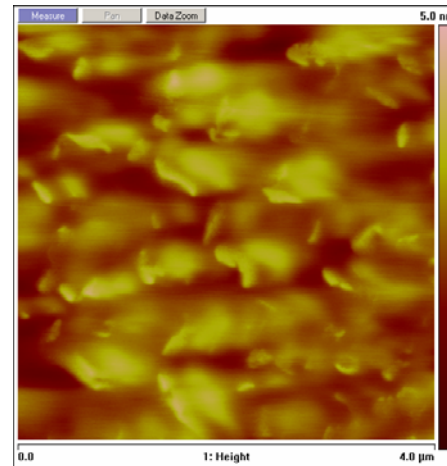


Ongoing work: atomic force microscopy (AFM), low-energy electron diffraction (LEED), and IR spectroscopy (IRS)

- AFM and LEED to characterize diamond surface morphology and crystallinity



- in-situ infrared spectroscopy of metal film formation on these surface to prove the formation of interface compounds and development of the metal-film conductivity in relation to morphology and crystallinity

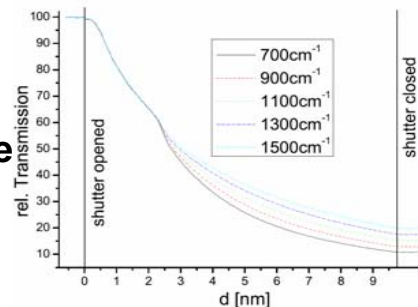


Figure 1: Transmittance change with average Cr thickness d on C(100) for the 5 wavenumbers as given. Deposition starts at 0 nm and ends at 9.7 nm.

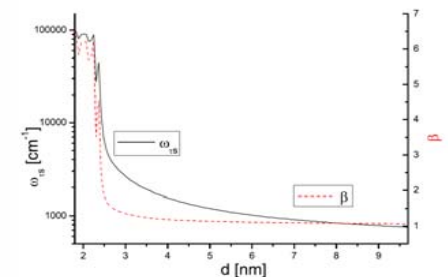
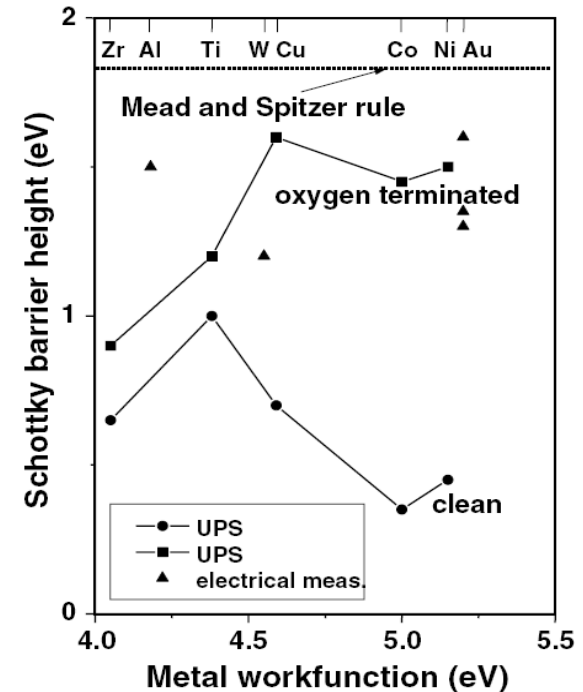


Figure 2: Deviation ω_{τ_s} from bulk relaxation rate at 300 K and ratio β of film to bulk plasmy frequency versus Cr thickness

Photoelectron spectroscopy (PS)

- Ultraviolet PS allows to determine the electronic structure of the metal-diamond interface
- Barrier heights are influenced by many parameters:
metal, surface termination, post-metallization annealing , **surface defects, doping...**
- most existing studies were carried out on doped diamonds

 need to perform UPS on metallized E6 diamonds



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