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Group IV semiconductor heterostructures: photonics, spintronics and quantum applications

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Abstract: The epitaxial growth of semiconductor heterostructures offers the unique possibility of combing band-gap and strain engineering to obtain "novel" materials starting from well-known bulk semiconductors. In the case of Group IV elements, fabrication and processing techniques, developed for microelectronics applications, can also be exploited, prior or after epi-growth, to tailor the physical properties of nano- and micro-structures.

The Colloqium will focus on the physical properties and applications of engineered Si, Ge and Sn epilayers and heterostructures, obtained by combining epitaxial growth, substrate patterning and pulsed-laser melting..



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