

# Northwest Nanotechnology Infrastructure (NNI)



University of Washington / Oregon State University Site directors: Karl F. Böhringer / Greg Herman October 24, 2019







Conference

Attendees:







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Maria Huffman, UW Daniel Ratner, UW

## Northwest Nanotechnology Infrastructure (NNI)

NNI infrastructure builds on over 30 years of operating shared facilities:



- WNF (Washington Nanofabrication Facility) largest publicly accessible cleanroom in WA
- MAF (Molecular Analysis Facility)
   unique and custom-made analytical characterization



- MaSC (Materials Synthesis and Characterization Facility) only publicly accessible cleanroom in OR
- APSCL (Ambient Pressure Surface Characterization Laboratory)
   only open lab ambient pressure XPS system on West Coast
- ATAMI (Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Institute) shared 20,000 sf facility for startups on HP campus adjacent to OSU
- OPIC (Oregon Process Innovation Center) process development facility, collaboration space with local industry



Close working relationship with PNNL (Pacific Northwest Nat'l Labs)





## **NNI: Staffing Updates**

- New WNF director: Dr. Maria Huffman
  - Previously director, Lund Nano Lab, Sweden
  - Semiconductor / solar R&D veteran
- New MAF director: Dr. Lara Gamble
  - Research Professor, Bioengineering
- Jason Tauscher, WNF Program Operations Specialist
- Sarice Jones, WNF Research Engineer
- Dr. Samantha Young, MAF Senior Scientist/Engineer
- Dr. Rafik Addou, Surface Scientist and Nanoscale Analyst, OSU
- Job opening: WNF Senior Scientist/Engineer



















### **NNI: Facilities and Tools**

#### UW Buildings

- NanoES building
- WNF renovation

#### WNF

- NanoScribe (NSF MRI)
- 2 SPTS vapor phase etchers
- Ritetrack SVG 90S coat and development track
- Picosun ALD
- N<sub>2</sub> glovebox (PZT, ALD precursors)

#### MAF

- Bruker D8 Discover XRD
- Biolin Scientific Qsense QCMD
- Bruker Hysitron TI980 Triboindenter
- 2 Tecnai TEMs w/ cryo capability
- FEI Apreo S LoVac SEM

### Adjacent BioChem cryoEM Center

- FEI Titan Krios G3
- FEI Arctica cryo-TEM

#### OSU Buildings

- Johnson Hall
- Phased renovation of ATAMI
- MaSC extension

## Ambient Pressure Surface Characterization Laboratory

 Unique ambient-pressure x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy and scanning tunneling microscopy (AP-XPS/AP-STM)

#### ATAMI

- LPKF ProtoMat S103 micromill
- LPKF MicroLine 2820P laser system

8-figure investments
in equipment
9-figure investments
in building infrastructure





## NNI: WNF Facility and Tool Highlights

- 2 Picosun Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) systems
  - Oxides: Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, SiO<sub>2</sub>, soon ZrO<sub>2</sub>, HfO<sub>2</sub>
  - Nitride/metal: AIN, TiN, Pt, Ru
  - Thermal, upgrade to plasma possible
  - Installed in shared <u>nitrogen-purged glovebox</u>
  - Applications:
    - Low temp depositions on complex and high aspect ratio surfaces, porous structures, powders
    - In-house TSV process, plating seeds
    - Electronics, MEMS, biomedical devices
- Oxford PlasmaPro 100 Cobra
  - CI etcher dedicated to PZT
- Glovebox with nitrogen environment
  - PZT synthesis
  - ALD precursor work









## NNI: MAF Facility and Tool Highlights

- FEI Vitrobot Cryoplunge sample prep tool for cryoTEM, now installed and open for business.
- New FEI Apreo-S SEM with 500 Pa low vacuum mode.
- Instrumention Plans
  - An in situ nanoindenter has been purchased by ME Prof. Lucas Meza.
  - An EBSD detector to be added to the Apreo SEM: funded by Earth and Space Sciences Dept. as part of new faculty hire for Dr. Cailey Condit.







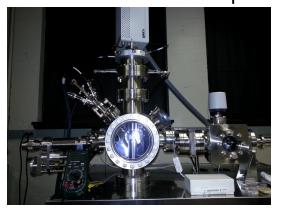


### NNI: OSU Facility and Tool Highlights

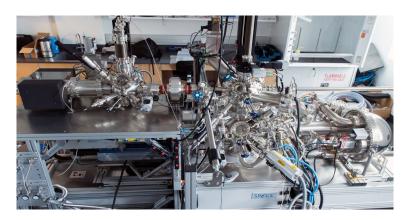
- Ambient Pressure Surface Characterization Laboratory
  - Added TPD/ESD system to APSCL and started to include STM imaging from AP-XPS/AP-STM system
  - Hired Rafik Addou to manage surface characterization facilities



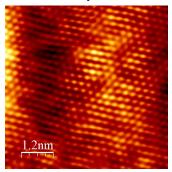
Hiden Temperature Programmed
Desorption Workstation with
Electron Stimulated Desorption



SPECS Ambient Pressure XPS and STM



STM image of industrial user sample







## NNI: Principal Focus Areas

- Integrated Photonics / Quantum: large-scale integrated networks of photonic devices for cutting-edge optical communication, quantum computing, and biosensing
- Advanced Energy Materials and Devices: development and integration of benign materials for batteries and solar power
- Bio-nano Interfaces and Systems: devices and systems ranging from drug delivery to diagnostic sensors to bio-scaffolds
- Additional evolving themes:
  - Bio-3D-printing
  - "Augmented Humanity"



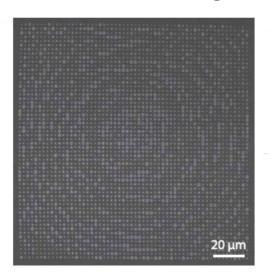


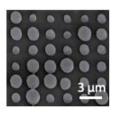


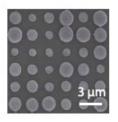
## NNI Research Highlights: Photonics / Quantum Sciences



### Inverse Design of Metasurface and Computational Sensor







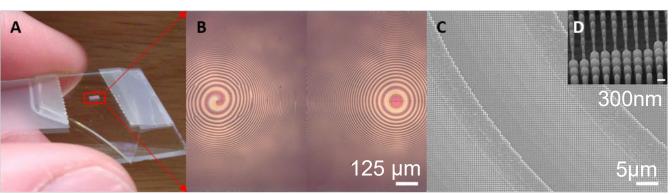
### Majumdar Lab, UW

3D point spread function engineering via inverse design.

The metasurface is fabricated via Nanoscribe 3D printer (NSF-MRI).

Zhan et al., Science Advances, 2019





By spatially multiplexing two metasurfaces, depth information can be extracted from a scene in a single shot.







## NNI Research Highlights: Bio-nano Interfaces and Systems



Conversion of cellulose-containing structures into nanocellulose via environmentally friendly oxidation process

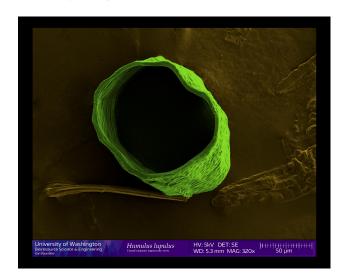


Kurt Haunreiter, Lab Manager In preparation



Wollenberg Paper & Bioresource Science Lab, School of Environmental & Forest Sciences, UW

Hop bine vessel element (undamaged cellulose structure) isolated from woody biomass through acetic acid/hydrogen peroxide maceration process.

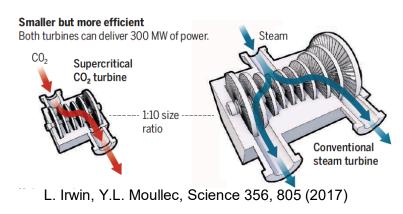




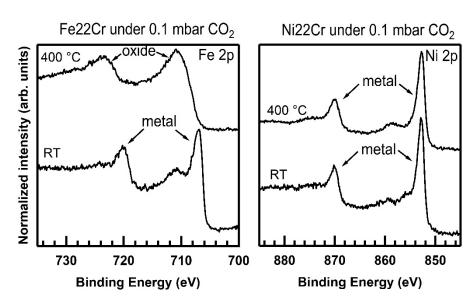


## NNI Research Highlights: Advanced Energy Materials and Systems

### Revealing Alloy Corrosion Mechanisms in High-Temp. CO<sub>2</sub>



- Next-generation power plants require structural alloys resistant to corrosion in high-temperature CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Ambient-pressure X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy provides fundamental understanding of the reactive surface species beginning at the very initial stages of oxidation and allows development of corrosionresistant and economical alloys.



AP-XPS spectra of model Fe-based and Ni-based alloys containing 22 wt% Cr during exposure to  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  at room temperature and 400°C. The Fe-based alloy undergoes significant oxidation whereas the Ni-based alloy is completely unchanged at this temperature.

Richard P. Oleksak, National Energy Technology Laboratory.

Work performed at Oregon State University Ambient Pressure Surface Characterization Laboratory.







### NSF'S 10 BIG IDEAS

### NNI: Education and Outreach

- NNI E&O activities are reaching an annual audience of over 16,000 members of the regional K-Gray community
  - Classrooms
  - Cleanroom visits
  - Campus visits/events
  - STEM/career fairs
  - Regional National Nanotechnology Day
- Associated REU (Clean Energy Bridge to Research)
- Faculty/lab mentored research experiences
  - 27 OSU undergrad nano-related projects
- Mary Gates research symposium
- Workforce Development and First Nation Partnership
  - 37 paid student interns (13 women, 4 URM)
  - 2 Native American Student interns
  - Hosted Paschal Sherman Indian School @UW















## **NNI: Impact**

- Site activity (6 months into Year 4)
  - user hours up 38%, user count steady
  - 22,383 internal, 14,051 external (about 2/3 small businesses)
  - about \$2M revenue (\$500k internal, \$1.5M external)
  - Industry impact survey ongoing
- Publications (2018)
  - > 150 archival papers
  - > 30 patents
  - estimate: > 1000 conference papers
- Education & Outreach (Year 4)
  - K-to-gray activities reaching > 16,000 participants
  - workforce development > 60 undergrad researchers & assistants





### **NNI: Network Collaboration**

#### **Network-wide**

- Participation in E&O, Workforce Development, Assessments subcommittees
- Etch Processing working group: sharing reports and best practices
  - e.g., XeF<sub>2</sub> wafer thinning, etching of unique materials: PZT, CdS, Ta
- In prior years, Vendor Relations working group: leveraging network purchasing power to obtain discounts and perform bulk purchases of high-cost items (e.g. e-beam resists)
- Participation in Nano Day activities

#### **Multi-site**

- User project support and staff technical interactions
  - Dense array TSV development (SDNI UCSD, SNSF Stanford, IEN GaTech, OSU)
- Workshop on Ambient Pressure XPS/STM (at OSU, with UW and PNNL participation)
- Conference exhibit booths at Transducers, SEMICON West, TechConnect



AccelNet proposal "Global Quantum Leap" – resubmission in preparation

#### On Behalf of the Network

- Equipment sharing/coordination with
  - MRSEC Molecular Engineering Materials Center MEM·C
  - UW/PNNL DOE Center for the Science of Synthesis Across Scales CSSAS
  - Northwest Quantum Nexus NQN a UW/PNNL/Microsoft collaboration





### NNI/MANTH/NanoEarth/NNF: Panel Discussion

### **Topic: Aligning NNCI with National Research Priorities**

- Priorities are defined "bottom-up" as well as "top-down"
  - → effective communication across multiple channels is essential
  - University/industry consortia, visits to Capitol Hill, ...
- Opportunities and threats from industry
  - Massive investments by major IT companies
  - IT interns are paid higher salaries than senior staff!
  - Challenging staff recruitment and retention
- Synergy between data revolution, materials research, Al
- Changing priorities require major capital investments
  - How will facilities evolve in response to "quantum", 3D printing?
  - At the same time, "workhorse" tools must be maintained/updated





