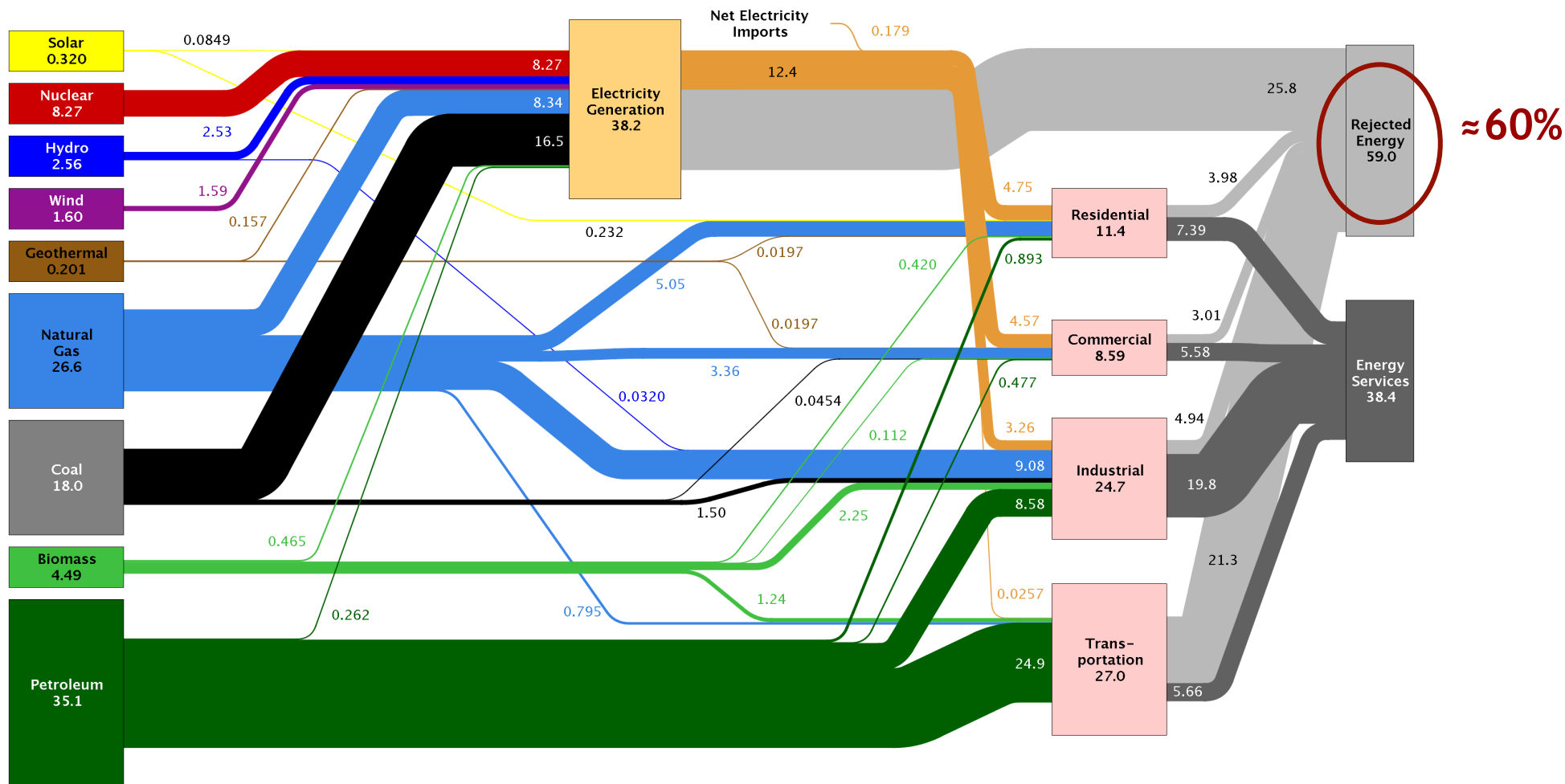
Membrane per la purificazione/separazione di idrogeno prive di metalli nobili o con film sottili contenenti metalli nobili

Nanofluidi neri per l'assorbimento solare.

# Generatori termoelettrici



Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2013: ~97.4 Quads



Data based on DOE/EIA-0035(2014-03), Marzo 2014

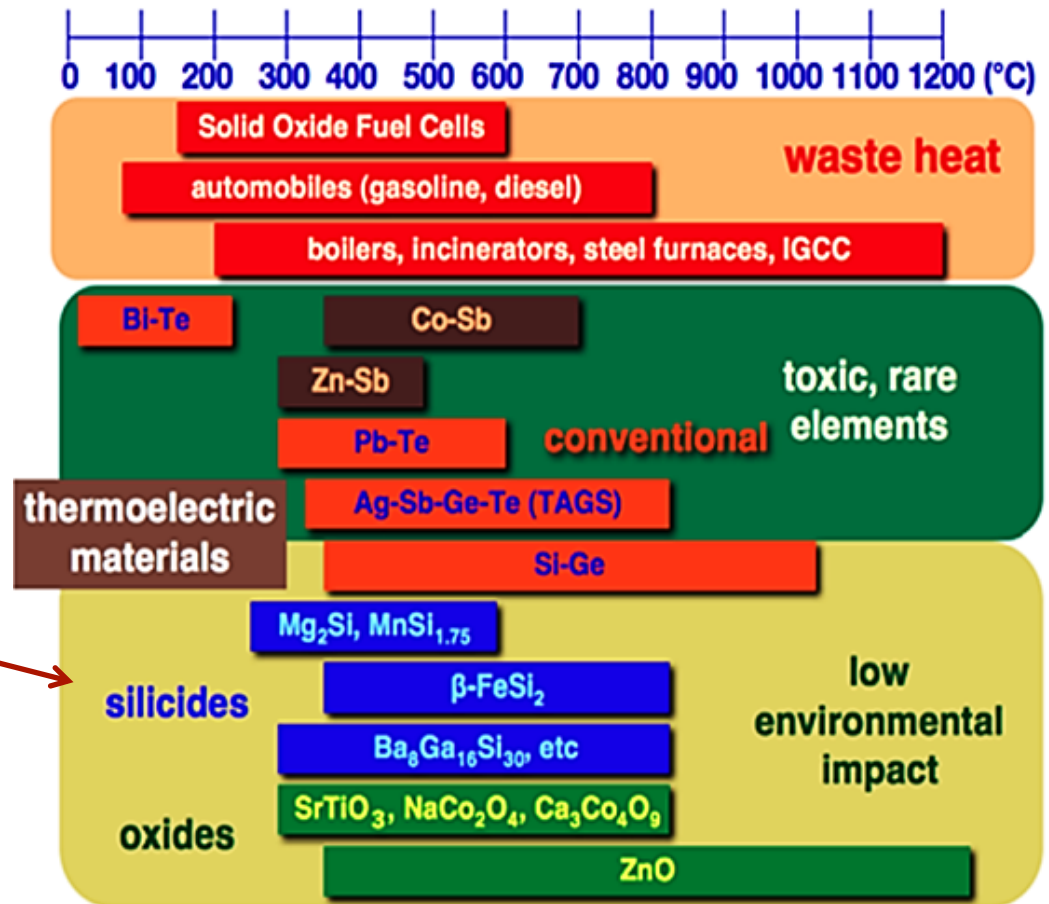
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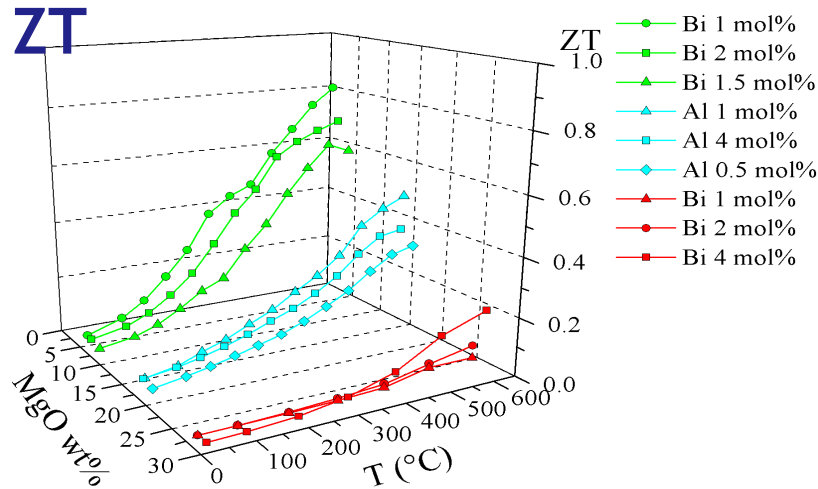
Sviluppo di materiali e dispositivi termoelettrici per il recupero di energia da cascami termici a medio-alte temperature (fino a 600°C): **Siliciuri di tipo n e p e tetraedriti.**

**Mg<sub>2</sub>Si e Higher manganese silicides**  
Impiego a temperature intermedie (fino a 600 °C)  
green (basso costo, abbondanti, bassi costi di smaltimento)  
Bassa densità

**Tetraedriti (Cu<sub>12</sub>Sb<sub>4</sub>S<sub>13</sub>)**  
Per temperature fino a circa 450 °C



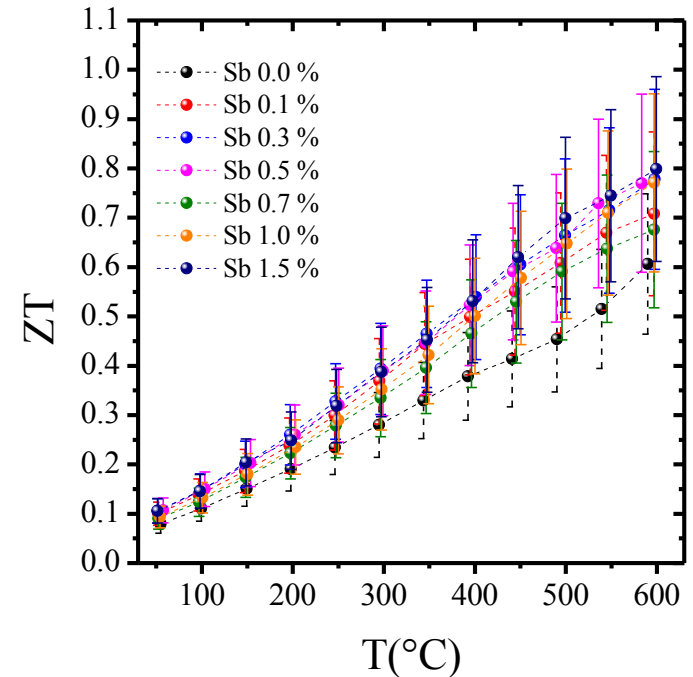
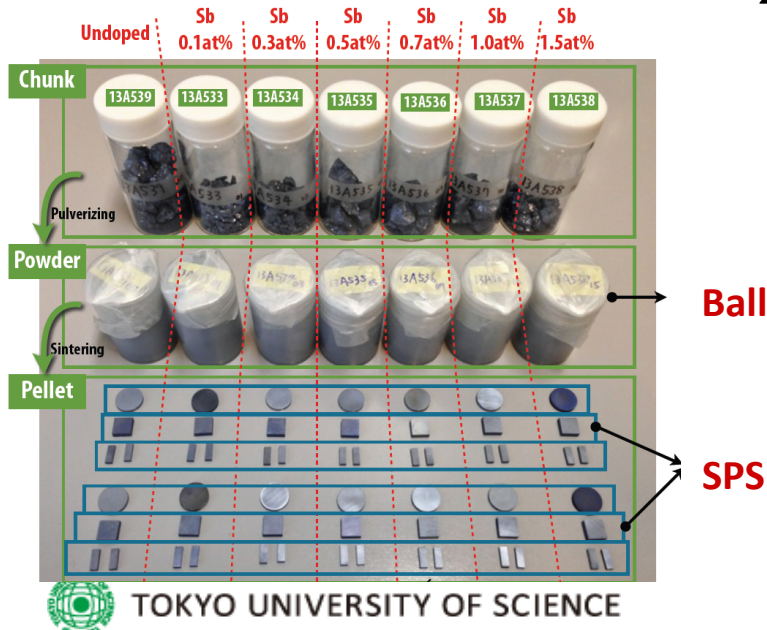
# Siliciuri -Mg (n), Mn (p)



L'elemento drogante influenza sia le proprietà termoelettriche (ZT) che la stabilità all'ossidazione

La quantità di MgO ha un ruolo determinante nell'abbassamento dello ZT

$$ZT = \frac{S^2 \sigma}{K} T$$



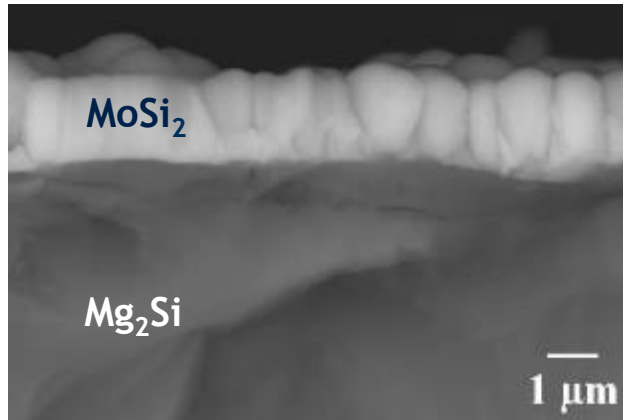


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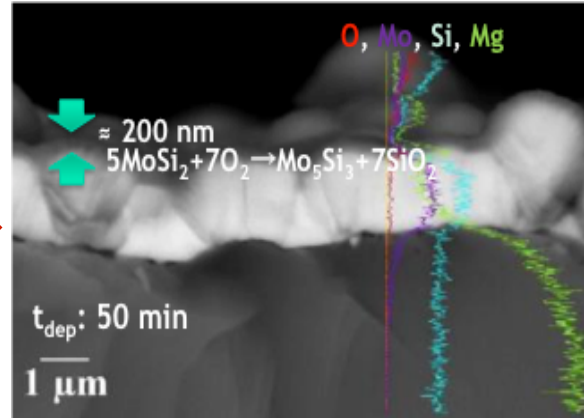
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600°C (air)

24 h



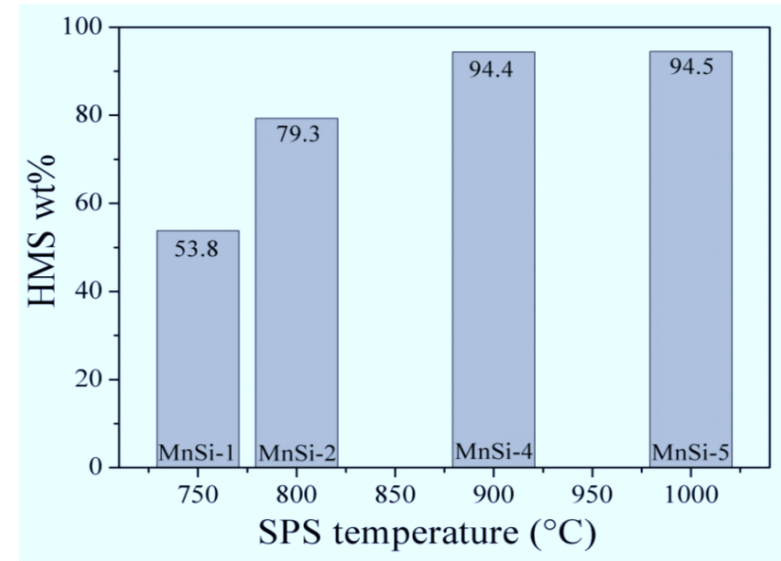
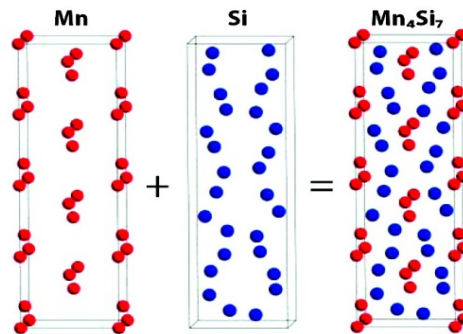
Rivestimenti  $\text{MoSi}_2$  via RF-magnetron sputtering come barriera all'ossidazione:

- Alta T fusione (2030 °C);
- Formazione strato sottile silice;
- Basso costo e abbondanti.

## Higher Manganese Silicides (HMS)

Sintesi e sinterizzazione in un singolo step via SPS a 90 MPa e 1000°C

$$ZT_{\text{HMS } 95\%} = 0.34 @ 600^\circ\text{C}$$

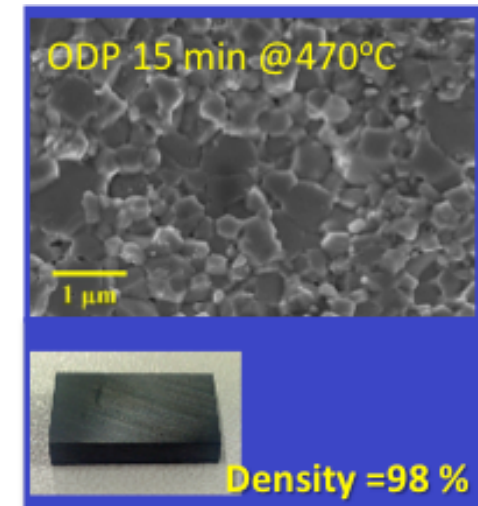
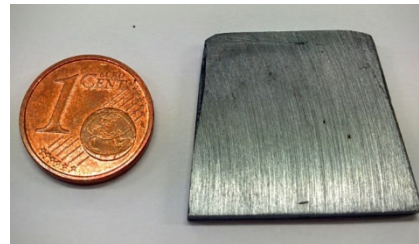
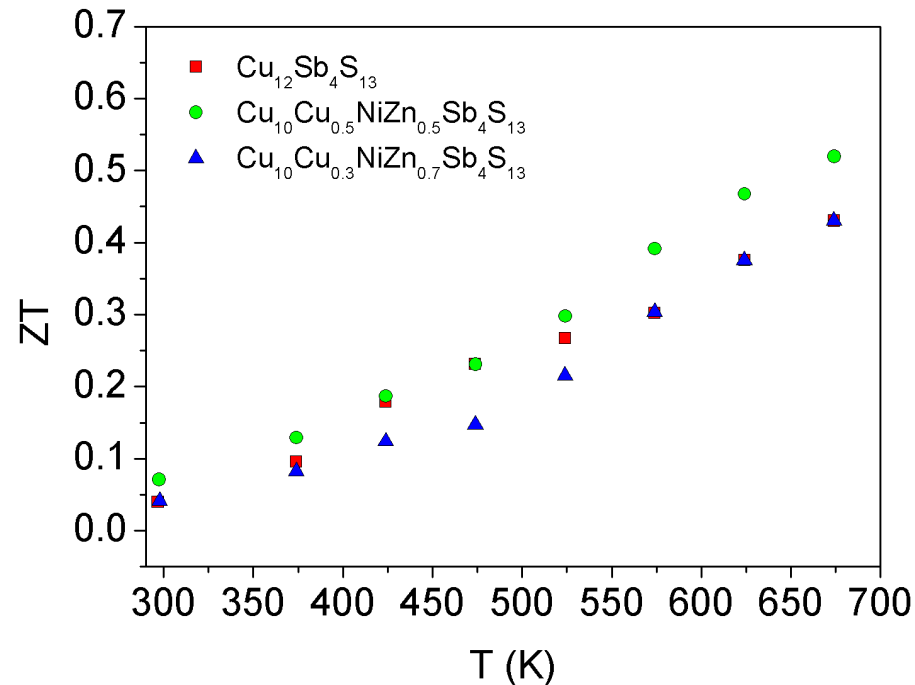


## Tetrahedrite, a possible sustainable thermoelectric material for middle temperatures (350-450 °C)



- Ball Milling
- Solvothermal Synthesis

Consolidation Process: Open Die Pressing @ Lecco



**Poster P2: S. Battiston et al. "Simultaneous synthesis and sintering of tetrahedrite based thermoelectric materials"**

# Caratterizzazione funzionale



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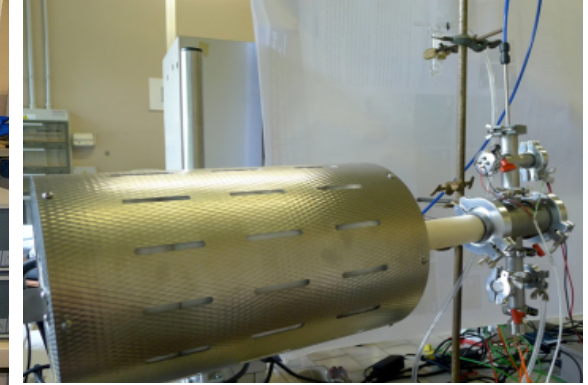
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Simultaneous Seebeck coefficient and electrical conductivity measurement

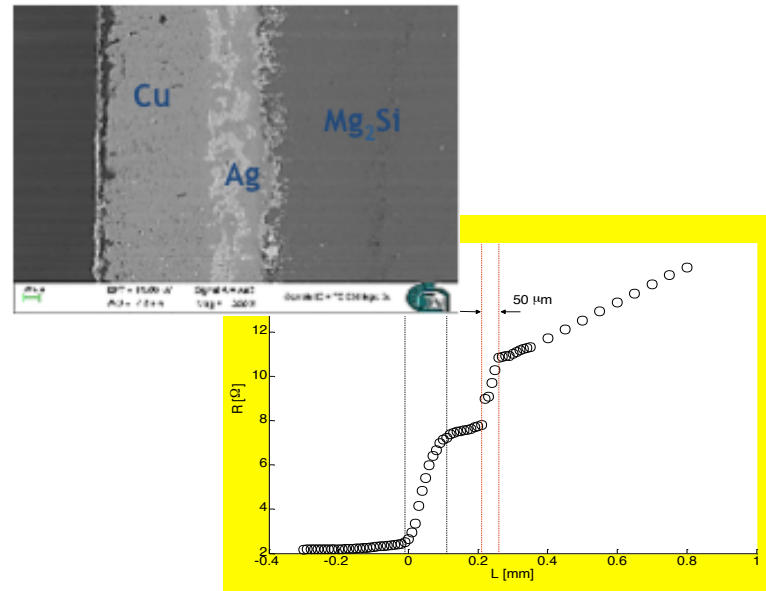
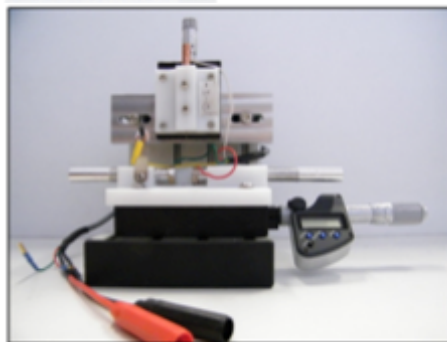
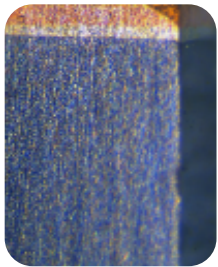
2 configurations: RT – 1000K and RT-1500K temperature ranges

LabView automated procedure

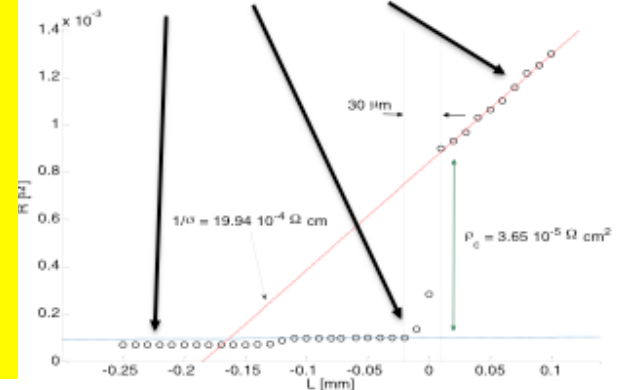
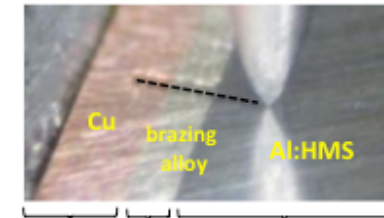
Laser Flash Thermal Diffusivity



## Misura di resistenza di contatto



## Esempio di HMS/Ag<sub>alloy</sub>/Cu



# Multiphysics modeling of thermoelectric generator



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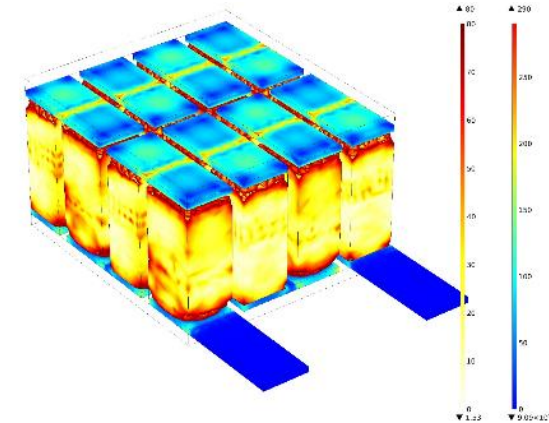
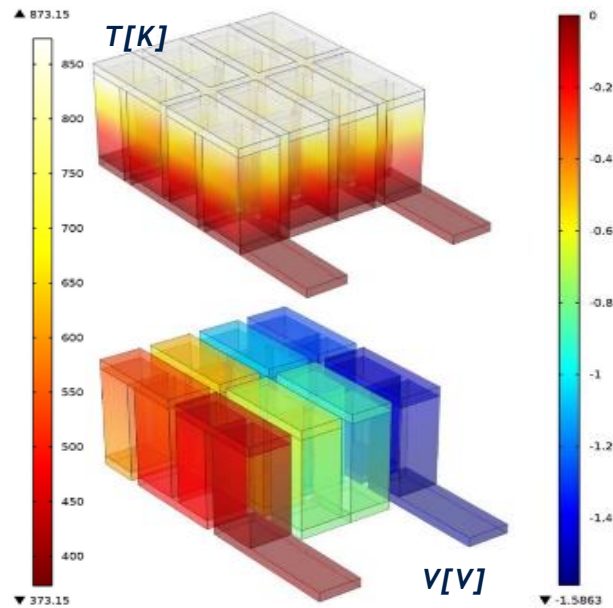
*Numerical calculation of temperature and voltage distributions for different values of ( $A_p/A_n$ ) ratio*



**Evaluation of heat flux and output power**



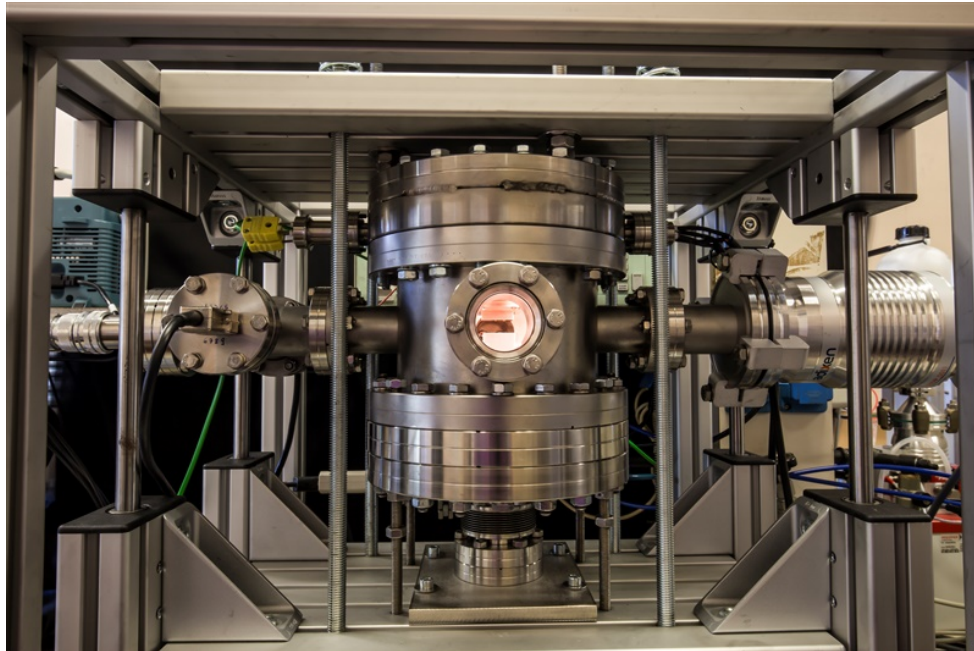
**Evaluation of maximum efficiency**



**Evaluation of mechanical strength of the modules**

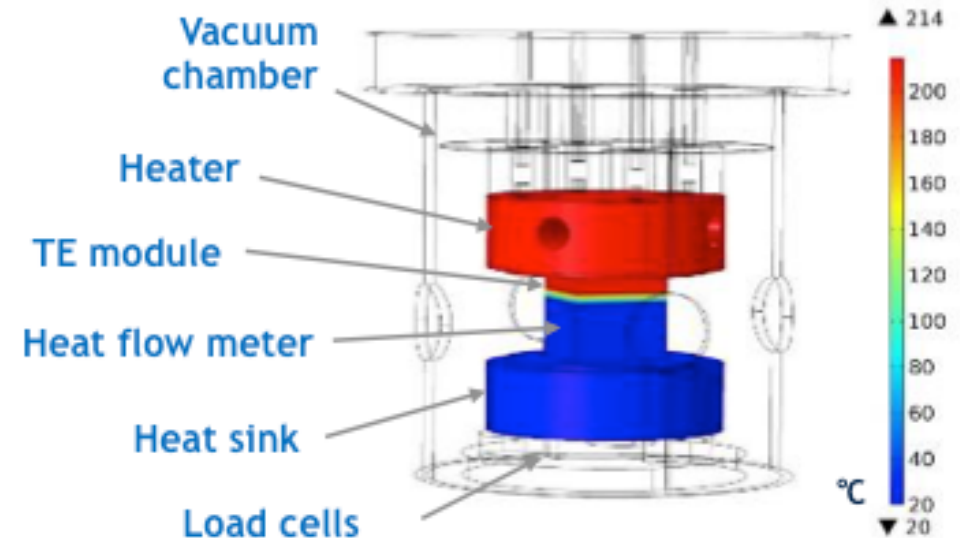


## *TE module measurement apparatus*



We developed a testing device oriented to the maximum flexibility, based on the heat flow meter method at the cold side of the module

*Operating in vacuum (from RT up to 900 K) or inert atmosphere*



**Presentazione Martedì 1 ore 12.15: A. Ferrario "Termoelettrici per temperature intermedie: sviluppo e caratterizzazione di moduli"**

## **Efficienza energetica e sostenibilità ambientale**

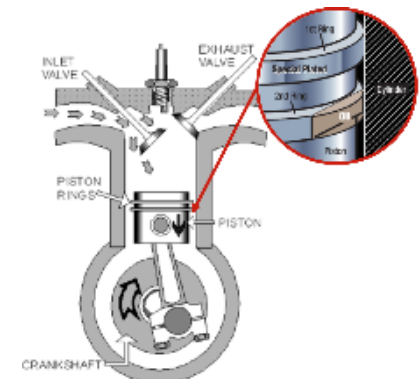
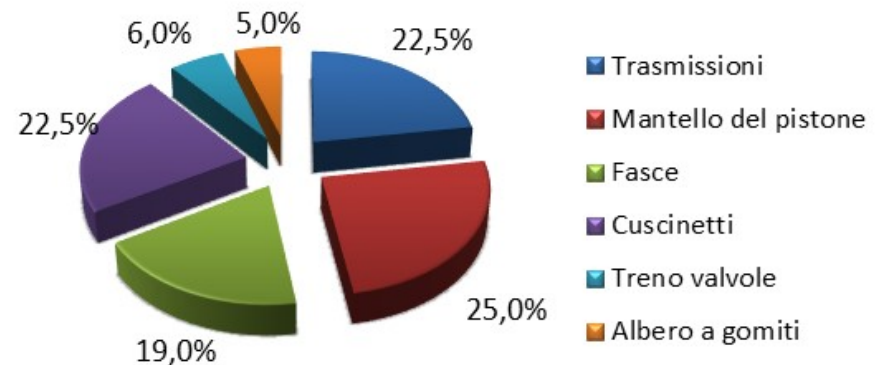
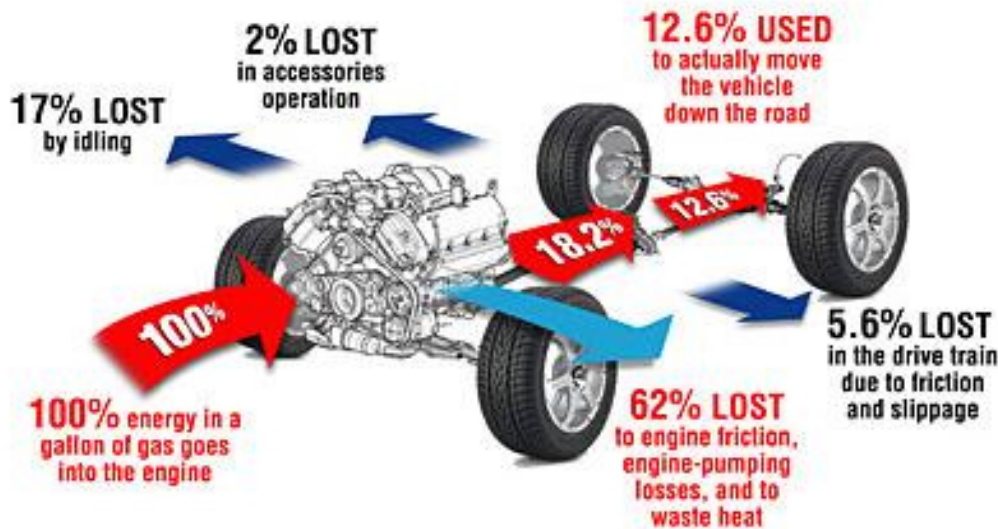
**Nanolubrificanti e rivestimenti duri** per il miglioramento dell'efficienza energetica di dispositivi e l'aumento del loro tempo di vita mediante riduzione di attrito e usura

# Efficienza energetica – riduzione di attrito e usura



Development of new lubricants containing nanoparticles able to warrant better performances than commercial oils (**durability, wear resistance, friction and heat transfer**).

In combustion engines an important part of energy output is lost due to friction.

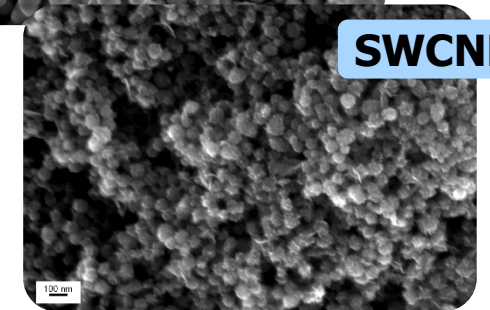
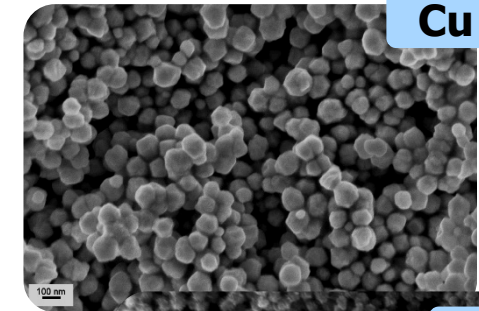
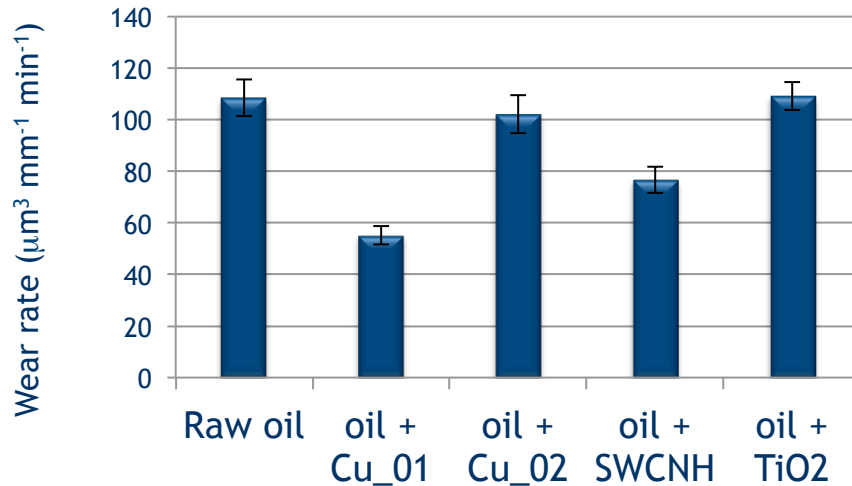


# Sinergia rivestimenti + nanolubrificanti



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D.60 Pistons - AlSi Alloy

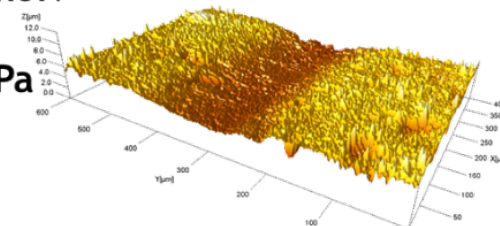


Mo/AlSi

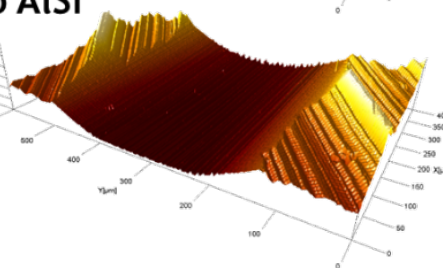
Bulk AlSi

MoN/Mo/AlSi  
"Graded composition"

Film MoN  
3h  
2.0 GPa



Substrato AlSi  
3h  
0.5 GPa



**Presentazione Martedì 1 ore 13.00: V. Zin "Approccio tribologico nella caratterizzazione funzionale di rivestimenti e lubrificanti"**



Only for domestic applications, **1,4 billion refrigerators and freezers** in use worldwide (EU data 2013), accounting for **almost 14% of total electricity consumption** from residential sector. Investigation on the potential advantages of **nanolubricants** in a **compressor** used in the refrigeration/air conditioning.

Some studies demonstrated an important reduction in energy consumption due to even small changes in lubricant properties.

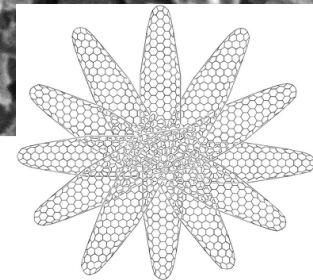
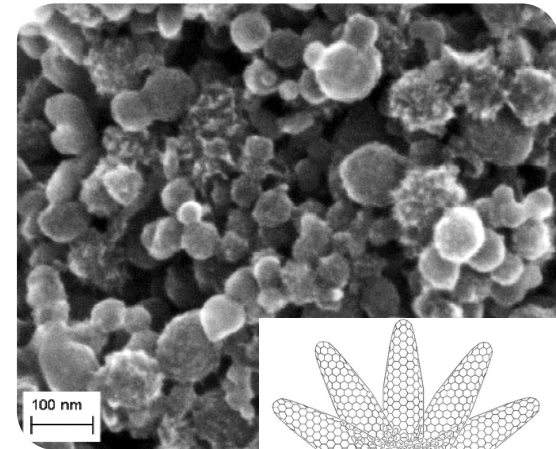
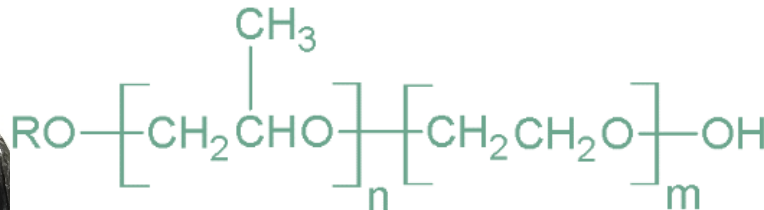
CO<sub>2</sub> advantages:

low viscosity,  
low toxicity and  
flammability,

...

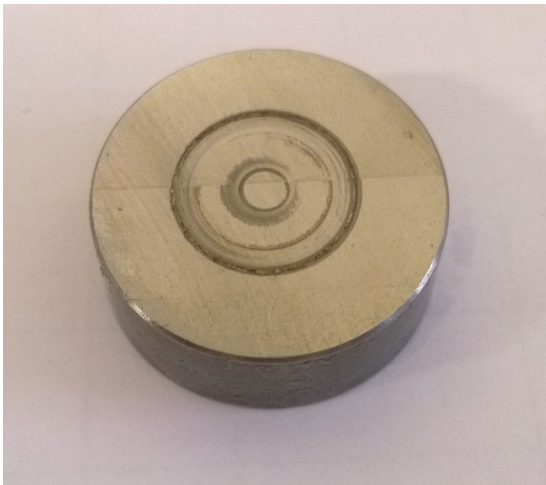
Base fluid

Commercial Poly-Alkylene Glycol (PAG)  
for CO<sub>2</sub> refrigeration





Config	Pin-on-disk
Lubricant	PAG PAG + 0,2% <sub>wt</sub> SWCNHs
T and P	Room T and P
Normal Force	140 N
Sliding speed	0,2 m/s

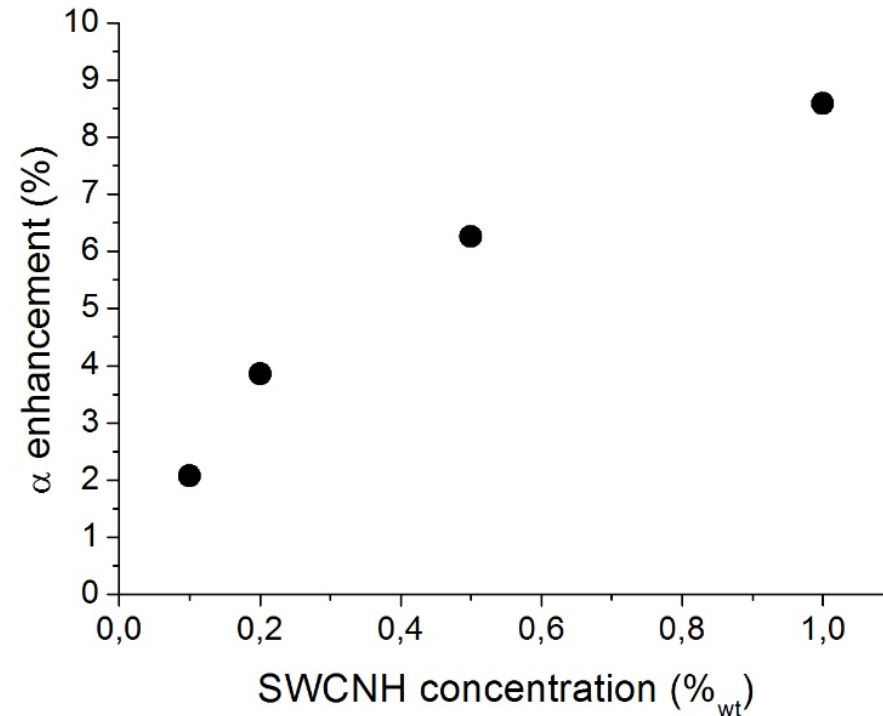
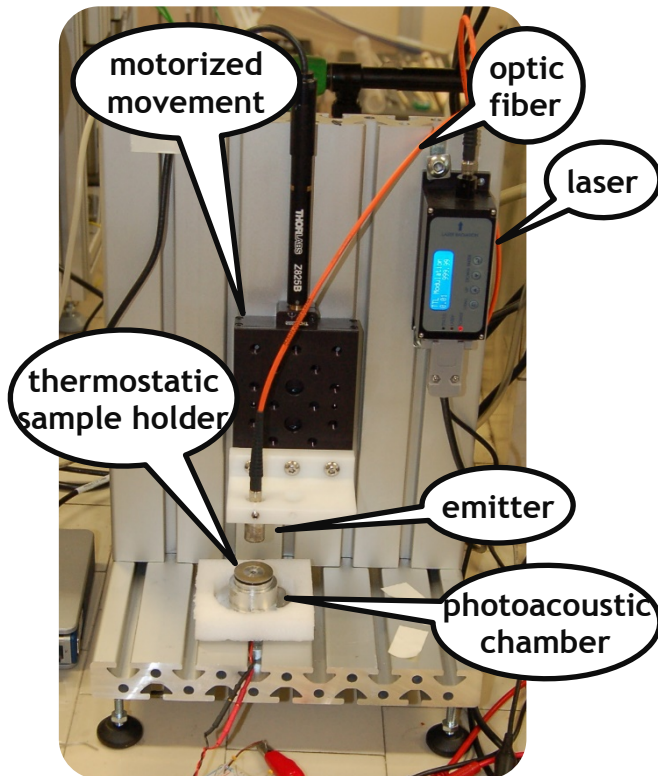


Pin and disk from test performed with the base oil showed intense wear, and great damage, because of the achievement of the failure conditions, which brought materials to breakage.

**Test with nanolubricant lasted for 125'000 cycles without reaching such failure conditions.**

The thermal diffusivity of raw oil and nanolubricants was evaluated in the 25°–65°C range, by **photoacoustic measurements**.

## THERMAL DIFFUSIVITY



**A non-linear increase of average thermal diffusivity with nanoparticles % was observed.**

**Maximum increase of 9%**

## Efficienza energetica

**Rivestimenti** per miglioramento di resistenza ad ossidazione a caldo e di prestazioni di turbine a gas

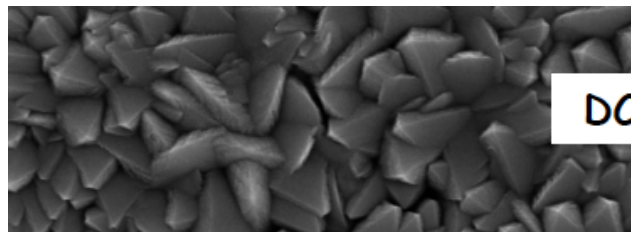
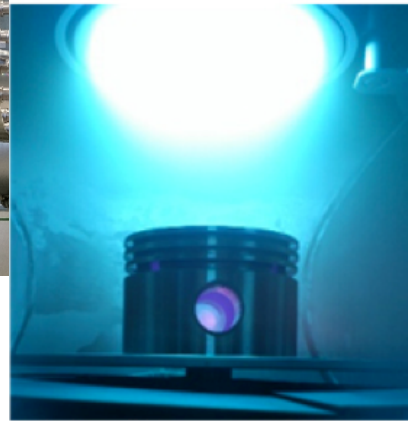
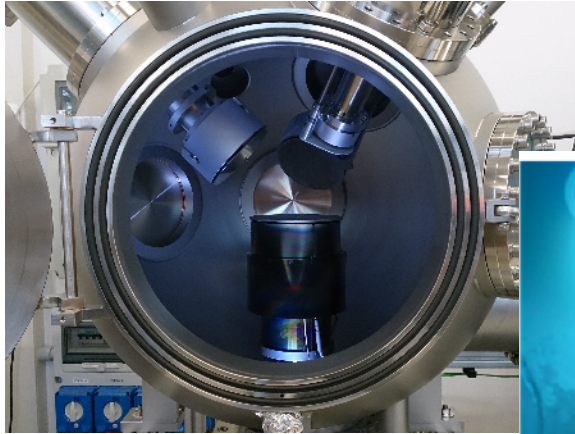


# HiPIMS – High Power Impulse Magnetron Sputtering

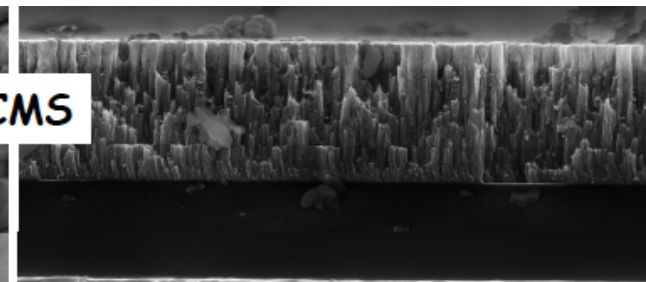


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DCMS



HiPIMS

100 nm EHT = 15.00 kV Signal A = InLens WD = 4.2 mm Mag = 100.00 K X Sample ID = IGI 01 zone 4



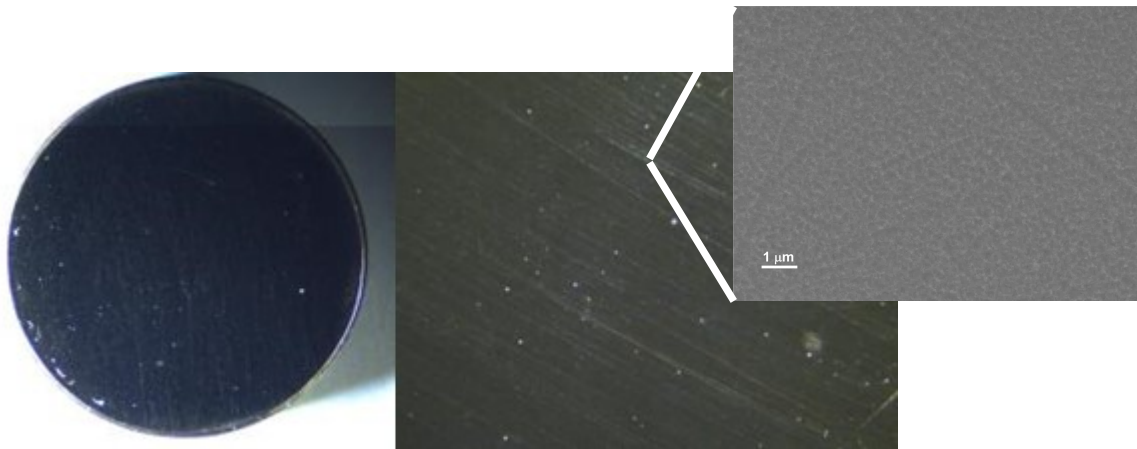
1 μm EHT = 15.00 kV Signal A = InLens WD = 4.9 mm Mag = 25.00 K X Sample ID = IMoSI\_02



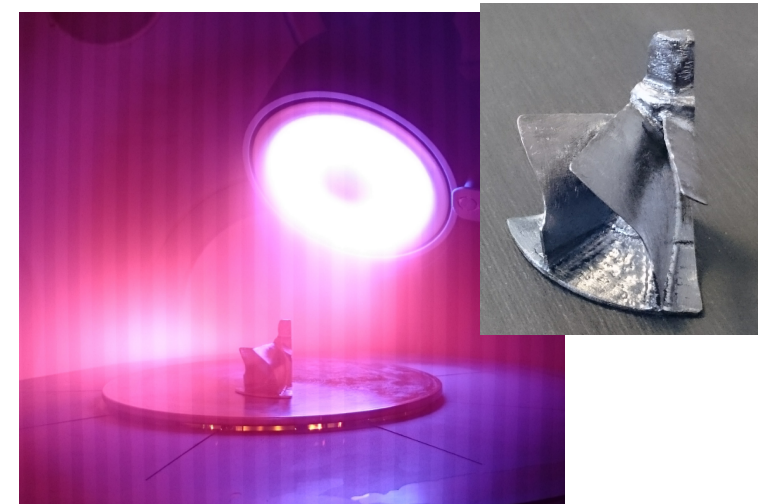
L'utilizzo di leghe **TiAl** in luogo di superleghe a base nichel permetterebbe una riduzione del peso di componenti strutturali delle turbine a gas **del 20-30%**, con miglioramento delle prestazioni della turbina e riduzione dei consumi.

È però **necessario aumentarne la resistenza all'ossidazione** (temperature fino a 850°C).

Il **rivestimento con film a base di AlTiN via HiPIMS** è mirato al miglioramento della resistenza ad ossidazione a caldo e al miglioramento della **resistenza ad usura (test burner rig)**.



**AlTiN\_001 depositato su lega a base TiAl**



## **Economia dell'idrogeno sostenibile**

**membrane per la purificazione/separazione di idrogeno prive di metalli nobili o con film sottili contenenti metalli nobili**

# Membrane per separazione H<sub>2</sub>



Più del 90% dell'idrogeno viene da fonti fossili (US DoE)

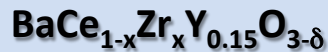


Target di costo previsti dal DoE = **1000\$/m<sup>2</sup>** → Pd assente o spessore < 5 μm

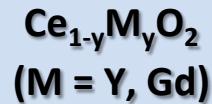
MEMBRANES TYPES	Dense polymer Polyesters, urethanes	Microporous ceramic Silica, Alumina	Dense metallic Pd, V, Ta, Nb, their alloys	Porous carbon C	Dense ceramic Proton conducting ceramics
T (°C)	<100°C	200-600°C	300-600°C	500-900°C	600-900°C
H <sub>2</sub> selectivity	High	Moderate	Extremely high	Moderate-Low	Very High
Transport mechanism	Solution-diffusion	Molecular sieving	Solution-diffusion	Surface diffusion Molecular sieving	Solution-diffusion
Advantages	low cost, good scalability	Cost and Scalability	Selectivity	Temperature range	Selectivity
Issues	Chemical resistance Mechanical strength Swelling	Limited stability in steam Brittle	Material Cost Phase transition CO poisoning	Very brittle Oxidising Difficult processing	Stability (CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O) Early stage of development

**Membrane ceramiche:** per trasporto non galvanico di idrogeno devono trasportare H<sup>+</sup> e elettroni

H<sup>+</sup>-conductors



e<sup>-</sup>-conductors



Requisiti

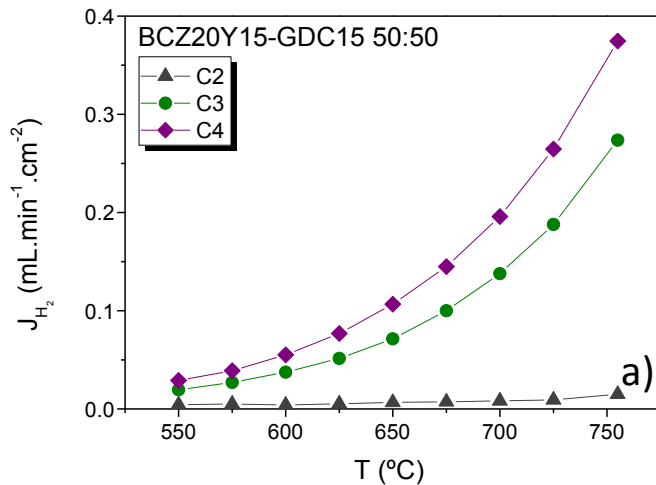
Elevata conducibilità protonica e elettronica

Alti flussi H<sub>2</sub> (> 0,1 m<sup>3</sup>/h/m<sup>2</sup>)

Adeguata robustezza meccanica

Stabilità chimica alle T di esercizio (600-800°C) e in presenza di gas quali CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, CH<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, ..

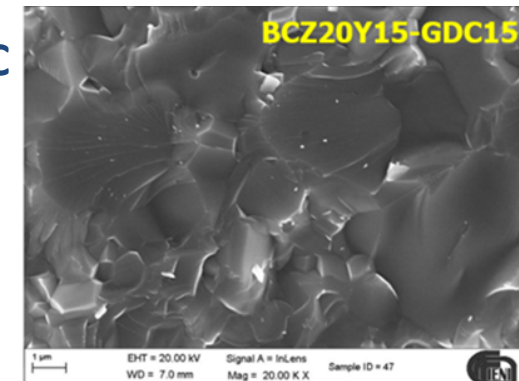
Bassi costi di fabbricazione



For BCZ20Y15-GDC15 50:50 membrane, H<sub>2</sub> flow up to **0.35 mL·min<sup>-1</sup>·cm<sup>-2</sup>** at 755°C

Among the highest H<sub>2</sub> flows for bulk mixed protonic-electronic membranes

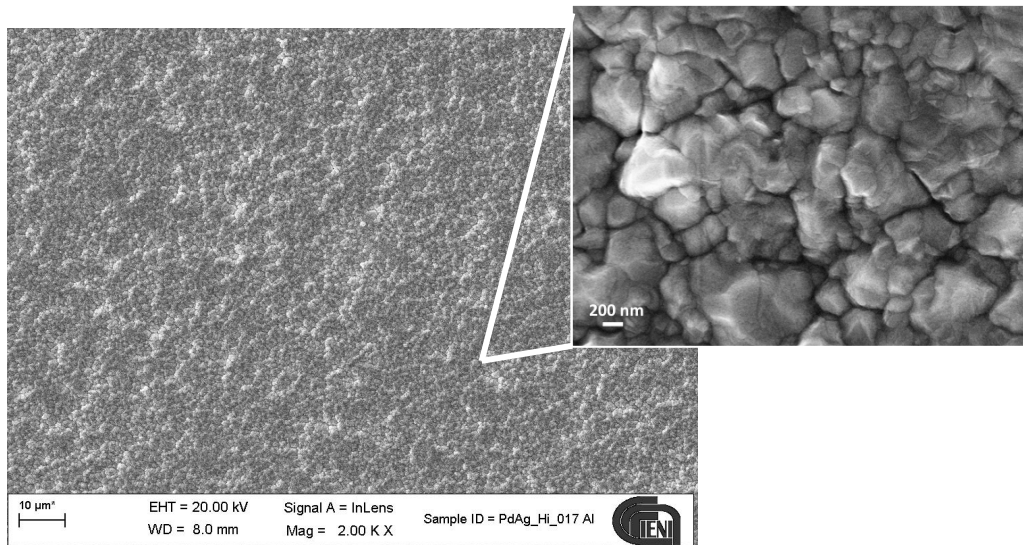
**Stability** demonstrated in CO<sub>2</sub> environment



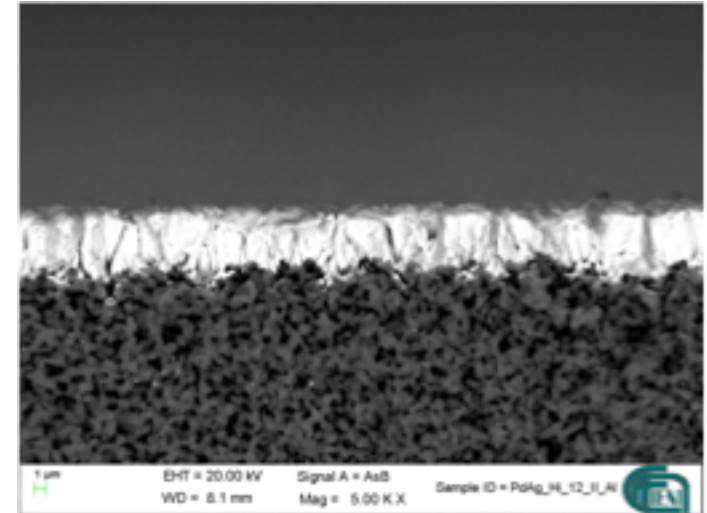
**Poster P34:** E. Rebollo et al. "Notable hydrogen permeation and CO<sub>2</sub>-stability of ceramic-ceramic composite membranes based on BaCe<sub>0.65</sub>Zr<sub>0.2</sub>Y<sub>0.15</sub>O<sub>3-d</sub> and Y- or Gd-doped CeO<sub>2</sub>"



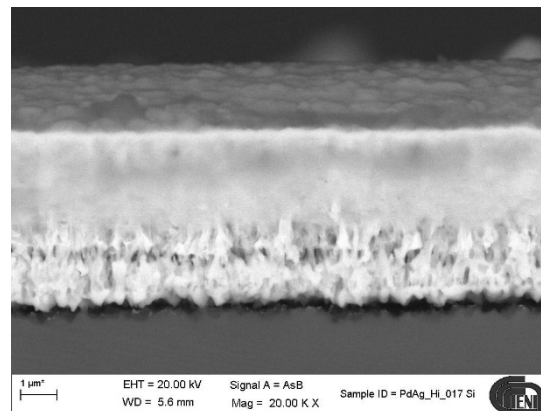
## Membrane metalliche di PdAg (Pd 77 wt% - Ag 23 wt%)



**Pd-Ag su allumina porosa  
(superficie)**



**Pd-Ag su allumina porosa  
(sezione)**



**Pd-Ag su Si**

**Altre leghe di Pd  
in fase di studio**

**Energie rinnovabili sostenibili**

**Nanofluidi neri per l'assorbimento solare.**

# Nanofluidi neri per l'assorbimento della radiazione solare



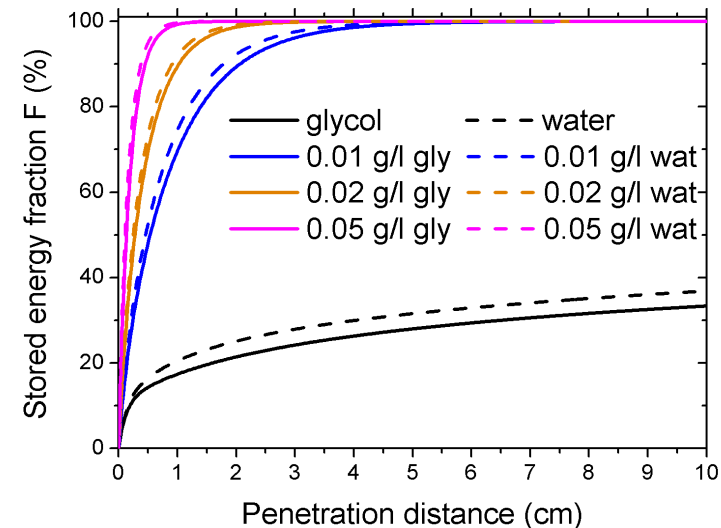
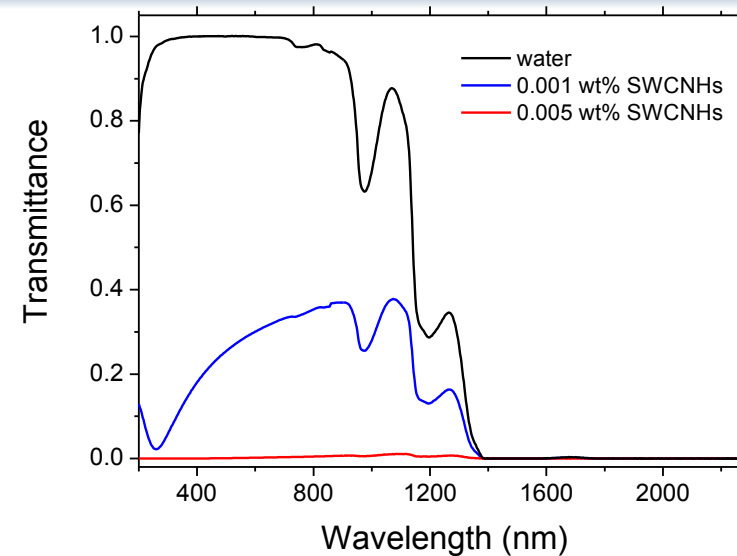
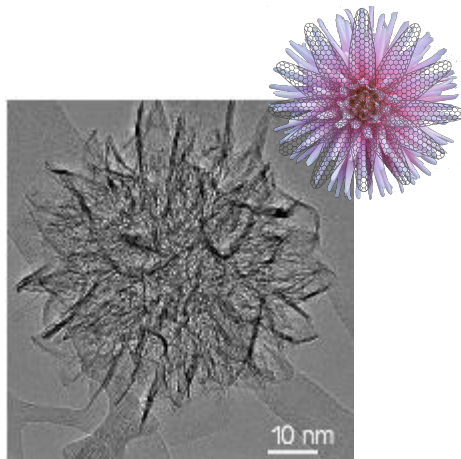
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