

NNCI Annual Conference 2020

Mid-Atlantic Nanotechnology Hub (MANTH)

MANTH – Mid-Atlantic Nanotechnology Hub



New Programs And Efforts In NNCI Years 6-10

NNCI Annual Meeting, October, 2020

The Next Phase of NNCI at MANTH

As informed by our strategic plan, **our goals** for the next five years are



1. To continue to **grow capacity** to enable the mid-Atlantic nanotechnology community to realize their research goals and fulfill their educational needs;



2. To help **define future directions in nanotechnology** through the synthesis, analysis, dissemination, and encouragement of the efforts of our community;



3. To **deepen education, outreach, and workforce development** programs, providing nano literacy opportunities, hands-on access to tools and technologies, and experiential internship opportunities, that will develop a skilled, knowledgeable, and diverse nanotechnology workforce; and



4. To assist our community through seed grant programs, proposal support, and leveraging regional incubator and investment resources, to **translate research results into innovative, tangible products**

Goal 1: Growing Our Capacity



Things We Will Sustain

- Processes to collect and assess user feedback; adapt as appropriate to best serve users
- Use of our center to foster collaboration
- Outreach to industry as well as external and internal academic users in our region

Things We Will Build

- **Equipment Base:** we will invest in new equipment and expertise/training for staff.
- **Enhanced Analytics on Usage Patterns:** Our ongoing assessment of user activity will allow us to understand future trends in nanotechnology to stay ahead of demand.
- **Continually Improved Onboarding Processes:** While MANTH has streamlined the entry process for new users, we will continue this process with new initiatives, including video training and further simplification of usage agreements.

Goal II: Helping Define Nanotechnology's Future

Things We Will Sustain

- Annual User Meetings
- Network Committee and Working Group Leadership
- Information Dissemination publications and workshops

Things We Will Build

- **Faculty Engagement:** The investments in new nanotechnology faculty and researchers both by Penn and by members of our local academic community will seed vital new ideas we can analyze to understand future trends.
- **Research Communities:** Both participation in and leadership of network-wide *Research Communities* that will greatly enhance intra- and inter-site knowledge transfer
- **Knowledge Generation and Dissemination Events:** On-site and off-site local events, including tours, Research Community symposia, vendor events, and scientific conferences, to inform the external nanotechnology community of current results and trends. We will emphasize including a diverse set of institutions.



Goal III: Deepening Education and Outreach



We will be sustaining these successful education and outreach programs

Pre-college Students

- Engineering Summer Academy
- NanoDay@Penn
- Elementary School Visits

Community College of Philadelphia Partnership

- CCP Courses in Additive Manufacturing, Intro to Nano
- New curricular addition: Robotics

Undergraduate Experiences

- Research Experience for Undergraduates (we plan to add 2 slots/year to compensate for 2020 cancellation)
- Local College Fieldtrips

Master's Program-level Students

- Graduate Student Fellows Program

2019 GSF Summer Workshop

Date : Aug 26 2019
Location: Singh Center 035

Time	Title	Name	Chair
10:00	Opening Remarks	Prof. Mark Allen	
10:10	MEMS Fabrication of Comb Drive Actuators and Cantilever Beam Arrays	Ryan Tetro	
10:25	Directed Self-Assembly (DSA) of Block Copolymers (BCP) Utilizing Electron-Beam Lithography (EBL)	Xuan Wang	
10:40	Fabrication and Characterization of 2D graphene based transistor and pH sensor	Shrey Shah	Pat Watson
10:55	Fabrication of OTFT and Inkjet Printing of different organic polymers	Sourajit Das	

and..

Goal III: Expanding our Community College of Philadelphia Partnership

- Build a paid 15-week summer **internship bridge** for Nanotech-immersed CCP students, beginning with training at the Quattrone Nanofabrication Facility
- Provide summer interns with an initial 1-2 week cleanroom **bootcamp** before beginning internship
- Introduce an **engagement and recruitment** effort that will expand the pipeline of students through a STEM/Nano job shadowing program with MANTH Staff. CCP students enrolled in STEM courses or participating in STEM student clubs will be targeted



Goal IV: Facilitating Nanotechnology Translation



Things We Will Sustain

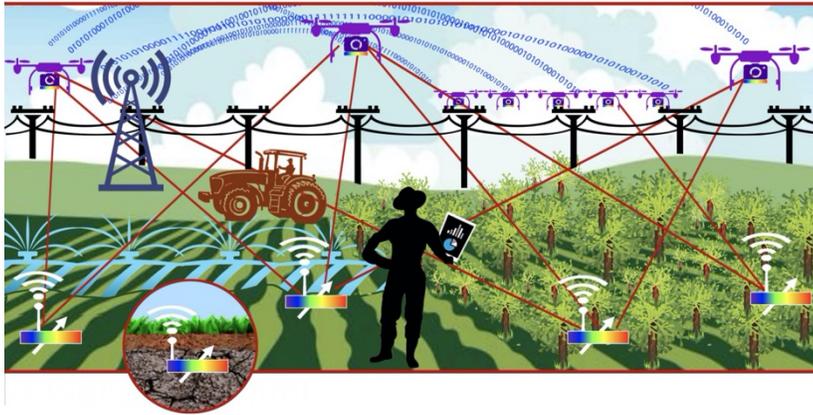
- Innovation Seed Grant Program
- Outreach to Industrial Users and New Commercial Nanotech Ventures
- Leveraging University and other local resources to assist MANTH spinouts from internal and external users

Things We Will Build

- **CLUB Nano:** Simplifying external access using comprehensive access programs
- **Expanded SBIR Proposal Support:** Writing letters of support and assisting in fabrication plans for the small companies using our facilities
- **Industry Programming:** Engaging larger industry users through hands-on boot camp programs as well as symposia that leverage our highly visible event spaces

New Programs: NSF ERC for the Internet of Things for Precision Agriculture (IoT4Ag)

Penn (lead), Purdue, University of California (Merced), University of Florida
Director: Prof. Cherie Kagan



Theme: **IoT4Ag** researchers will create miniature soil-based sensors and swarms of aerial and ground-based robots, find new ways to network them together in communication-constrained environments and develop high-level data science techniques that will allow data from different sensors in the field to be integrated with data from weather reports and commodity markets, synthesizing it into actionable information.

Thrust 1: Agricultural Sensor Systems (Eshani, Rowland)

Thrust 2: Communication and Energy Systems (Allen, Love)

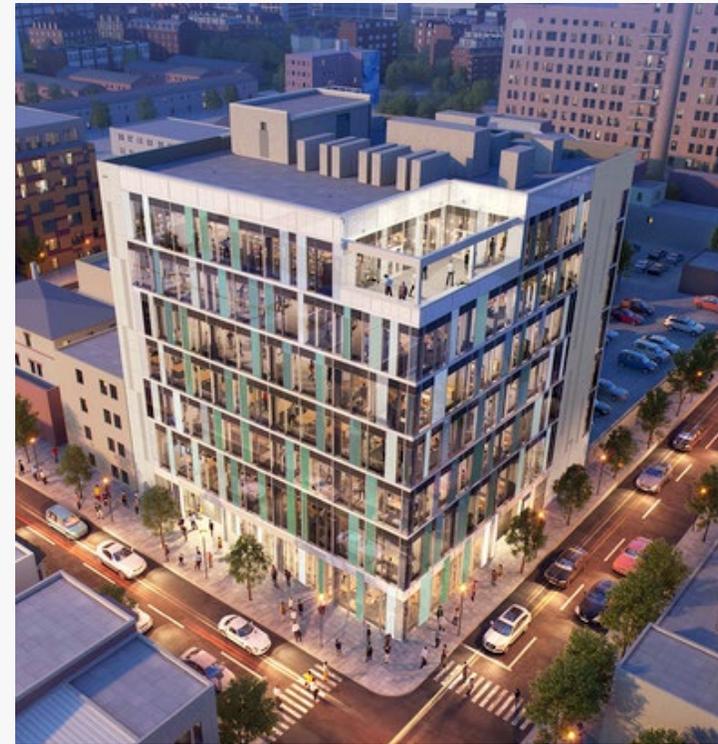
Thrust 3: Decision and Response Systems (Buckmaster, Mangharam)

- Research Community Leadership: **Nano-IoT** (leverage ERC activity)
- Research Community Participation: **Rules of Life**, reflecting the significant number of our users from life sciences and medicine.

New Infrastructure Synergies Coming at Penn

Vagelos Energy Science And Technology Building

- Enable wet-lab energy research
- Adjacent to Singh Center
- Seamless connection for nano+energy



Tangen Hall

- Incubator and maker spaces
- Student-led ventures
- Penn VentureLab

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San Diego Nanotechnology Infrastructure (SDNI)

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Overview:

Located in San Diego, CA, SDNI brings a history of success in supporting cutting edge academic and industrial research, a grand vision broadening STEM education, and strong commitments to diversity and inclusion.



Forward-looking Vision:

- Continuously expand user base and build technical strengths in ***Nano/Meso/Metamaterials, NanoBioMedicine, NanoPhotonics, and NanoMagnetics.***
- Support and enable transformative research in top priority areas for the nation and NSF. We will particularly enable and advance ***convergence research of significant societal impact.***
- Become a major force in building the ***nation's economy*** by training the work force, seeding innovations, and helping the industry develop and commercialize nanotechnology products.
- Strengthen K-12 (especially high-school) and community college ***STEM education*** and ***promote diversity.*** Make a ***“scalable education program”*** for the state of California.

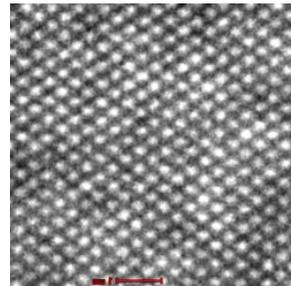
SDNI Initiatives (2020-2025)

- Advance state-of-the-art materials characterization facilities
- Education and outreach initiative
- Convergence research initiative

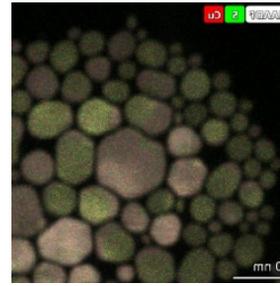
SDNI: Material Characterization Initiatives

Expand independent access to advanced materials characterization capabilities

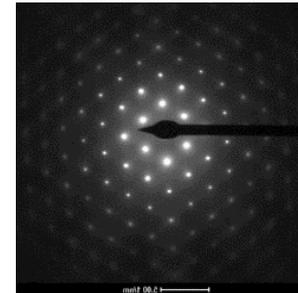
- New, state-of-the-art Transmission Electron Microscopy Facility, optimized for materials characterization, including energy dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDS) and electron energy-loss spectroscopy (EELS) for high-quality chemical analysis.
- Strong focus on training user to enable successful **independent utilization** of high-end instrumentation.
- Completed major laboratory renovation, full installation of instrumentation by 5/2020.
- Trained 20 users for fully independent access since June 2020.



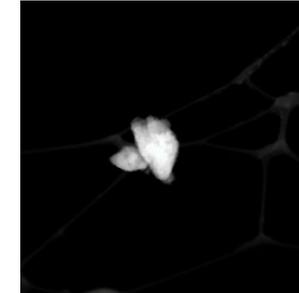
HR TEM



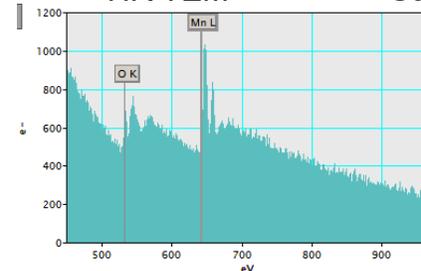
Super-X EDS



Diffraction



Tomography

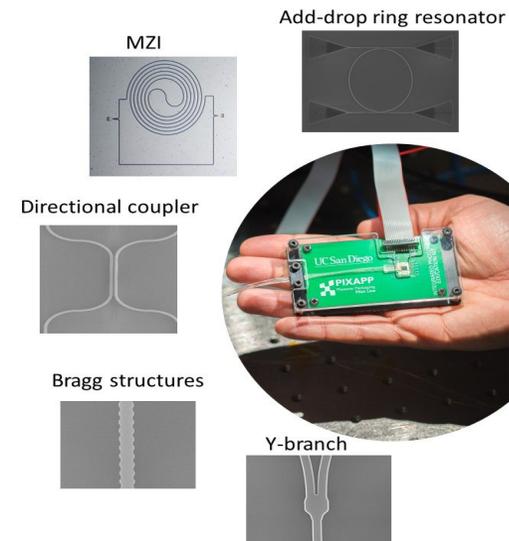


Single and Dual EELS capability

Newly acquired instrumentation:
Thermofisher Talos F200 S/TEM (with high-end EDS, EELS, Tomography), Fischione plasma cleaner, and high-end data analysis workstation.

SDNI Education and Outreach Initiatives

- California Nanotechnology 2025
 - Scale up the education/outreach/diversity program to reach the State of California and other US states (through collaborations with other sites).
- NNCI education/outreach annual conferences.
- Undergraduate STEM education initiative
 - Use **AR/VR and AI** for undergraduate/community college nanotechnology education (NSF IUSE proposal).
 - Team up with non-profit organization to develop nanotechnology digital course content linked to “**virtual research projects**” designed by university professors.
- Graduate STEM education and convergence research
 - Integrated photonics education kit (IPEK)



SDNI Convergence Research Initiatives

- Organize seminars from **key thought leaders** on socially important problems to foster a community of convergence research.
- Collaborate with the **Qualcomm Institute** (QI), other **NNCI sites** (RTNN, NCI Southwest, KY Multiscale, etc.), and the newly awarded UCSD **MRSEC** to advance convergence research.
- Partner with UCSD **Education Department, Data Science Institute** to conduct research on **remote learning and education** (an emerging convergence research area of lasting societal impact).
- Some possible convergence research areas under consideration include public health and wellbeing, intelligent agriculture and food supply under climate change.

Texas Nanofabrication Facility (TNF)

Texas Nanofabrication Facility (TNF) 2020-2025

- Fabrication at MRC cleanroom
- Metrology at TMI
- Nanomanufacturing at NASCENT nm-Fab
- Added ACC as a partner for year-long REU program for 5 students
- New effort on Computation and Webinars related to Quantum Leap



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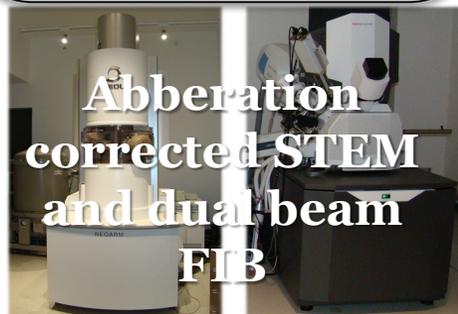
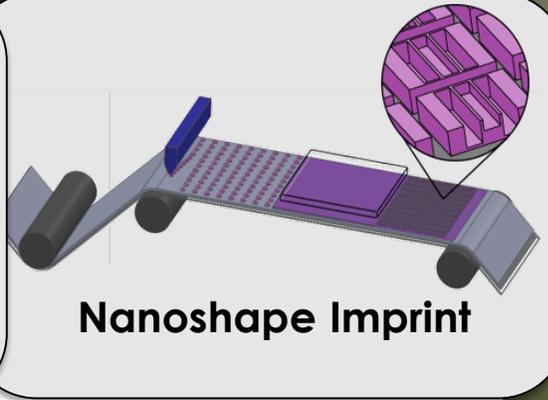
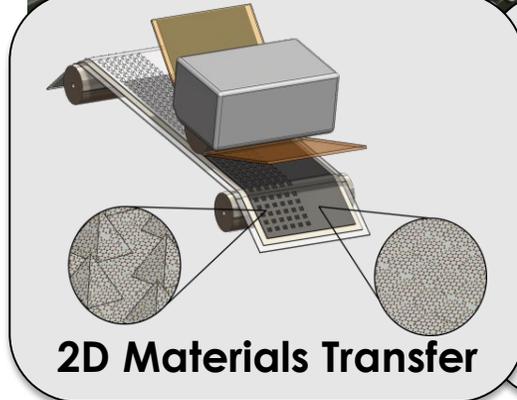
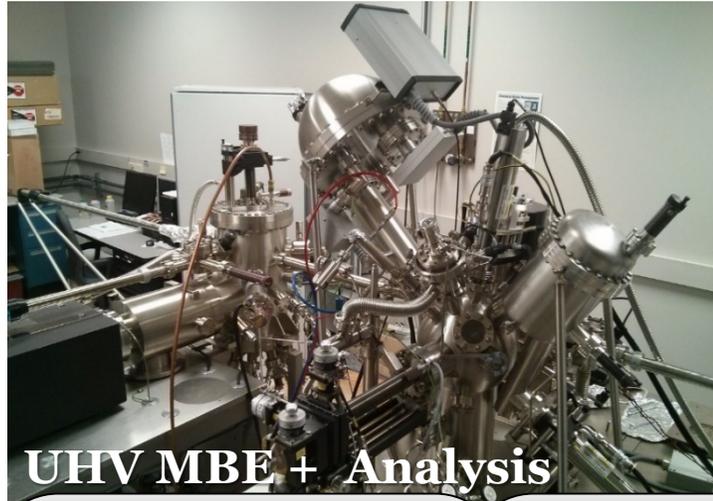


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ACC



TNF Resources – 130+ tools and 25 Staff (7 funded by NNCI)

- 15,000 sq. ft. of Class 100 cleanroom at MRC
- Advanced Metrology at TMI
- 5,000 sq.ft. nano manufacturing at nmFab
- 1.2M\$/yr. from UT and 1.3M\$/yr. user fees



Nanomanufacturing-Fab (nmFab) Facility

Prototyping projects will be done by TNF for ~30k\$+

Unit Process

Substrate type

Initial Substrate Prep

Patterning

Vacuum Deposition of Thin Films

Wet Processing of Thin Films

Etch

Final Substrate treatments

Wafer Substrates

3", 4" and 6" diameter wafers
(silicon, glass, flex polycarbonates,
others upon request)

Wet wafer clean

Nanoimprint Lithography

E-beam and sputtering deposition
of metals and dielectrics

Spin Coating, Ink-jetting

Wet etching and reactive ion
etching

Wafer Dicing available

Roll-to-Roll Substrates

Flex polycarbonate substrates,
widths ranging from 80 to 350 mm.

Linear ion source for organic
contaminant removal

Nanoimprint Lithography

E-beam and sputtering deposition
of metals and dielectrics

n/a

Wet etching and reactive ion
etching

Roll slitting, protection of
patterned surfaces with polymer
interleaf layers

Social & Ethical Implications

Next five years

- NNCI-Wide SEI engagement workshop
- Focus: 1) Talking about SEI (in ways that recognize the benefits of emerging technology), 2) Meaningful advocacy for diversity and inclusion, and 3) Measuring the impacts of the work we do.
- Keynote (E.g., NYT science writer), panels, activities, create “wish lists” of information and tools for Website.
- Bi-yearly, 1-day workshop in years 2 and 4.
- Will require start-up funds, then sustained with attendance fees.



TNF Vision and Future Goals

Vision:

- Enable and foster breakthrough nano-innovation - electronics, healthcare and energy
- Engage underrepresented minorities (URM), particularly Hispanics and women.

Future Goals:

- Science of scalability: (nmFab)
- Engage URM in NNCI-TNF: **(ACC)**
- Innovation Ecosystem
- Leveraging the Dell Medical School



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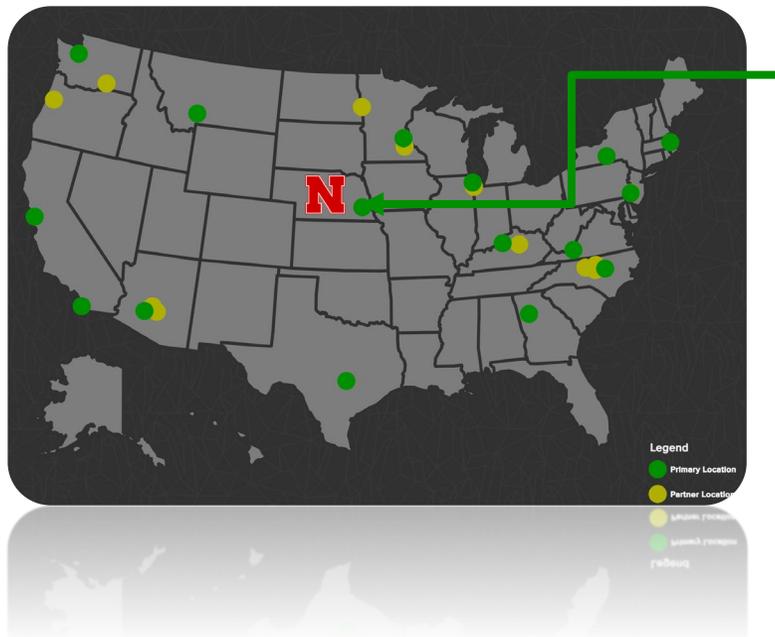
Nebraska Nanoscale Facility (NNF)

NEBRASKA NANOSCALE FACILITY: NNF

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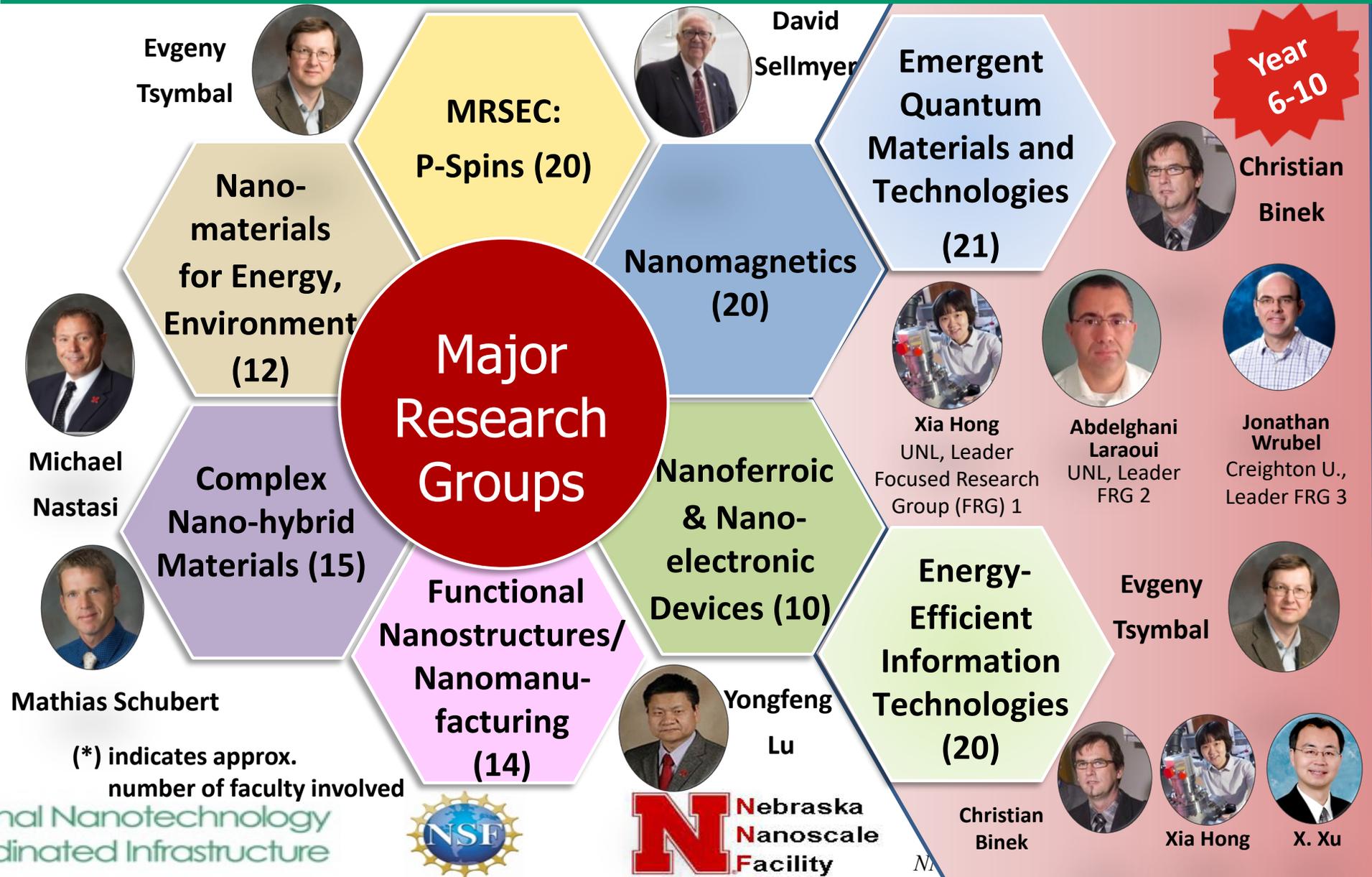


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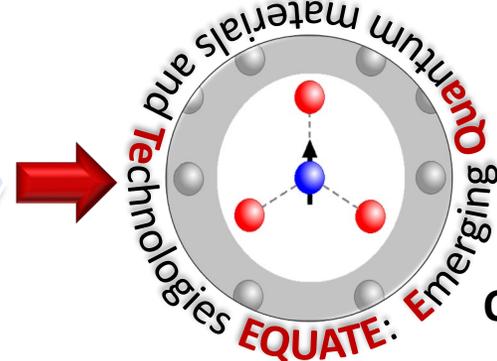
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Research Focus Areas



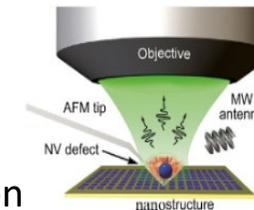
NNF within the Quantum Leap Research Community

Emergent Quantum Materials and Technologies



NNCI Quantum Leap Research Community (12 NNCI sites)
 3 lead organizations: UChicago@SHyNE; UMn@MiNiC; Harvard@CNS

Quantum sensing instrumentation



NNF contribution to best practices

- Materials processing & characterization
- Integration of quantum devices

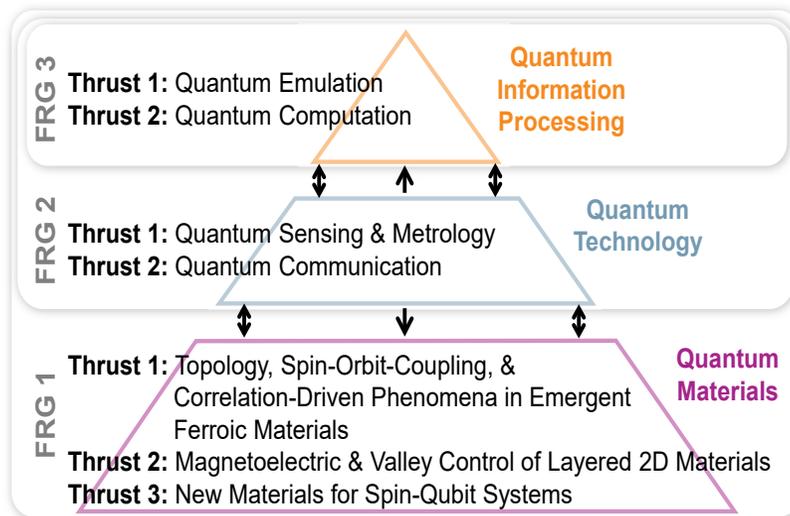
Sharing NNF resources with NNCI Quantum leap

- EQUATE symposia open for NNCI



[March 26-27, 2020](#)

EQUATE under leadership of NNF/NCMN



Topological AFM spintronics

spin crossover molecule as qubit platform

Legend: Fe (green), B (orange), N (blue), C (black), H (white)

NNF within the Nano-IoT Research Community

Energy-Efficient Information Technologies



Nebraska background in post CMOS electronics

Ongoing

PSPINS: Polarization and Spin Phenomena in Nanoferroic Structures

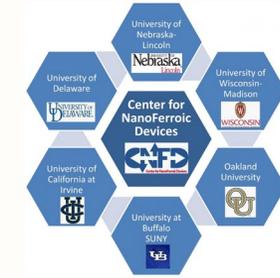


nCORE Nanoelectronic Computing Research

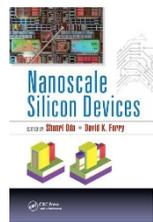
Antiferromagnetic Magneto-electric Memory and Logic Center (AMML)

Past

Center for NanoFerroic Devices



Nano-IoT Research Community



Chapter: "Potential of Nonvolatile Magnetolectric Devices for Spintronic Applications" (2015)
Peter A. Dowben, Christian Binek, and Dmitri E. Nikonov

NNF brings in experience in IoT device design/fabrication/characterization/benchmarking

- Non-volatile memory
- Ultra low power dissipation
- scalability

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Applied Physics Letters PERSPECTIVE scitation.org/journal

Magneto-electric antiferromagnetic spin-orbit logic devices EP

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NNF's Additional Future Programs Education/Outreach (2020-2025)

Discover Engineering Days:

- Increase partnership support with UNL College of Engineering to introduce middle school students and teachers to STEM areas

4H/RAIN Remote Events:

- Expand partnership with University of Nebraska Extension Office/4-H Program for remote analysis services to NE students
- Provide nano program at National 4-H Youth Summit Series with Cornell, Mont, & NanoEarth

Community College Partnerships:

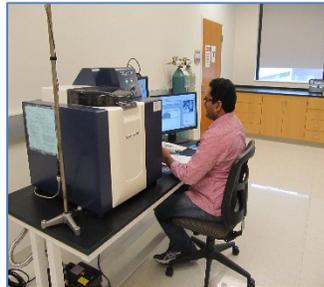
- Add customized summer REU programs for community college undergrads

Teacher Development:

- In partnership with Stanford we will provide 4 day annual workshops with tours, lesson planning, and other activities to 10 Nebraska teachers each summer
NNF E/O coordinators attended Stanford's workshop this summer → model for NNF workshop in 2021
- NNF will support 5 participants/year in a 6 week summer research experience in collaboration with 3 other NNCI sites

Traveling Exhibits:

- Regional expansion of Traveling Nano Exhibit with museums, community colleges, tribal schools especially in South Dakota. Second STEM exhibit will tour 8 NE museums



NNF Education/Outreach Programs Assessment 2020-2025

NNF will expand and improve assessment/evaluation of various EO activities impacts

Development of an in-depth plan to evaluate the impact of education and outreach

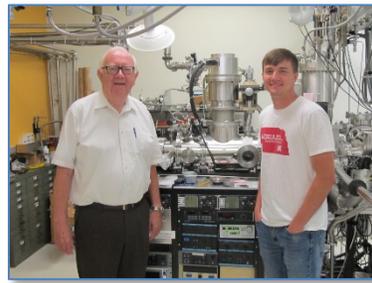
NNF uses modified NNIN Evaluation Plan logic model, Evaluation Matrix, and NNCI expected impact chart for evaluating EO programs and future program planning.

These tools provide a method to:

- summarize inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, impact
- organize efforts by goals and focus areas.

Evaluation steps include:

- 1) defining and following an evaluation plan,
- 2) considering population and measurement methodology,
- 3) assessing and analyzing the data,
- 4) applying results to planned and future activities and sharing lessons learned with others.



Add an independent evaluator

- Mary White, Ph.D from the College Research and Evaluation Services Team (CREST), Arizona State University. (supported NNCI for a number of years)
- NNF seeks assistance of an agency associated with UNL

NNCI Impacts Evaluation Tool example

Inputs	Activities	Outputs	ST outcomes	Int outcomes	LT outcomes
PIs and research staff	K-12 outreach	#s Involved Types of activities	Increased awareness, interest; Positive attitudes/ satisfaction	Increased knowledge of Nano concepts; Increased skills from program content	n/a
K-12 partners	High school interns	#s Involved Types of activities	Increased awareness, interest; Positive attitudes/ satisfaction; College and career knowledge	Improved STEM self-efficacy, motivation; Enhanced knowledge and skills; Continued enrollment in STEM courses; 21 st Century skills	Increased academic learning and achievement in STEM STEM careers
Community college and university partners	REU program	#s involved; Conference presentations and publication counts	Increased interest, knowledge, and skills; College and career knowledge; Positive attitudes/ satisfaction	Improved STEM self-efficacy, motivation; Enhanced knowledge and skills; Continued program participation; Enrollment in STEM courses; STEM majors and career development (decisions, interest, knowledge); 21 st Century skills	Increased learning and achievement in STEM; Entry and retention in STEM careers; Diverse, creative workforce
NSF funding Industry partners	RET program	#s involved; #s of classrooms; Conference presentations and publication counts	Increased interest, knowledge, and skills; Positive attitudes/ satisfaction; In-school course delivery with feedback; Improved confidence	Continued course integration; Enhanced knowledge and skills; Continued program participation; Teaching practice skills: pedagogical knowledge and practice, content knowledge; Increased understanding of nano college and career opportunities; Unsure	Sustained course integration and impact evaluation feedback from students; Continued training or connection to NNCI
Equipment and materials	Undergraduate and graduate students in university labs	#s involved Conference presentations and publication counts;	Increased interest, knowledge, and skills; College and career knowledge; Positive attitudes/ satisfaction	Improved STEM self-efficacy, motivation; Enhanced knowledge and skills; Continued program participation; Enrollment in STEM courses; STEM majors and career development (decisions, interest, knowledge); 21 st Century skills	Increased learning and achievement in STEM; Entry and retention in STEM careers; Diverse, creative workforce; Unsure
Others?			Mentoring?		

Symposium March 2020 on Emergent Quantum Materials and Technologies

Goal: Connect internationally renowned experts in modern field of quantum materials science with researchers from EQUATE

Invited Speakers:



Michael E. Flatté, Univ. of Iowa

New Materials and Devices for Quantum Coherent Technologies



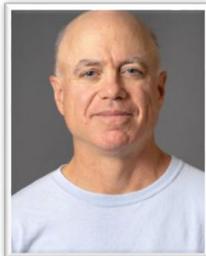
Axel Hoffmann, Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Topological Quasiparticles: Magnetic Skyrmions



Paul Lett, NIST Quantum Measurement Division

Quantum Sensing with Photons and Atoms



David Meyer, UC San Diego

New Directions for Quantum Walks



Gary Wiederrecht, Argonne Nat. Lab

Ultrafast nanophotonics applied to quantum optics and plasmonics



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Research Triangle Nanotechnology Network (RTNN)

The Research Triangle Nanotechnology Network

Convergence Nanotechnology Hub

NEW INITIATIVES in Years 6-10



Executive Committee: Jacob Jones (NC State), Nan Jokerst (Duke), Jim Cahoon (UNC), David Berube (NC State), Mark Walters (Duke), Phil Barletta (NC State), Bob Geil (UNC), Maude Cuchiara (NC State)



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The Research Triangle Nanotechnology Network

Convergence Nanotechnology Hub

Aspirational Vision



Enable researchers to address **societal grand challenges of the next decade**



Identify and respond to **emerging nanotechnology infrastructure needs**



Use **facilities** as a focal point for **convergence of academic disciplines, industries, and the public and private sector**

Major Goals

1. **Facilitate convergence using infrastructure** by enhancing **cross-disciplinary access** to university nanotechnology tools and creating **“bump-in” collisions**
2. **Innovate programs** to lower barriers of entry, **e.g. cost, distance, and awareness**
3. **Deeply assess socio-technical integration** by **evaluating user and participant experiences** in RTNN facilities and programs

EXPAND Kickstarter - Creating More Returning Users

Kickstarter is RTNN's "Accelerator" program to overcome barriers of entry for new and non-traditional users, providing free time on tools

Up to \$1,000 of use at internal rate

Grow program to >20 projects annually

Provide option of **travel support** to encourage on-site use by participants who could not travel here otherwise

Encourage **remote connection** of participants with technical staff during/following fabrication and analysis

Use Kickstarter to integrate **facility use into courses at more non-R1 institutions**

Provide model experiments: photolithography, nanoparticle synthesis

Previous Participants Come from a Variety of Institutions



North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics



NC Central UNIVERSITY



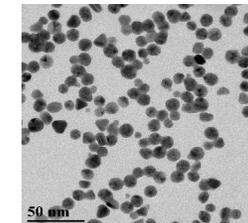
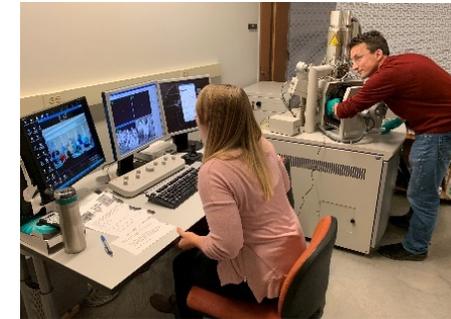
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CREATE NEW MODULES

“Coursera NanoMaker: Structures and Devices”

Leverage past successes in Massive Open Online Course on Coursera, providing education in nanofabrication and characterization

Lectures and in-lab demonstrations in RTNN labs by RTNN students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds

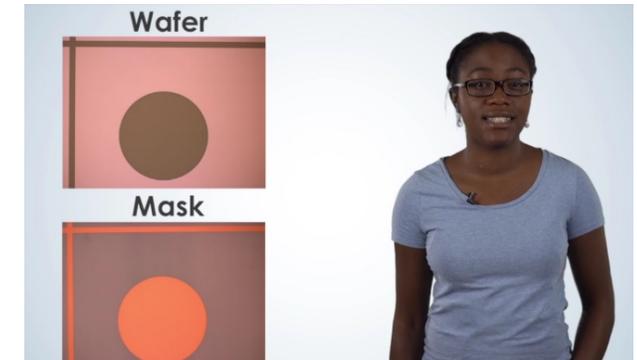
Driven by user feedback, **NEW stand-alone modules** will leverage and build out from the existing (continuing) course

Modules Focused on **Making Structures and Devices**

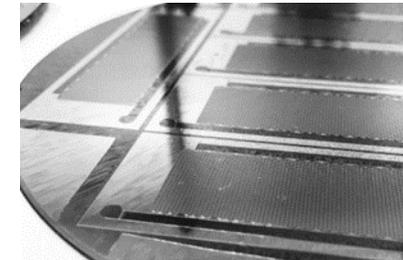
While original course presented tools separately, **Making Devices** will integrate tools together for specific fabrication projects

Early modules will be linked to RTNN technical focus areas (e.g. solar cells, microfluidic devices)

Expand to modules that emphasize novel tools and/or processes



Deng, Y. et al. *Nat. Energy*, 3 (2018).



Abedini-Nassab, R. et al. *Adv. Funct. Mater.*, 26 (2016).

INTERCONNECT the Triangle Community

Launch **RTNN Affiliates Network**, modeled after similar NNCI-site-led regional networks

Connect researchers to complementary facilities

Efficiently communicate and strategize across facilities

Partner with **economic development organizations, technology incubators, and organizations focused on workforce diversification**

e.g. AgTech-Research Triangle, Innovate Raleigh, Triangle Women in STEM

Attend conferences and events that cater to small businesses (e.g. SBIR workshops)

Monthly on-site training workshops

Provide Continuing Education Unit (CEU)



Shared Core Research Facilities



INNOVATE
RALEIGH



FRONTIER
RTP



STRENGTHEN Engagement with K-Gray Participants

RURAL COMMUNITY FOCUS

Bring successful **hands-on activities and portable SEMs** to rural schools, museums, and libraries

Piloted in Fayetteville, Hickory, and Asheville in partnerships with volunteers from JSNN (SENIC site)

Portable and agile program

Pivoted to online SEM programming during COVID



COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOCUS

Provide STEM Internships to support transfer students, facilitate matriculation and retention

Expand existing nanotechnology lectures and demonstrations to new community colleges and courses



ENHANCE Connections and Communications

PROFESSIONAL EMAIL CONTENT

Monthly newsletter managed through Bronto

>3,700 subscribers

Feature RTNN user research as human-interest stories with focus on interdisciplinary collaborations

Proactively disseminate more job opportunities to users

SOCIAL MEDIA

>700 followers/subscribers on social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)

Introduce **new sites** (e.g. Instagram; Sina Weibo, China; and VKontakte, Russia)

Short **takeover exercises** where student groups or nano organizations from external institutions can post content on our sites (*RTNN retains control*)

Meet Laura Dalton

By Anna Lumpkin

(piloted in an RTNN facility)

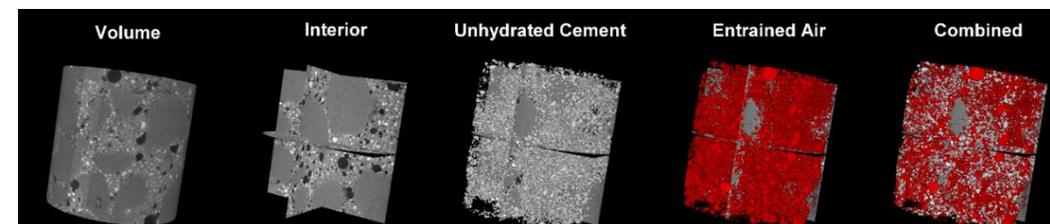
Tell me a little about yourself!

I just started my second year as a PhD student in the Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering Department working under Dr. Mohammad Pour-Ghaz. After graduating I plan to complete a post-doctoral position and pursue a career in academia where I hope to run my own imaging laboratory. Outside of my PhD, I enjoy being outside doing anything active, learning new things, and traveling/experiencing to new places.



What primary instrument(s) are you using for your research and what do you like about it?

My favorite piece of equipment in the AIF is the new Zeiss Xradia 510 Versa 3D X-ray Tomography System. I really enjoy using this machine because I operated a similar CT scanner at my previous job to image a variety of geologic materials. Having past experience with a similar machine has assisted me in learning the system and utilizing it to the fullest for the CT scanning I am currently doing. Using 3D imaging techniques to further the understanding of porous material structure and how fluids move through porous materials is a topic I am highly passionate about and currently working on in my PhD studies.



PURSUE NEW RESEARCH in Social and Ethical Implications of Nanotechnology (SEIN)

In addition to assessment and method development and improvements, we are actively engaging in the following work:

ZOOM FATIGUE Research

Computational text analysis of online meeting fatigue with follow-up on science meeting specifics; presenting at SRA meeting in December 2020

Examining MICRO-AGGRESSIONS in Lab Settings

Collecting data to determine prevalence of micro-aggressions as a component of race and gender discrimination within RTNN facilities

In collaboration with SENIC, RTNN will **develop and test an ASSESSMENT TOOLKIT** that will:

Analyze NNCI publications to **assess geographic and interdisciplinary impact**

Include a human resource tool to **study careers of student alumni** that used facilities

Apply a model to estimate **economic impact of facilities**

How important is employment in deciding whether to provide nano-infrastructure support?

How significantly does nano-infrastructure support impact productivity & growth?

RTNN Faculty and Staff



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Congratulations to our NNCI Award Winners

User Support



Carrie Donley
UNC-Chapel Hill

Education and Outreach



Nicole Hedges
NC State University

Technical Staff



Justin Gladman
Duke University

NNCI Annual Conference 2020

Montana Nanotechnology Facility (MONT)

MONT

Montana Nanotechnology Facility

An NSF NNCI Node in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region



New Programs for Y6-Y10

David Dickensheets

NNCI Annual Meeting, Oct. 26, 2020

nano.montana.edu



Our Team



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Project Director (MMF)



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New!



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New!



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New!



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Education Specialist
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Initiatives for Y6-Y10

- Staffing for external user success
- Facility Enhancements
- Research initiation grants (AKA “kickstarter”)
- MONT/EMPOWER Scholars program **New!**
(engaging populations under-represented in STEM)
- Research Communities **New!**
 - (increasing NNCI impact in areas of national priority)
- Outreach and Education
 - Online education (with SERC) **Expanded!**
 - On-site education **New!**
 - 4-H across Montana
 - Salish-Kootenai Tribal College
- Northwest regional lab network **New!**
(engaging beyond NNCI)

Focused on users

Outward looking

Connect MONT users to NNCI through new Research Communities

MONT will engage with: **Rules of Life, Quantum Leap**

MONT will co-lead RC on **nano-Earth Systems**

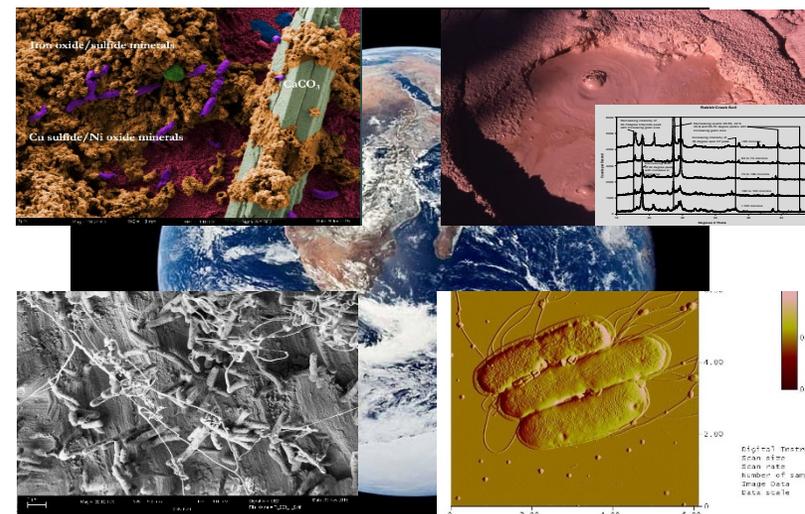
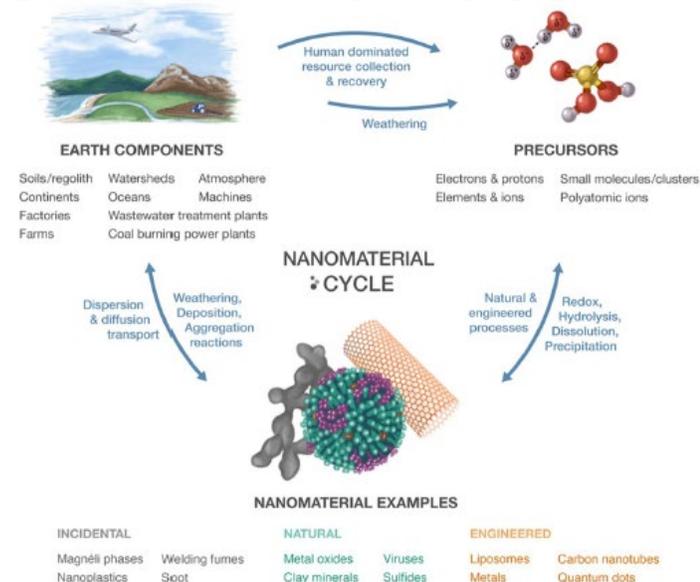
(with nanoEarth, NCI-SW, nano@Stanford)

Nano-ES intersects National Priorities targeting Clean Water and Global Health, as well as NSF Convergence Research

- Annual workshop, researchers and staff from all nano-ES sites + others
- Week-long staff exchange program
- Joint REU program with weekly virtual activities

MONT users study natural, incidental and engineered NPs in Earth Systems

- Bio-mineralization and Bio-corrosion
- NPs in global biogeochemical cycling (Antarctic to Yellowstone)
- Thin films and coatings on Earth materials
- Clay mineralogy ("tight shales" as gas reservoirs)



Mentored Research

MONT/EMPOWER Scholars Program

- EMPOWER serves UG students underrepresented in STEM
 - student center, drop-in tutoring and advising, guidance in arranging research internships, and scholarships
- Modeled after USP: stipend + research budget
- 3 Scholars annually paired with MONT PIs



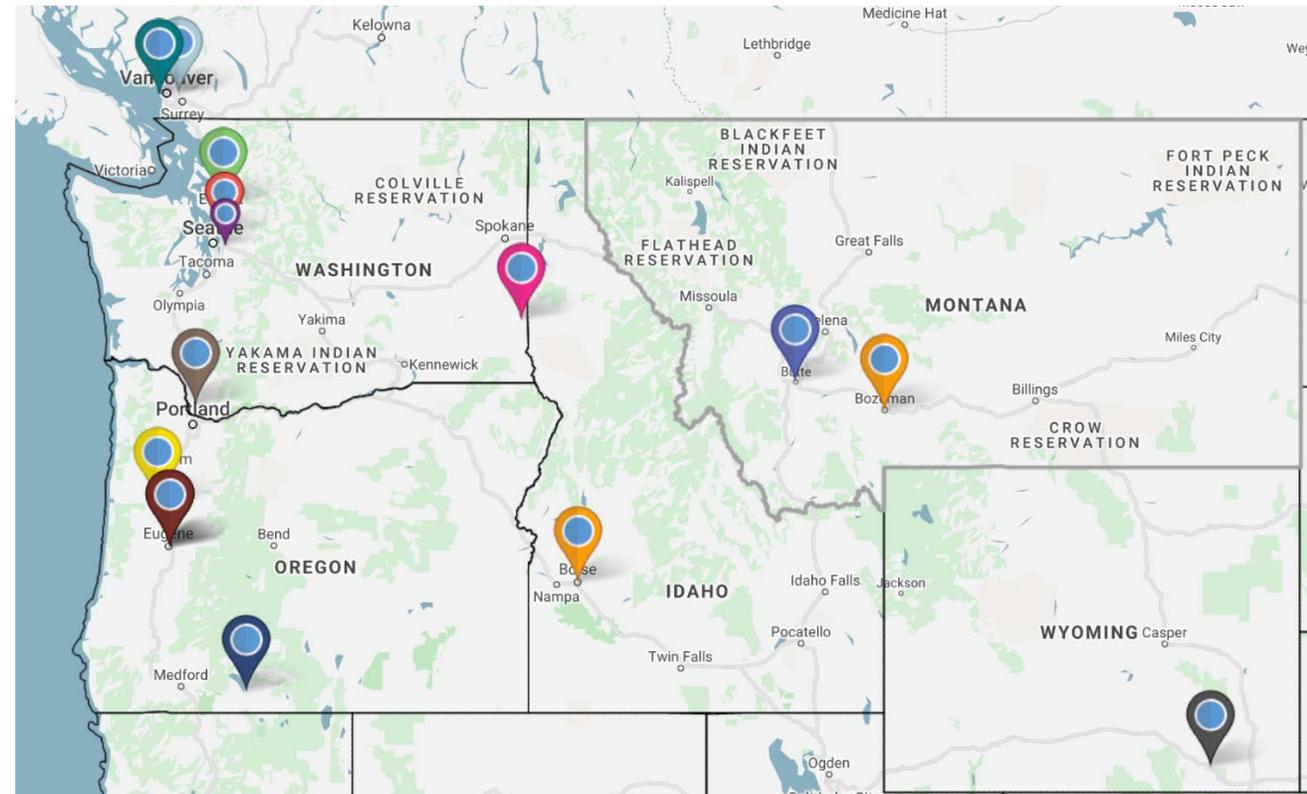
- Montana 4-H – following MSU’s Land-Grant mission, connecting rural regions to nano science/technology
 - On-site: 4-H Congress
 - Remote: Nano 4-H Curriculum
 - Coordinating with nanoEarth, CNF, NNF
- Activities with Area Middle/High Schools
- Partner with Salish-Kootenai College (Flathead Reservation)
 - MSU students → SKC
 - High School Outreach (Upward Bound)
 - Family Science Night
 - SKC, K-12 students → MSU
 - Develop Research Experiences at MONT



Northwest Nano-Lab Alliance

Regional Network, modeled after MINIC's NNLA

- ~ 15 University labs so far
- Build relationships, grow awareness of capabilities, needs, vendors, NNCI resources
- Annual meeting at UW, MSU, or UGIM (alternate years)
- Regular virtual meetings



Center for Nanoscale Systems (CNS)



Harvard University: *Center for Nanoscale Systems*

*NNCI Annual Meeting
Site Review*

October 25, 2020

Epicenter for Interdisciplinary Nanoscience Research at Harvard: LABORATORY FOR INTEGRATED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (LISE)



CNS Activities: Overview

- **CNS** serves as a one-stop shop for all things “Quantum & Nano” (almost fully self-use)
- **CNS** serves as an important regional, nanoscience community resource. (open access)
- **CNS** serves to support the primary innovation thrusts within the Harvard research community. NNCI allows us to serve the Nation.
- **CNS** have initiated new training and educational programs to engage larger numbers of undergraduates, non-traditional, and Under-represented external users, in nanofabrication, advanced characterization and advanced imaging techniques.
- **CNS** is developing and expanding experimental platforms expanding our experimental capabilities; (example, Scanning probe spectroscopy platforms, LEEM, Video rate AFM)
- **CNS** is offering support for new Start-up companies and is establishing alliances with local technology incubators.



Robert Westervelt
Director



William L. Wilson
Executive Director

CNS: KEY FOCUS AREAS

QUANTUM SCIENCE & ENGINEERING:

QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE-SYSTEMS AND DEVICES

NANOOPTICS, NANOPHOTONIC DEVICES, NANOSPECTROSCOPY

QUANTITATIVE BIOLOGY:

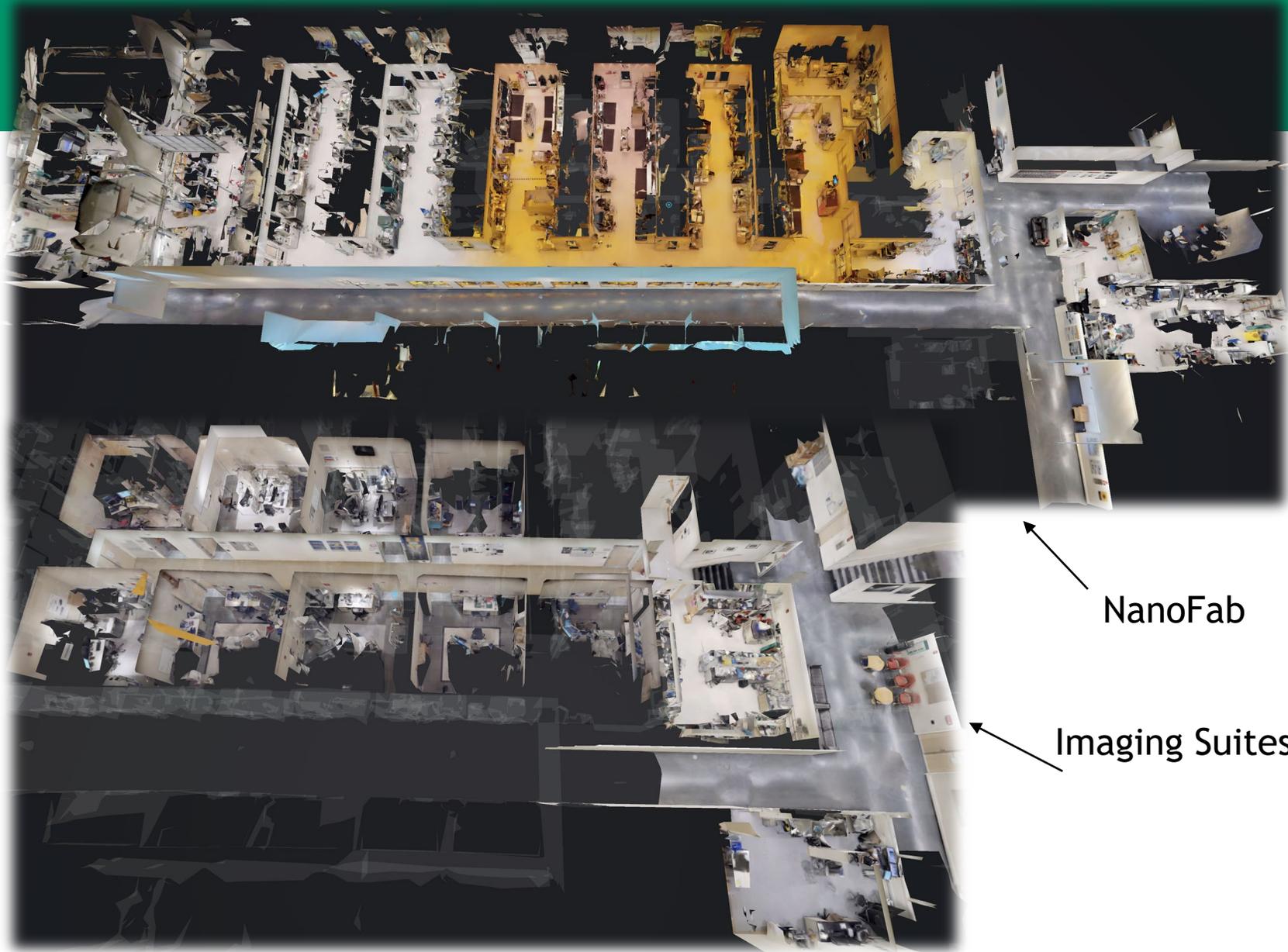
NANOMECHANICS; NANOSCALE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

BIOENGINEERING (*TRANSLATIONAL BIOSCIENCE/BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH*)

ADVANCED IMAGING (CRYOELECTRON MICROSCOPY)

Key Partner: NSF Science & Technology Center





NanoFab

Imaging Suites

CNS: *New Initiatives*

- ✓ Continue to expand the frontiers of **Research and Technology Support**.
- ✓ Enhancement of our CNS Scholars diversity efforts driving “*Inclusive Excellence*”; providing more connections to collaborative interactions. We has sponsored a Harvard University Student Chapter of the National Society of Black Physics
- ✓ Growth of our Start-up Outreach Initiatives: more extensive development of incubator partnerships; supporting pathways to NanoManufacturing.
- ✓ Expanding our Research experiences for Veterans (REV) activities by driving more collaborative interactions with *the Warrior Scholar Initiative* and other programs supporting STEM training of Veterans.
- ✓ **Extensive expansion of CNS Remote and On-line tool/instrument training***

CNS: External Advisory Committee

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Thank you!
Questions?



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Soft and Hybrid Nanotechnology Experimental (SHyNE) Resource



SHYNE

Soft and Hybrid Nanotechnology
Experimental Resource

ILLUMINATE YOUR RESEARCH



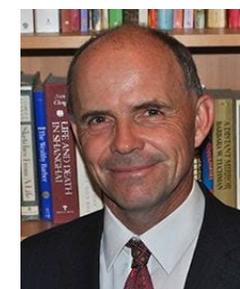
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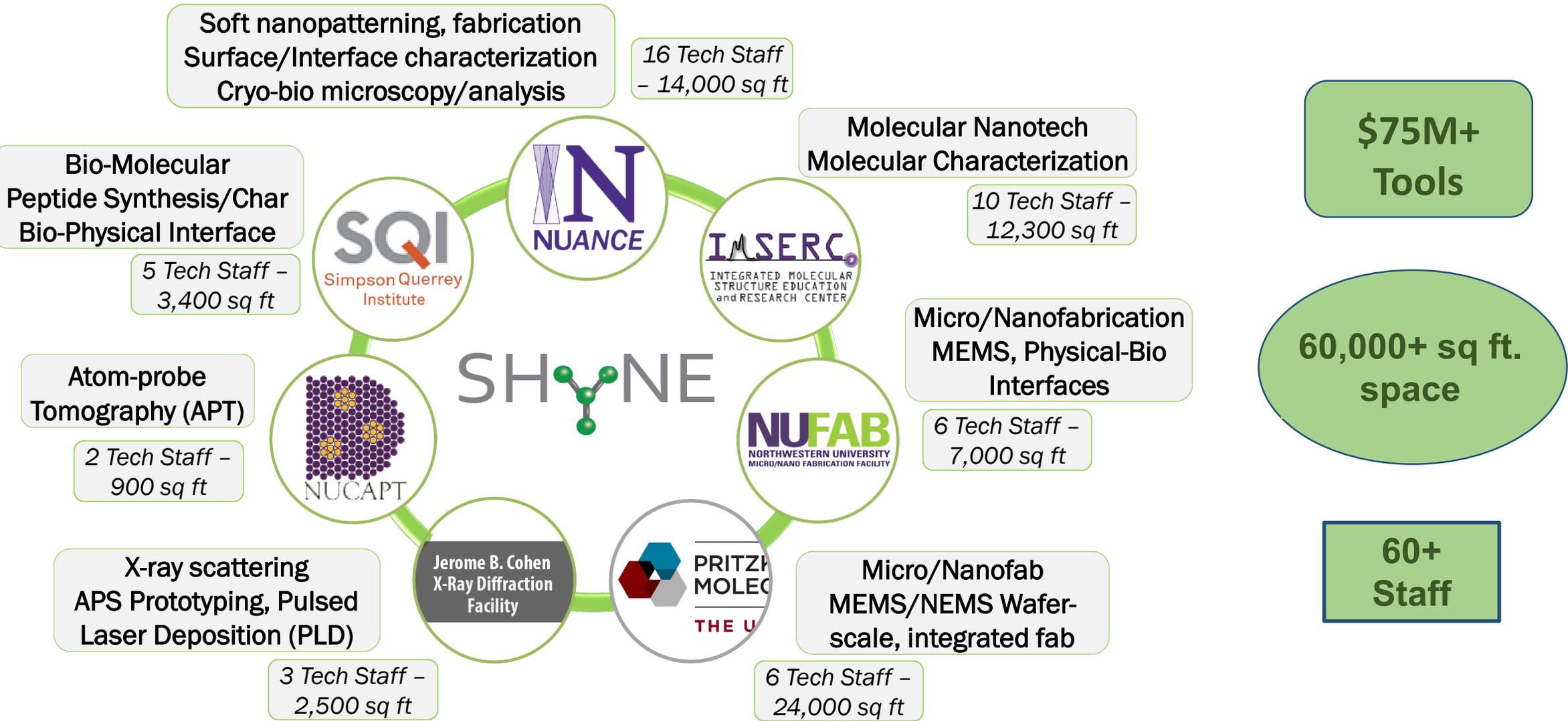


Andrew Cleland
Physics, Molecular
Engineering Innovation
and Enterprise



Vinayak Dravid
Materials Science and
Engineering

SH_yNE: Facilities



SHyNE: Impact - Intellectual Merit

- ✓ **Soft & Hybrid** – unique theme
Total Users: 1699 (highest in NNCI)
Growth - External Users & Usage
Publications: 1363+ (highest in NNCI)
Patents: 250+
Process & product development
Museums and Public Institutions
- ✓ **\$50+ M** in new equipment's
- ✓ **State-of-the-Art Space: J, AB Wings**
- ✓ **SEED** funding - new user engagement



2016 Chemistry Nobel Prize;
“Design & production of molecular machines”
Fraser Stoddart
Founding Director, IMSERC
a SHyNE Facility

- **Regional Coordination**
 - Chicago Quantum Exchange
 - iNano, CBC, M3S
- **NNCI Network Activities**
 - Global & Regional Interactions
 - Staff exchange
 - Machine Learning for Predictive Maintenance
 - ChiMaD, MFRN - MRSEC
- **SME collaboration and development**
- **SHyNE fostered multiple start ups**
- **SHyNE-Global Initiatives**

SHyNE Publications (Years 1-4)

Publications	Yr1 (2016)		Yr2 (2017)		Yr3 (2018)		Yr4 (2019)		Yrs 1-4 Totals	
	Internal	External	Internal	External	Internal	External	Internal	External	Internal	External
SHyNE Publications	230	26	279	30	358	43	367	30	1234	129
NNCI Publications-Total	n/a		703		1136		1692		3760	
SHyNE / NNCI (%)	n/a		40%		32%		22%		33%	
Patents	Y1 (2016)		Y2 (2017)		Y3 (2018)		Y4 (2019)		Y1-4 Totals	
	55		64		59		72		250	



SH_yNE: Growth in External Users

Identify Users

Communicate

Consultation

Onboarding

External Users

- Academic
- Small Company
- Large Company
- Govt/non-Profit

Identify PIs:

- Targeting **URM** Orgs
- Regional Institutions
- Start-ups & SMEs
- Large Companies
- Govt/non-Profits

Networking:

- Referrals, NNCI/Users
- Corporate Liaison Networks
- Innovation HUBs
- Govt. Economic Development Offices
- Regional Partners

Targeted Contact:

- Invited Seminars
- Workshops/Demos
- Direct Mail / Email
- Invited Webinars
- Hosted Conferences

Outreach:

- Website, Social Media
- Brochures
- Open Houses
- Conference Booth

URM inclusion statement

Technical Discussion

- CTO project mtgs
- Web Meetings

Statement of Work

SEED funding

- Trial Runs
- 50% URM Institutions

Contact Tracking:

- Follow-up
- Referrals

Efficiencies:

- Non-Disclosure Agreement
- Lab Services Agreement
- Purchase Orders

Satisfaction Survey:

- Continual improvement
- Referral Forms
- URM demographics



SH_yNE: Integrated & Comprehensive Approach

Outreach and Education



- Nano-Journalism, Social Media
- Nanotech Exhibits, Museums
- Lecture series, iNANO, M3S



- Industry Workshops, Demos
- Vendor Relations
- SEED Funding, Targeted Marketing



- Seminars, Courses, User meetings
- Technical Workgroups
- Proposal Development



- REU – Workforce Development
- CC Internship Program
- Open House, Image Contest



- RET - curriculum Development
- Science in Society (SiS) - camps, science clubs, Boys/Girls Clubs, URM
- Lab Tours, Demos, Remote Learning

Public, Community

Industry, Entrepreneurs

University, Faculty

Comm. College, Undergrad

K-12

Diversity and Inclusion

- Science Chicago, Regional outreach
- Chicago Museums, URM community
- Women in Nano, SWE, SBE hiring



- Diversity Survey - demographics
- - external user onboarding
- - Improved tracking and metrics



- Targeting URM universities
- Diversity Survey – demographics
- Coordination: Dean Williams



- SHyNE REU - 100% Women/URM
- Community College interns
- MRSEC REUs



- RET 100% URM teachers
- SiS Targets Chicago schools,
- Diversity Survey – demographics
- Tracking outcomes



SH_yNE: Network Collaborations & Activities

Across the Network

- NNCI Subcommittees & Working Groups
- Staff Exchange Initiative
- Research Communities:
 - Quantum, Rules of Life
- Regional Coordination: iNANO-Illinois Nano Centers Consortium, CBC
- Global connections: KAIST, NTU, TUM..
- SHyNE Resource - 2020 NNCI Annual Meeting, Oct. 26-27

Multi-Site

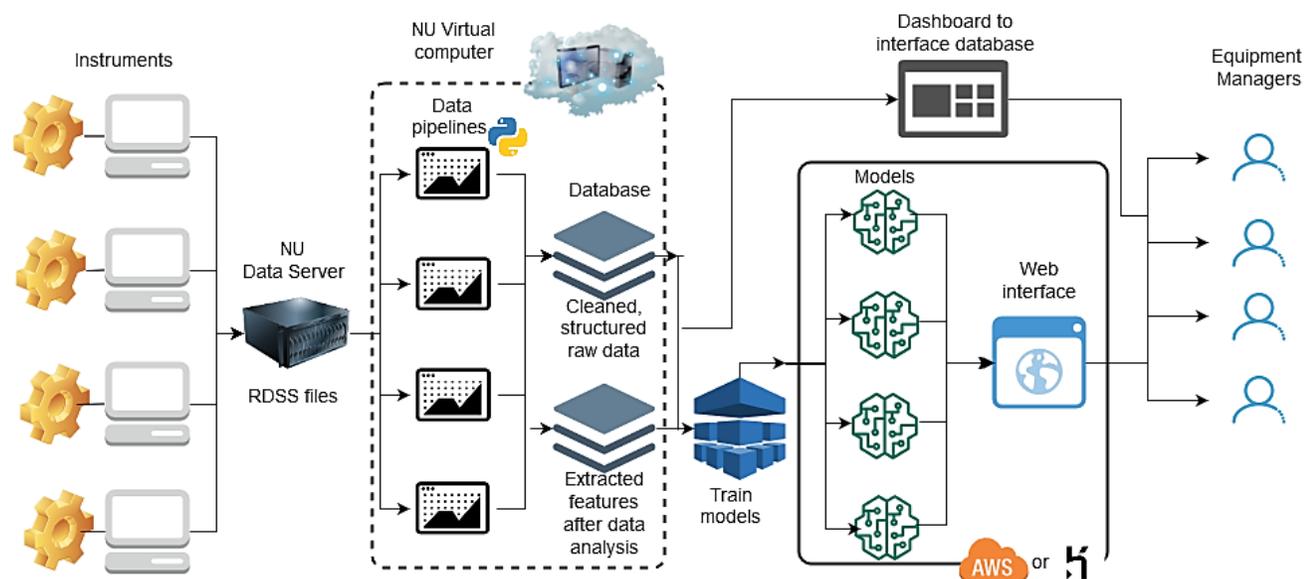
- RET/REU Proposals
- Webinars, Working groups

On Behalf of the Network

- USA Science & Engineering Festival - SHyNE staff
- NSF-MFRN Shared Facilities Workshop

Machine Learning for Predictive Maintenance

- SHyNE staff - new development
- Predictive maintenance - before the failure!



SH_yNE: Year 5 – 10 Plans & Beyond

Intellectual Merit

- **Continued excellence - Soft & Hybrid Nanotechnology**
 - Food, Ag products, Biomaterials and Nano-Bio interfaces
 - “Energy-Enviro-Water-Food” Nexus
 - Quantum Information Systems – leveraging Nano Infrastructure
- **Collaborations within and beyond NNCI: Federal, Industry, Non-Profits, Foundations, Museums and Public Institutions**
- **Growth of External Academic & Industry Users**
 - Multifaceted and Coordinated Approach
 - Expanding SHyNE SEED funding and Enhance TEG interactions
 - Open houses, short courses, webinars and workshops
 - → ***New A/B Space: One-stop-shop & problem solving***
- **Data Science Initiatives – CHiMaD and MRSEC collaborations**
 - Predictive Maintenance, Material Genome, Data mining...
- **New/Future Opportunities and Diversification**
 - Extra-Terrestrial Materials Analysis, Covid-19 aftermath

Broader Impacts:

- Integrated & Comprehensive Approach
- Regional Coordination:
 - iNANO, URM, Community colleges
 - Science Chicago, Nanotech exhibit at Chicago MSI
- Expanding REU and RET programs
- Local Museums: Art Institute of Chicago, Field Museum and Botanical Garden

