

# MATERIALS RESEARCH FACILITIES AT SHARIF UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY



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# Outline



- University introduction
- Materials related labs.
- Materials activities in physics dept.
- Materials main research facilities
- Some very recent published results
- Conclusions

# Sharif University of Technology





- Founded: 1965
- Faculty members: 400 (full time)
- Students: 8000 (2300 MS., 530 PhD.)
- Enrollment: top 2% of eligible candidates in the nation
- Departments (13):
  - Chemistry,
  - Physics,
  - Chemical and Petroleum,
  - Computer,
  - Industrial,
  - Mechanical Engineering,
  - Philosophy of Sciences
  - Mathematical Sciences,
  - Aerospace,
  - Civil,
  - Electrical,
  - Materials Sciences and Engineering
  - Management and Economics,
- Research centers: 28

# SUT materials related labs.



- ❖ Surface Physics Lab.
- ❖ Sputtering Deposition Lab
- ❖ Laser Deposition Lab (2).
- ❖ Nano Labs. (3)
- ❖ Carbon Lab.
- ❖ Magnetic Research Lab.
- ❖ Materials Characterization Lab (3).
- ❖ Corrosion Lab.
- ❖ Semiconductor Device Lab.
- ❖ Microelectronics Lab.
- ❖ Optics Research Lab. (2)
- ❖ Biomaterial Research Lab.
- ❖ Chemical Physics Lab. (2)
- ❖ Superconducting Research Lab.



# Physics Department

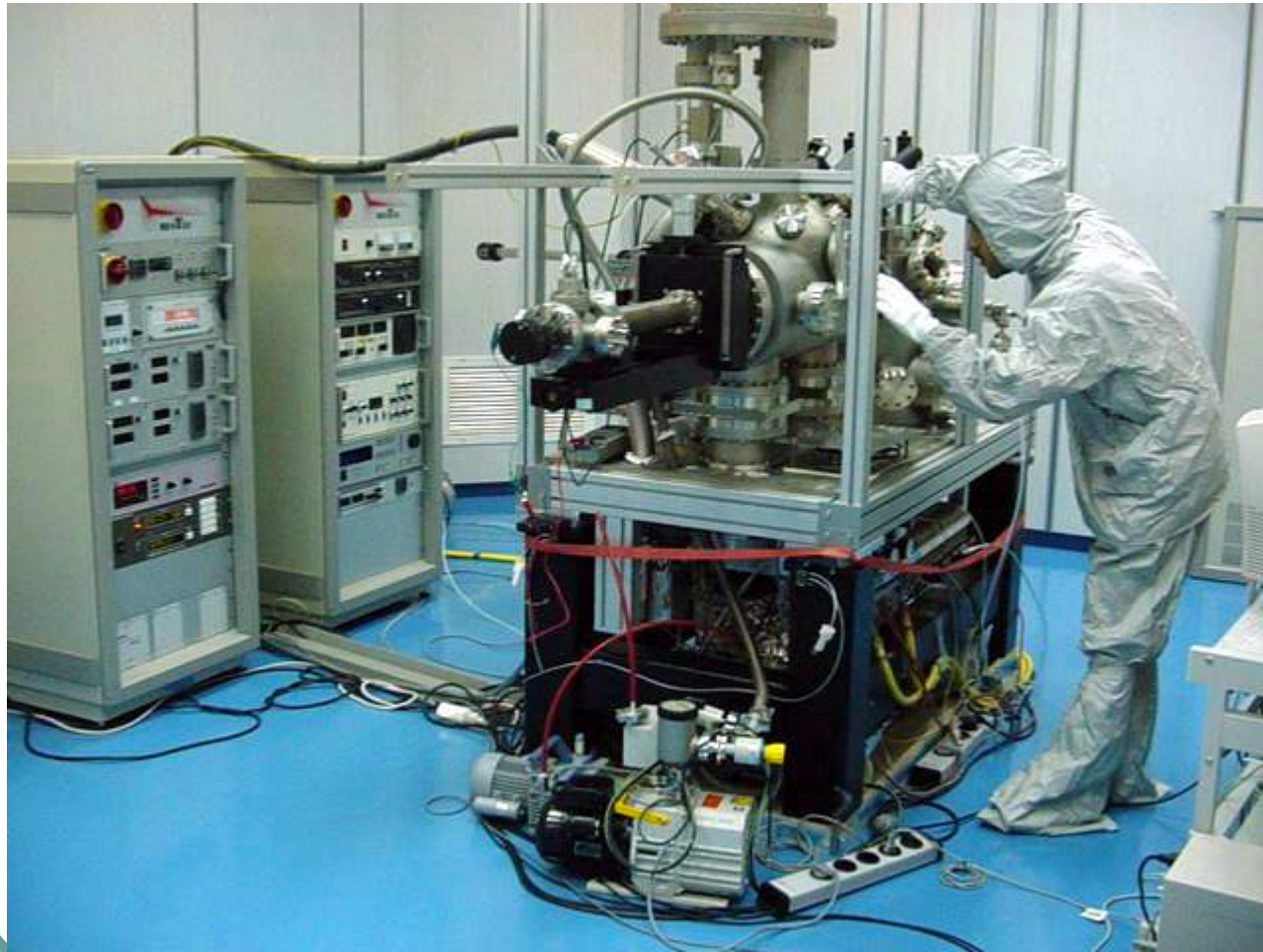


# Active Materials Research Projects in Physics Department



- Metal nanoparticle synthesis (Ag, Cu, Au)
- Ag metallization
- Ni silicidation
- $\text{TiO}_2$  nanoparticle
- Kinetics and mechanism of catalytic reactions
- Metal oxide gas sensors
- Nanotube, DLC
- HTSC materials
- Laser surface interaction

# UHV Surface Analysis System



**AES**  
**XPS**  
**UPS**  
**TPD**



# $(\text{WO}_3)_{0.25}-(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3)_{0.75}$ thin films

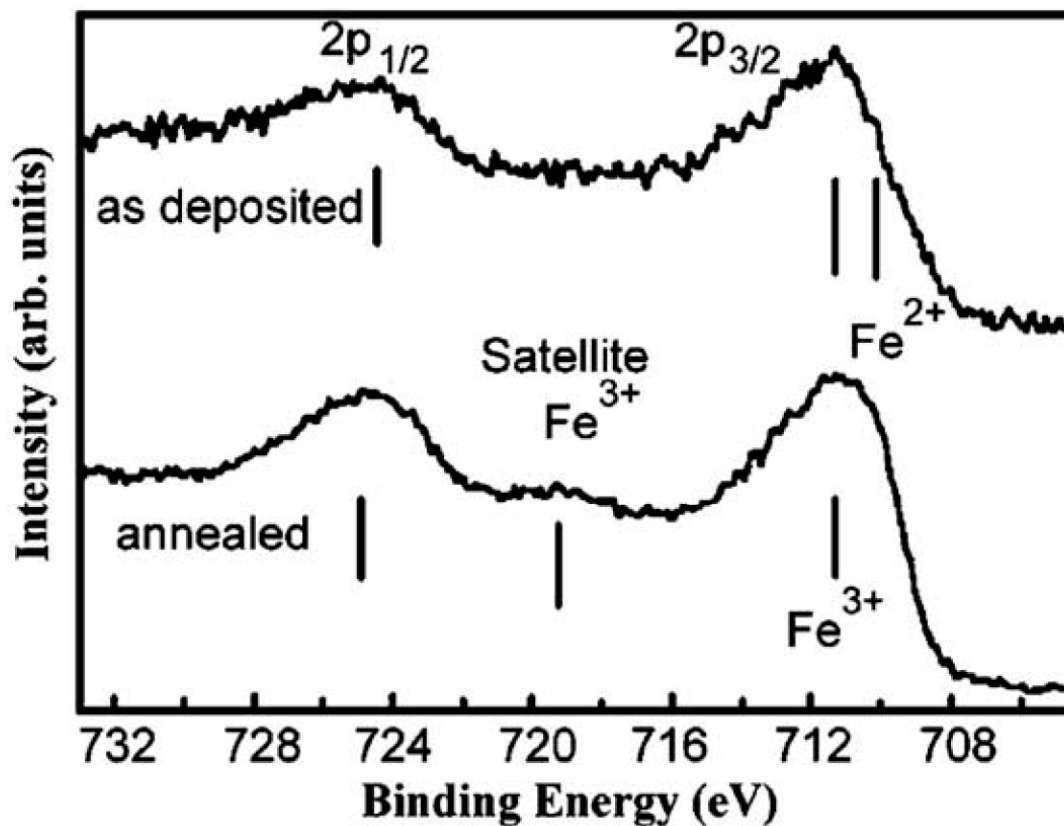


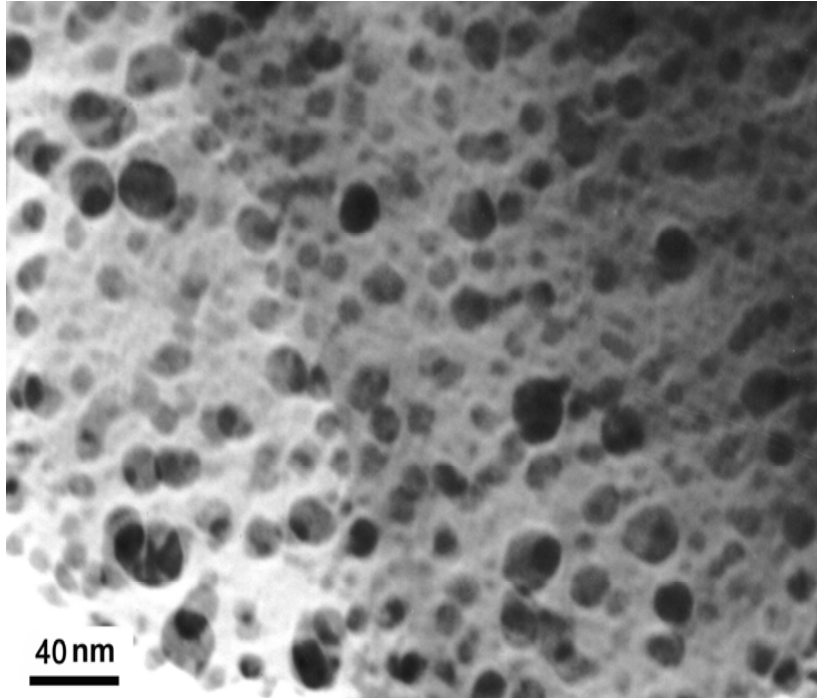
Fig. 9. XPS spectra of the Fe (2p) peaks for the  $(\text{WO}_3)_{0.25}-(\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3)_{0.75}$  thin films: a) “as deposited” and b) annealed.

# TEM/STEM

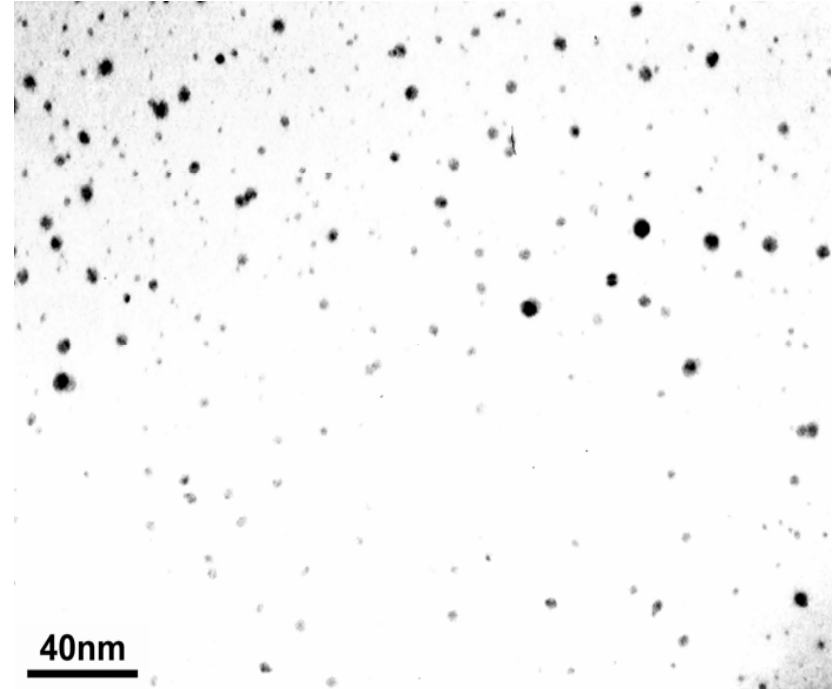


**Philips CM200 (200 kV)**

# Sol-gel deposited Ag nanoparticles in SiO<sub>2</sub>



Mean particle size: 9 nm



Mean particle size: 5.5 nm

# X-ray Diffraction



**Philips PW1730**

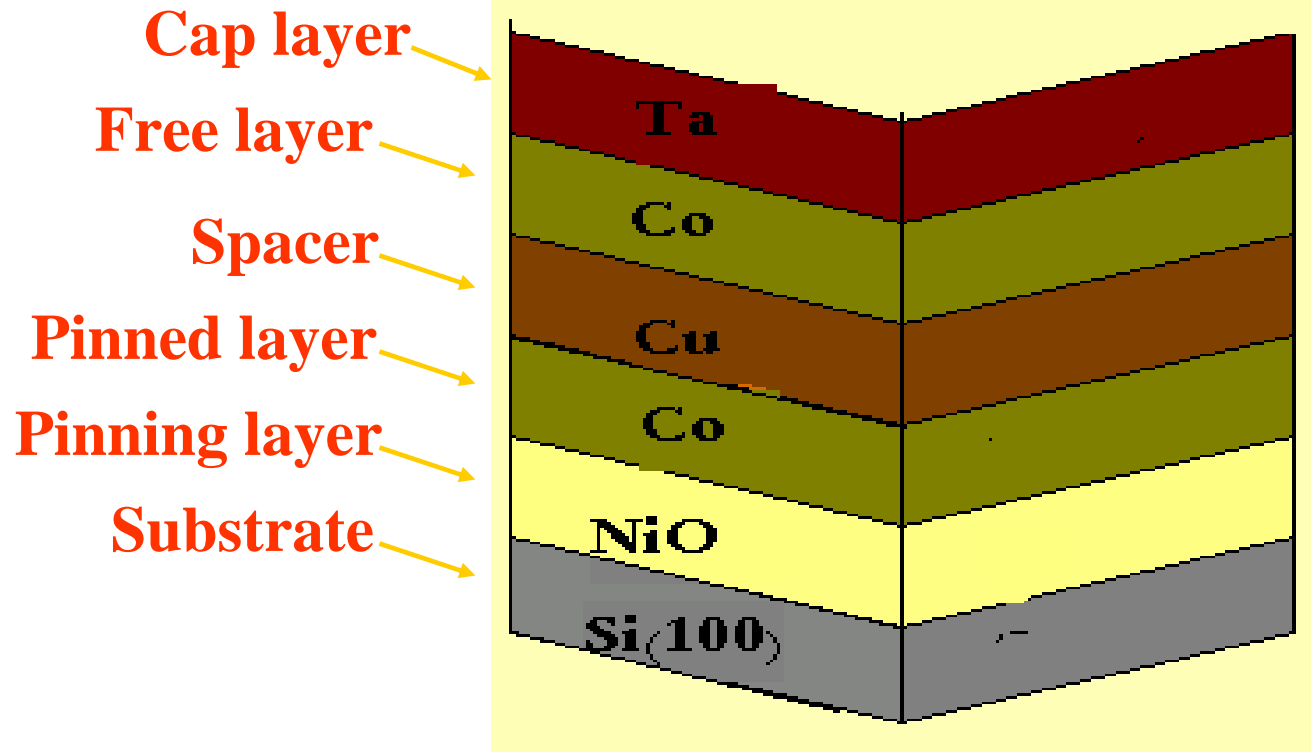
# Multi Targets Sputtering-Evaporation System (RF/DC Magnetron)



- 3-four inch targets**
- 2 thermal evaporation sources**
- Bias/etching**
- Thickness measurement (QCM)**

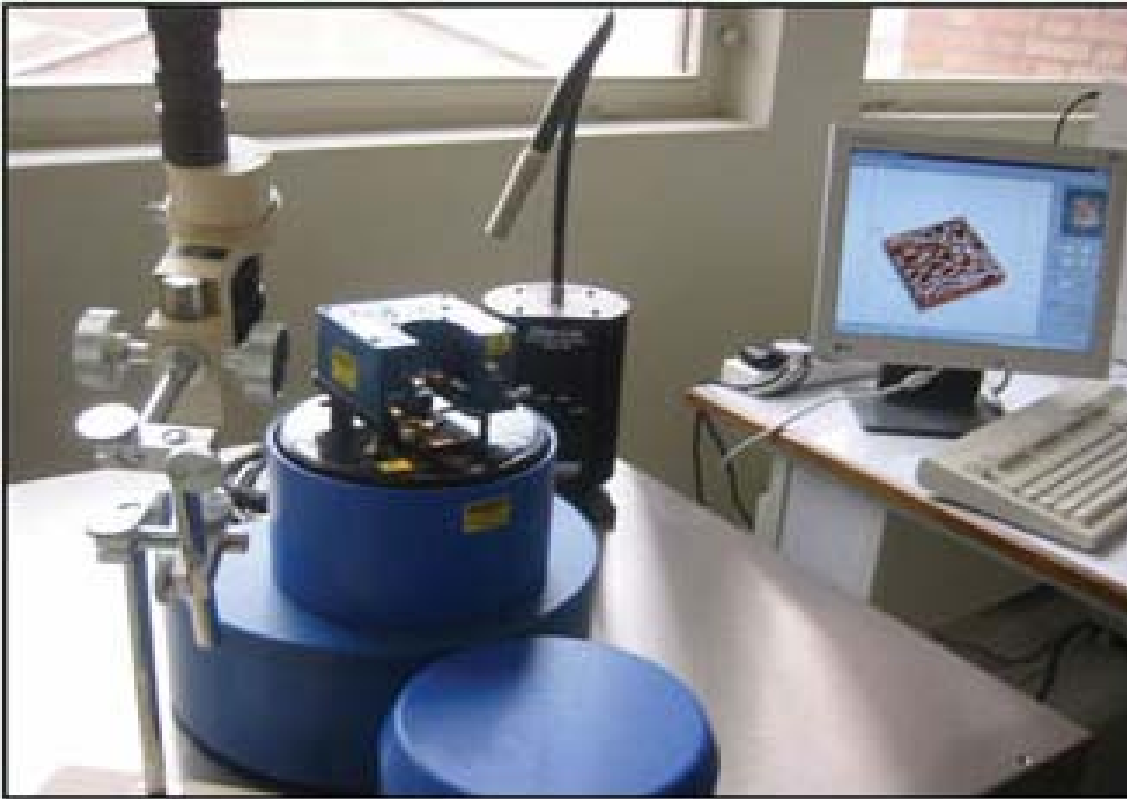


# Magnetic Multilayer Sputtering Deposition



**Ta(2nm)/Co/(3nm)/Cu(2nm)/Co(3nm)/NiO(30nm)/Si(100)**

# Scanning probe microscopy



**Contact/noncontact**  
**STM**  
**STS**  
**AFM**  
**MFM**

# Co(3 nm)/NiO(30 nm)/Si(100) thin films

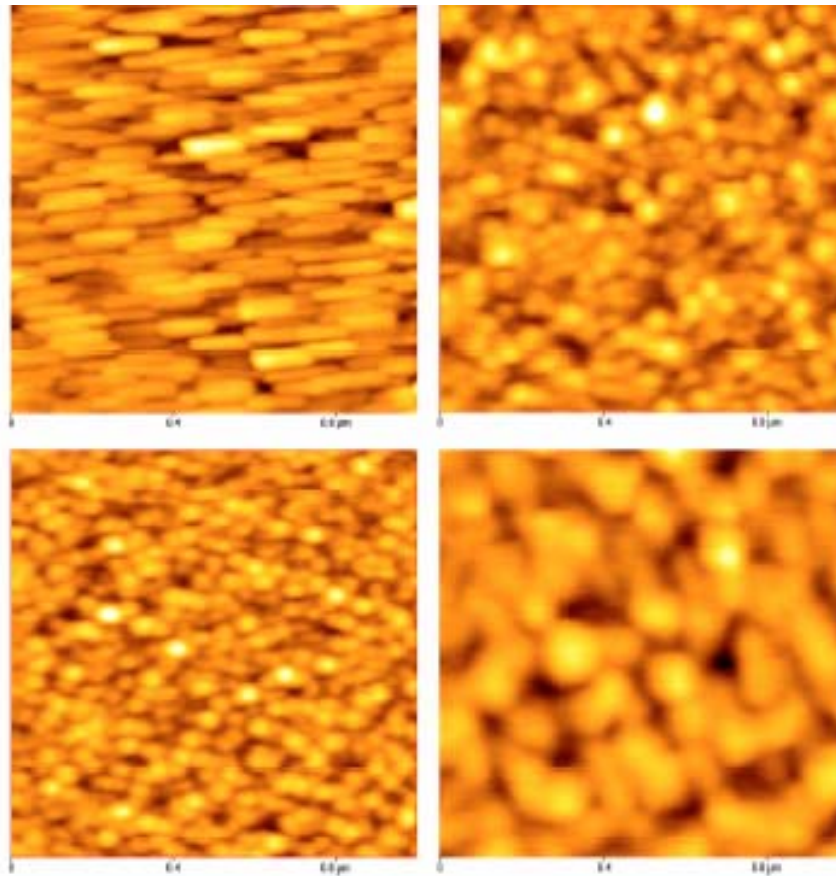


FIG. 1. (Color online) AFM surface images (all  $1 \times 1 \mu\text{m}^2$ ) of Co(3 nm)/NiO(30 nm)/Si(100) thin films deposited at the bias voltages of (a) 0, (b) -20, (c) -40, and (d) -60 V (from top to bottom corresponding a to d, respectively).

# Pulse laser deposition system



**Multi targets**  
**Nd-YAG laser 150 mJ**

# Vibrating sample magnetometer



**2.3 Tesla**  
**Sensitivity:  $10^{-3}$  emu**



# Fourier Transform Infra-red (FTIR)



**Spectral region :  
400- 4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$**

# Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)



**ADVANCE-DRX**

**500 MHZ**

**Magnetic field: superconductor**

# Gas Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry



**Quadrupole Mass Analyzer**

# Atomic Absorption Spectrometer



# Conclusions



- A brief introduction of SUT is presented.
- Important materials related facilities in SUT is introduced.
- Important projects on materials research in Physics department is presented.
- Some important very recent published results are shown.
- There is a great potential in SUT for collaboration with other universities in the S.E. Asia.



# Thanks for your attention



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