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Besides the campus research activities, Dr. Stiharu's activities help promoting micro and nano technologies. Thus, he did participate in NATO-RTO technical group on microsystems for aerospace applications. As part of CRIAQ initiative, he and his research team developed technologies to create SiCN based materials – conductors and insulators to be used within the gas turbine engines.

His work extended over bio-medical applications developed for cell manipulation and analysis.