

# The Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences:

## Technical Capabilities and Research Areas

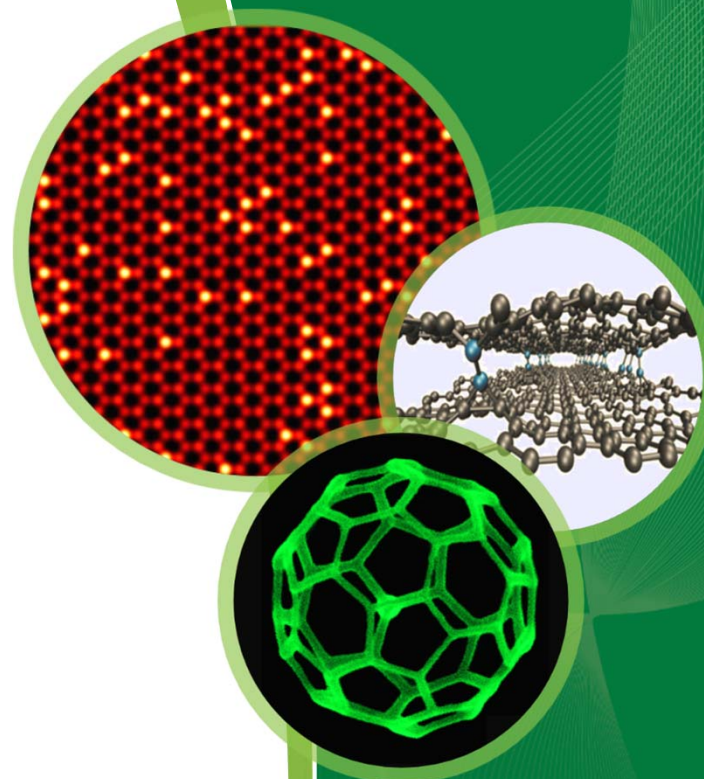
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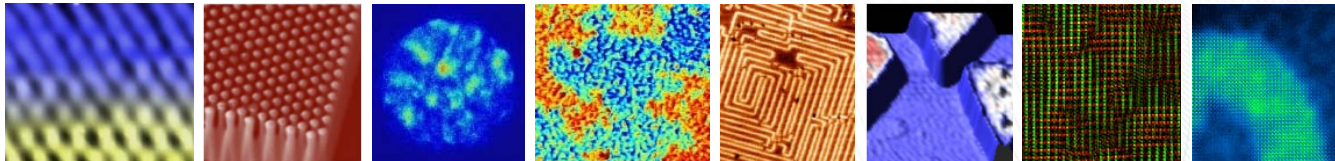


# Some of the most fundamental materials science challenges are intrinsically nanoscience challenges

BESAC report “Challenges at the Frontiers of Matter and Energy: Transformative Opportunities for Discovery Science”  
(November 2015)



1. Mastering Hierarchical Architectures and Beyond-Equilibrium Matter
2. Beyond Ideal Materials and Systems: Understanding the Critical Roles of Heterogeneity, Interfaces, and Disorder
3. Harnessing the Coherence in Light and Matter
4. Revolutionary Advances in Models, Mathematics, Algorithms, Data, and Computing
5. Exploiting Transformative Advances in Imaging Capabilities across Multiple Scales

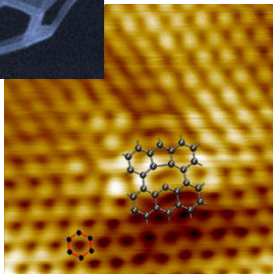
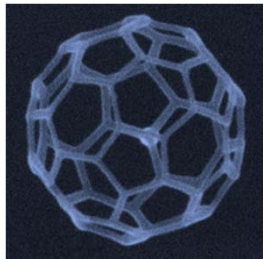


# Key challenges in nanoscience: Understanding formation and function

## Understanding and Controlling Formation

How do we control and direct self-assembly  
where we want them to be

How do we reproducibly and scalably produce complex and hierarchical matter  
individual defects

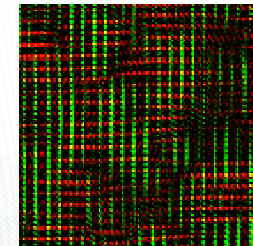
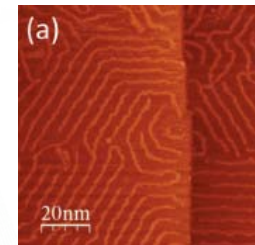


How do defects and nanostructure influence energy transport and energy conversion (electrons, photons, excitons, phonons)?

How can we understand and direct mass transport (ionic motion, deformations, droplets)

How do we control and direct self-assembly

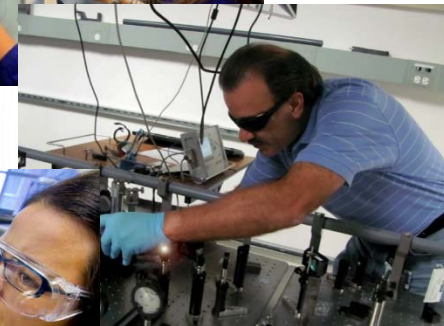
How do we reproducibly and scalably produce complex and hierarchical matter



## Understanding and Controlling Function

# A user facility is a powerful resource

- Nanoscience is an integral part of very broad areas of science:
  - A User Facility can add the missing pieces to a research team
  - Users are often “experts elsewhere”
- Adequate staffing serves a dual purpose:
  - Maintenance of instrumentation, quality control, training of users
  - Scientific vision, expertise to adapt capabilities to specific applications



# DOE Basic Energy Sciences User Facilities: Approximately 15,000 Users (FY2016)

Light Sources, Neutron Sources, and Nanoscale Science Research Centers (NSRCs); located at National Laboratories



- Resources available at no cost to researchers who intend to publish results
- External peer review
- Coordinated access to co-located facilities
- Strong collaborative environment with facility scientists

Five Nanoscale Science Research Centers (NSRCs):

Approx. 3,000 Users (FY2016)

(Three Electron Beam Microcharacterization Centers (EBMCs) were merged into the NSRCs in 2015)

# Five NSRCs provide specific focus areas and ties to co-located facilities



BERKELEY LAB  
**MOLECULAR  
FOUNDRY**



**Center for Functional Nanomaterials**  
Brookhaven National Laboratory



**OAK RIDGE**  
National Laboratory  
CENTER FOR NANOPHASE  
MATERIALS SCIENCES



**Los Alamos**  
National Laboratory  
Sandia  
National  
Laboratories



**Argonne**  
NATIONAL LABORATORY  
Center for  
Nanoscale Materials

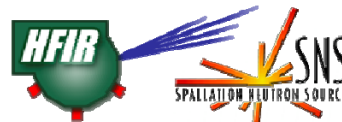
## Co-Located Facilities



**NERSC**



**NSLS II**



**OLCF**



**MESA**

**NATIONAL HIGH  
MAGNETIC  
FIELD LABORATORY**



**APS**



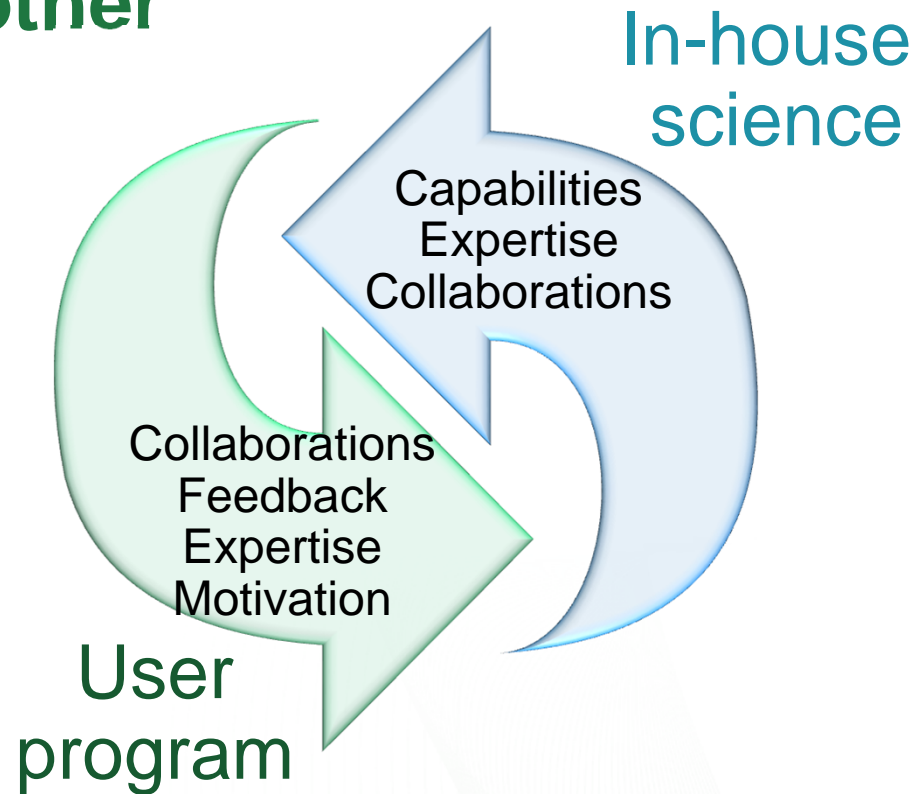
**MIRA  
ALCF**

## Expertise and Capabilities

- Each NSRC emphasizes specific areas of synthesis, fabrication, imaging/characterization, and theory/modeling/simulation (“*make, characterize, and understand*”)
- Users may request multiple capabilities at an NSRC, or perform work at more than one NSRC
- See NSRC Portal: [nsrcportal.sandia.gov](http://nsrcportal.sandia.gov)

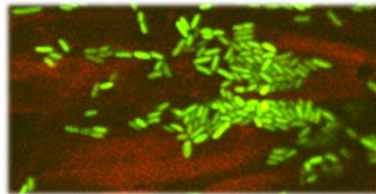
# NSRC in-house science and user program benefit from each other

- All staff members dedicate 50% of their time to work with users and 50% to in-house research
- In-house research is key to developing capabilities and expertise
- 80% of instrument time is dedicated to the user program



# CNMS: laboratories, a gateway to neutrons and computing, direct interactions with staff

- CNMS building:
  - Total 80,000 sq. ft., includes 32 laboratory modules and a 10,000 sq. ft. cleanroom (Class 1000; Class 100 in e-beam lithography suite)
- Ultra-quiet space for electron and scanning probe microscopy
- Close ties to ORNL's two neutron facilities (Spallation Neutron Source [SNS] and High Flux Isotope Reactor [HFIR]) and to the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility
- Bio-affiliate laboratories for users with biological sample requirements





# CNMS delivers impactful science

FY2016 numbers:

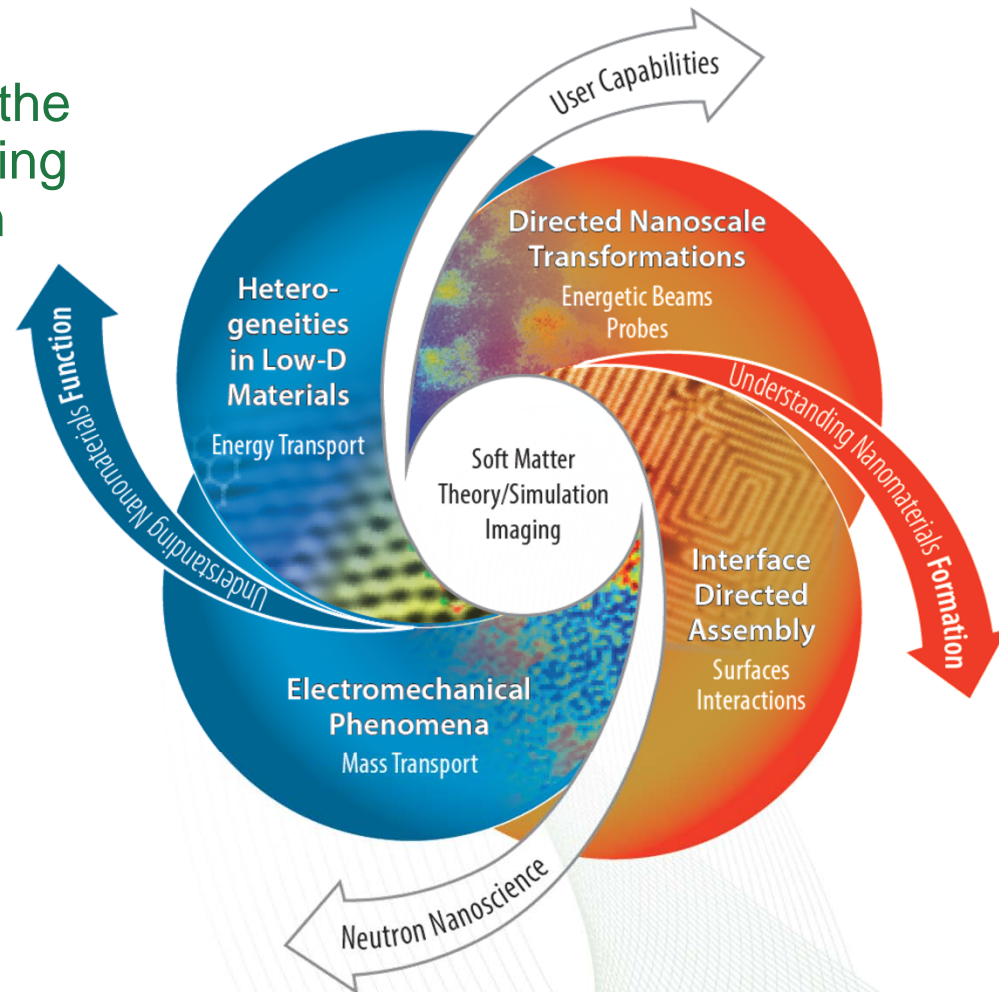
- 601 unique users (575 on-site)
  - Average stay at CNMS: ~13 days
  - 50% from US academic institutions
  - 38% faculty; 24% postdocs; 38% students
- 435 refereed regular papers published that acknowledge CNMS
  - 51% in journals with  $IF > 5$
  - 36% in journals with  $IF > 7$
  - 70% co-authored by users
- 18% of CNMS (FY13-FY15) users are also SNS/HFIR users
- ~\$24M from DOE-BES-SUFD

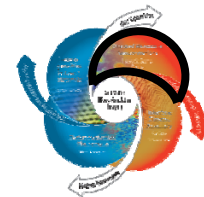


CNMS journal covers (past 18 months)

# CNMS executes a focused in-house research effort to advance our understanding of nanomaterials function and formation

These research activities drive the development of the corresponding necessary capabilities that then become available to users.

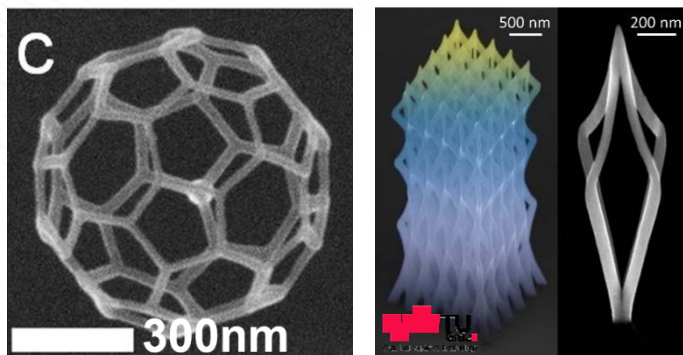




Example of capability development:

# 3D direct-write nanofabrication using focused electrons, ions, or photons

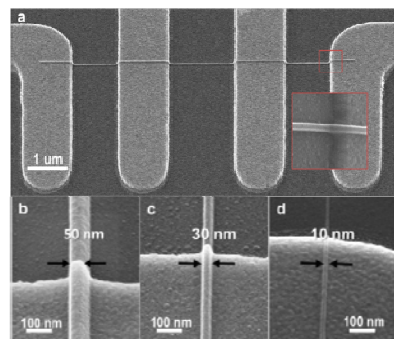
## E-beam induced deposition (EBID)



J.D. Fowlkes *et al.*,  
*ACS Nano* (2016)

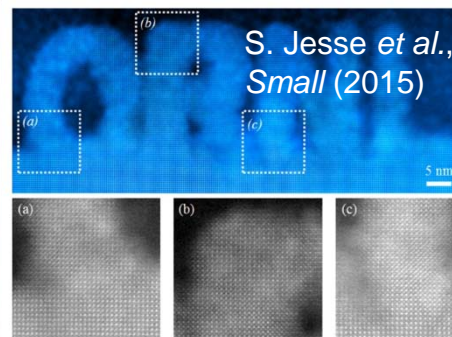
R. Winkler *et al.*, *ACS Appl. Mat. Interf.* (2016)

## Ion-beam induced deposition (IBID)

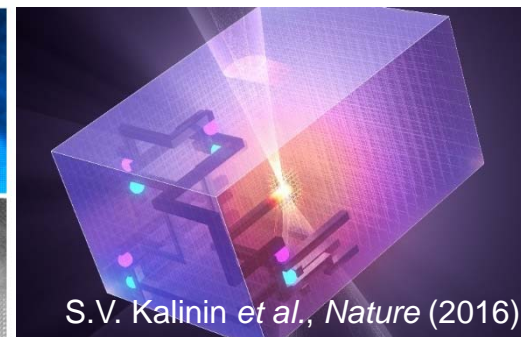


IBID benefits from smaller minimum probe diameter and beam penetration

## Materials modification and deposition using the Scanning Transmission Electron Microscope

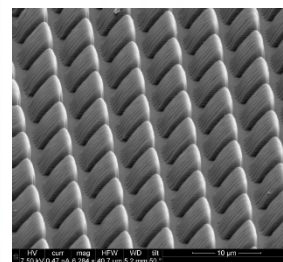


Selective crystallization of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>

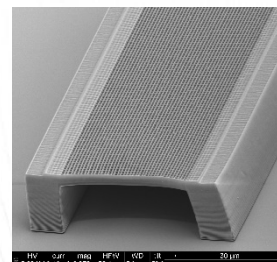


S.V. Kalinin *et al.*, *Nature* (2016)

## Direct Laser Write based on 2-photon polymerization (liquid, solid precursors)



Asymmetric wettability



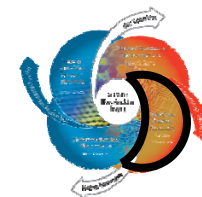
Fluidic structures, size-based separations

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**These approaches rely on a close integration of theory/modeling/simulation and the development of precursors.**

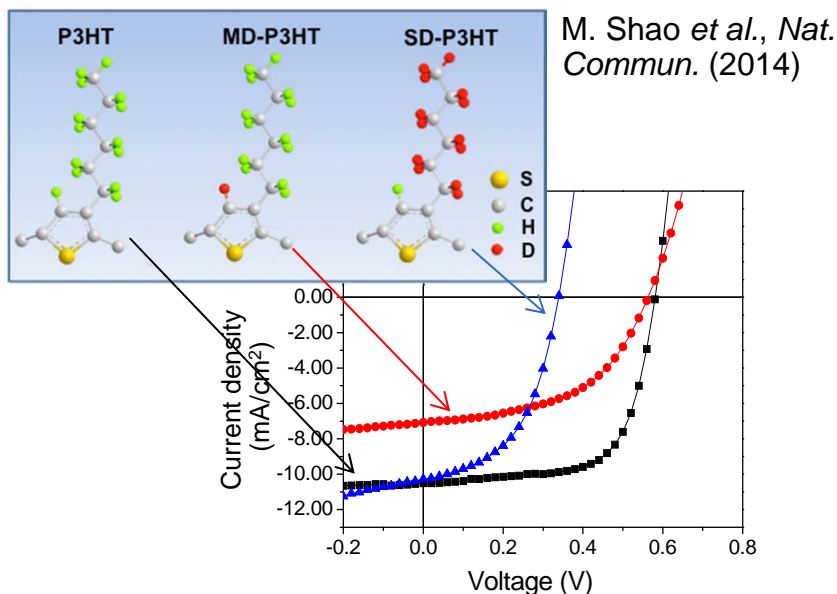
Example of capability development:

# Linking precise synthesis, computing, and neutrons for soft matter research



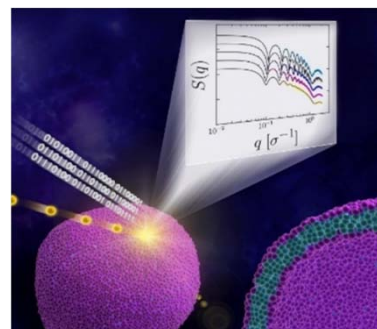
Selective deuteration introduces a surprising way to modify optoelectronic and structural properties

Selective deuterations on backbone or side-chain of P3HT in P3HT/PCMB photovoltaics



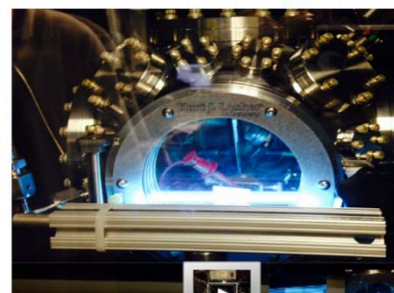
Computational capability for users: quantum calculations to treat electron-phonon interactions

Coarse-grained molecular dynamics calculations enable detailed neutron studies of lipid bilayer membranes



J.-M. Carrillo *et al.*, *J. Chem. Theory & Comp.* (2017)

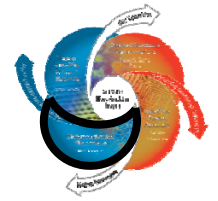
CNMS develops sample environments to study the formation of polymer systems (combining neutrons with optical probes)



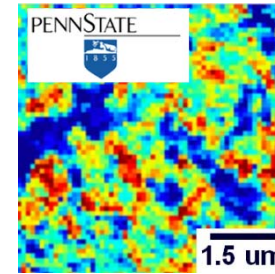
J. Zhu *et al.*, *Nanoscale* (2015); N. Herath *et al.*, *Scientific Reports* (2015)

Example of capability development:

## Pushing the limits of force-based scanning probe microscopy



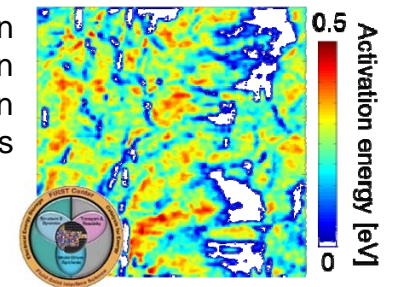
- Excitation with a band of frequencies renders the technique quantitative (spectroscopic)
- EFRC collaboration lead to Electrochemical Strain Microscopy: chemical modifications are tracked as topography changes
- Development of data analytic methods yields meaningful information



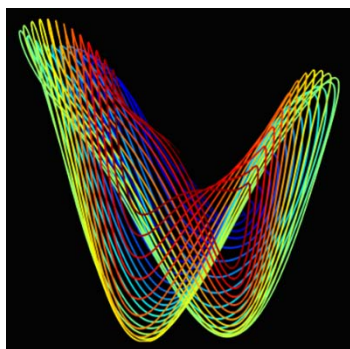
Quantitative map of material nonlinearity at the nanoscale.

Bintachitt *et al*, PNAS (2010)

Mapping of activation energy for Li-ion transport in LiCoO<sub>2</sub> thin films

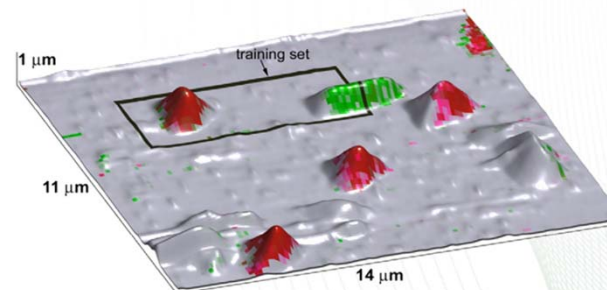


N. Balke *et al.*, *NanoLett.* (2012)



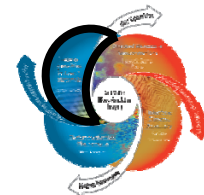
Piezoelectric hysteresis loops captured 3000x faster in "General-mode AFM" (full information capture without imposed operator bias).

S. Somnath *et al.*, *Nature Commun.* (2016)



Neural network training identifies bacteria based on piezomechanical response

VI.P. NIKITOROV *et al.*, *Nanotechnol.* (2009)



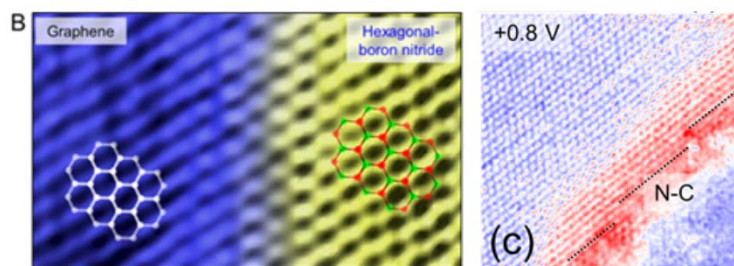
Example of capability development:

# Understanding electronic, magnetic, and transport properties at the nanoscale

Development of STM and 4-probe STM based imaging and spectroscopy modes

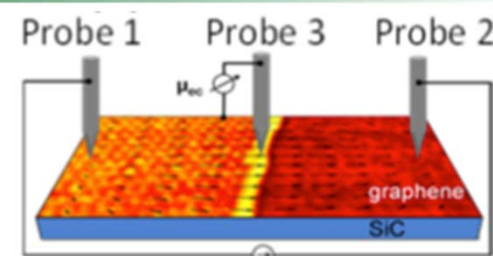
- tunneling thermopower microscopy
- scanning tunneling potentiometry
- spin-polarized STM

STM image and spectroscopy revealing confined electronic states at Gr/h-BN heterojunctions



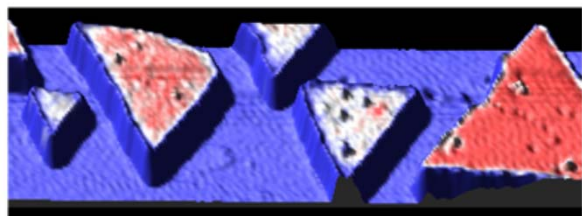
J. Park et al, *Science* (2014); *Nature Comm.*(2014)

Scanning tunneling potentiometry to map conductivity across grain boundaries



K.W. Clark et al, *Nano Lett.* (2013); *PRX* (2014)

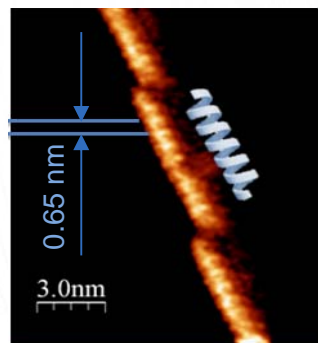
SP-STM reveals spin polarization of Co/Cu



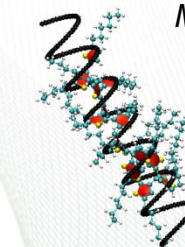
Minority spin Majority spin

J. Park et al, *Nano Lett.* (2017)

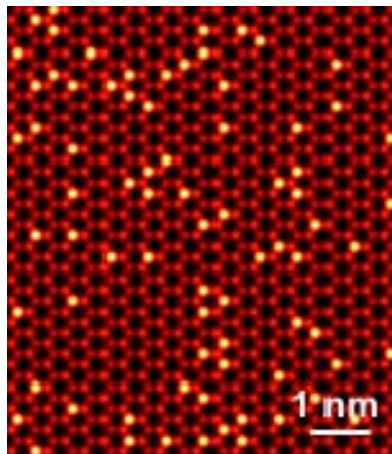
STM helps determine structure of helical polymer



H. H. Zhang et al., *Macromolecules* (2016)

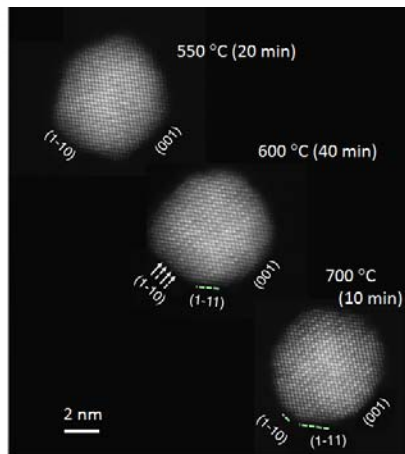


# CNMS emphasizes aberration-corrected Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopy (AC-STEM) and Electron Energy Loss Spectroscopy (EELS)



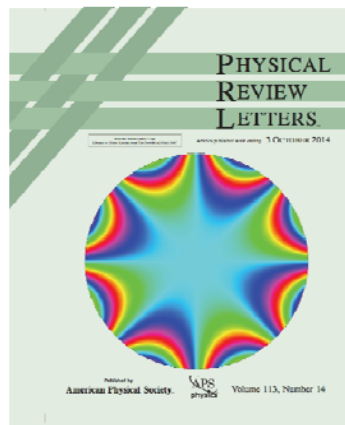
Identifying individual dopant atoms  $\text{Mo}_{1-x}\text{W}_x\text{Se}_2$

X. Li *et al.*,  
*Adv. Mater.* (2016)



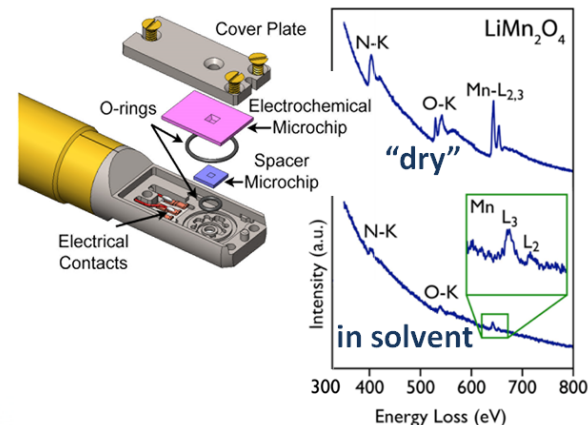
Tracking a single  $\text{Pt}_3\text{Co}$  at high temperature

M. Chi *et al.*,  
*Nature Commun.* (2015)



Local determination of magnetic properties using controlled aberrations

Rusz *et al.*,  
*PRL* (2014)



Quantitative EELS measurements in liquids

R.R. Unocic *et al.*,  
*ChemComm* (2015)

- Nion UltraSTEM Cs-corrected STEM (60-100kV)
- FEI Titan S Cs-corrected STEM/TEM (60-300kV)
- Access to Nion HERMES Monochromated AC-STEM
- Access to Hitachi HF3300 TEM/STEM



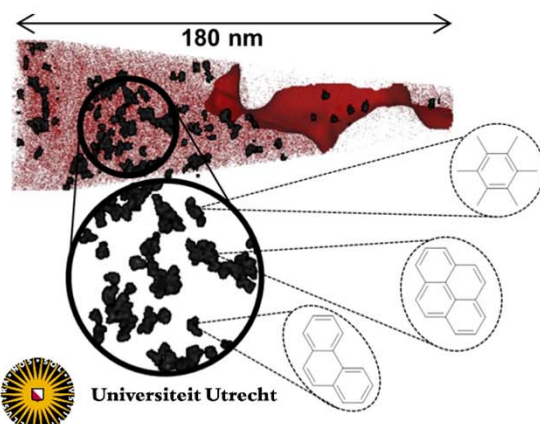
With  $\sim 1\text{\AA}$  probe and  $< 10\text{meV}$  energy resolution, the MAC-STEM becomes the nanoscale/real-space counterpart to neutron scattering (e.g., phonons)

# Atom Probe Tomography and Chemical Imaging

## Atom Probe Tomography

Laser-LEAP (local electrode atom probe):  
complete 3D reconstruction of atomic positions (within 1nm<sup>3</sup>);

Applied to non-metallic samples.  
Sensitive to any element.

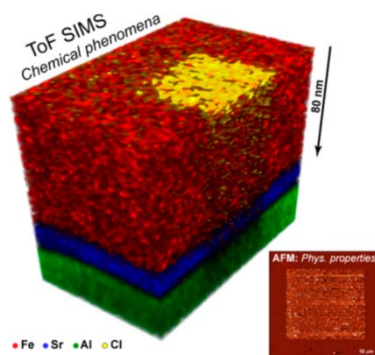


Example: Coke formation in zeolite catalyst

J.E. Schmidt, *et. al.*, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* (2016)

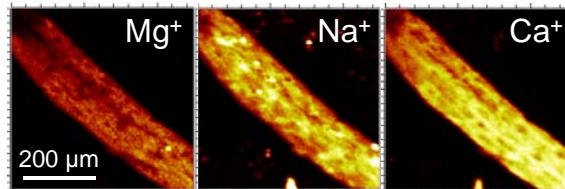
## Access to AFM/ToF-SIMS

Developing methodologies to combine chemical imaging and functional mapping



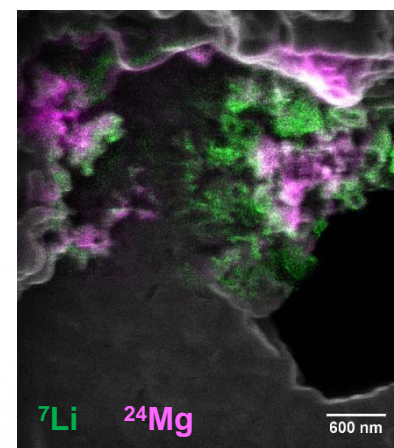
Chemical effects of ferroelectric switching  
A.V. Ilev et. al., *ACS Appl. Mater. Interf.* (2017)

Chemical composition and topography of Arabidopsis root



## Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry (SIMS) – Helium Ion Microscopy (HIM)

Combining SIMS with nm-scale ion beam imaging



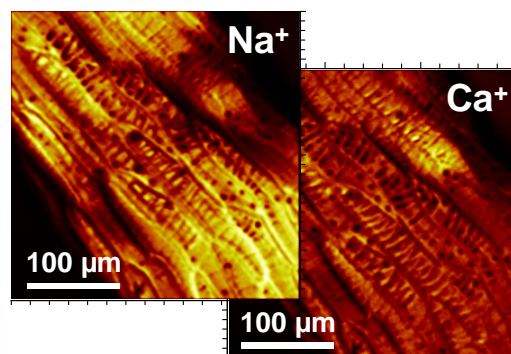
Zeiss Orion NanoFab:

- Outperforms SEM for imaging (especially for insulating samples)
- Highest-resolution ion milling tool



# A wide user community benefits from CNMS imaging capabilities

Chemical maps of Sphagnum leaves

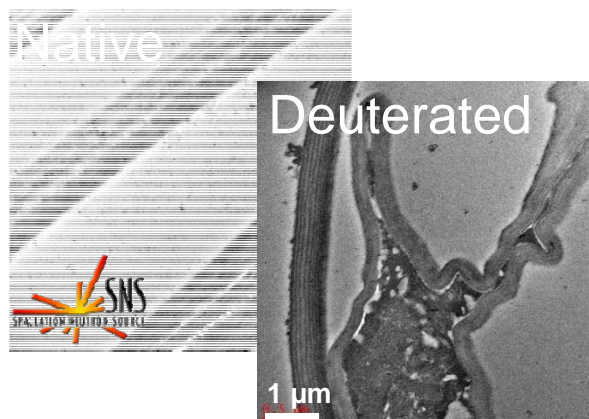


ToF-SIMS imaging

Multi-scale mass spectrometry based capabilities at CNMS:

- MALDI-ToF Imaging
- ToF-SIMS
- AFM thermal desorption MS
- HIM-SIMS

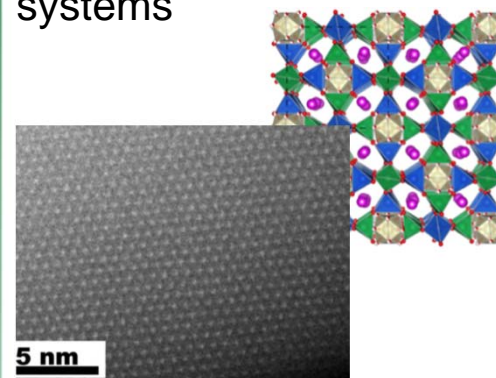
Growth-stress induced abnormal lignin distribution in cell walls of deuterated switchgrass



Low-dose TEM imaging provides critical complementary information to neutron scattering

S. Bhagia *et al.* (2017)

Study of perrhenate sodalite for  $^{99}\text{Tc}$  immobilization from contaminated subsurface systems



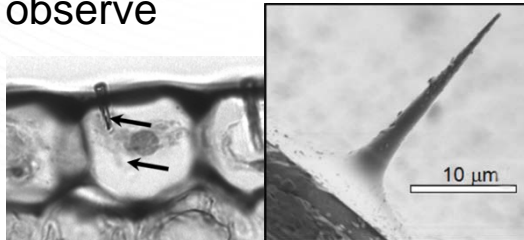
STEM imaging to confirm equal distribution / lack of clustering.

E.M. Pierce *et al.*, *ES&T* (2016)



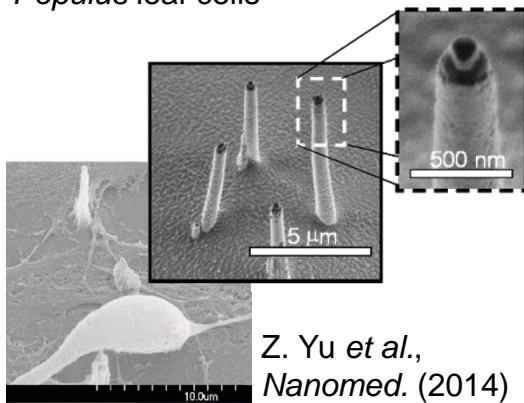
# Users benefit from unique nanofabrication capabilities and CNMS-developed platforms

Carbon fiber arrays to manipulate and observe



S. Davern *et al.*, *PLOS One* (2016)

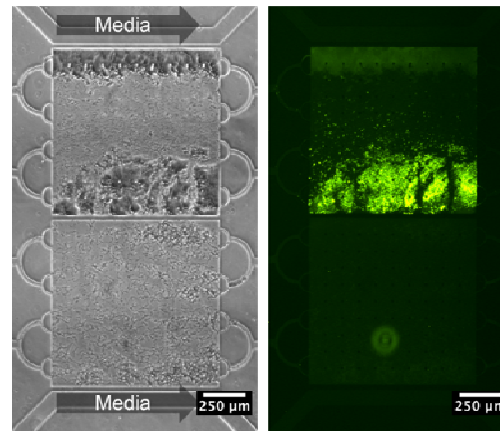
Delivering femtomole to picomole quantities of fluorescent or radiolabeled molecules into *Populus* leaf cells



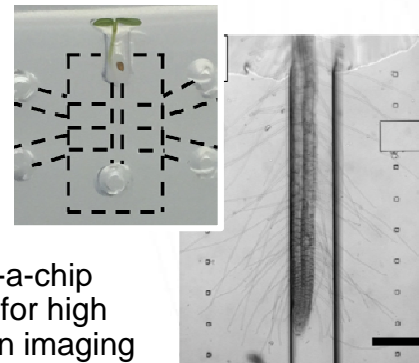
Z. Yu *et al.*, *Nanomed.* (2014)

Vertically aligned carbon nanofiber electrodes as a nano-neuron interface

Complex fluidic platforms to study microbial interactions



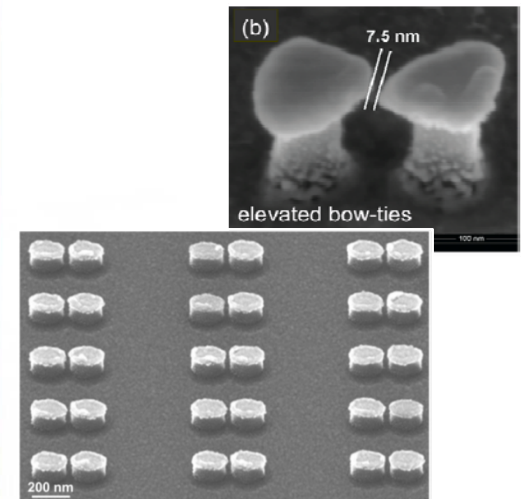
Co-culture and communication between two microbial communities



Plant-on-a-chip platform for high resolution imaging of plant-microbe interactions in real time

Nanostructures for Raman Spectroscopy

CNMS-developed fabrication methods have been used by a number of users



Example: Trace-level perchlorate analysis of impacted groundwater by elevated gold ellipse dimer nanoantenna surface-enhanced Raman scattering

A.M. Jubb *et al.*, *J. Raman Spectr.* (2016)

# User research has a broad impact

## Characterization of nanofermented quantum dot materials

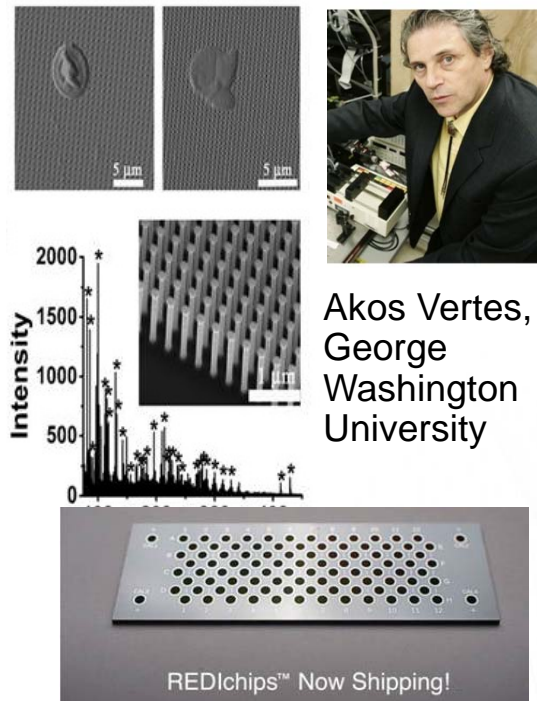
Graduate students start company to commercialize ORNL nanoferrmetation technology



CNMS user projects to characterize and process the nanomaterials.

## Single cell mass spec

LDI-MS analysis of single cells (~30 fL volume) on nanofabricated post arrays.



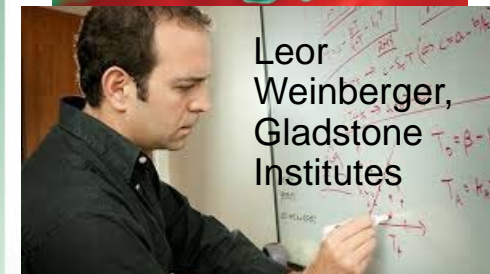
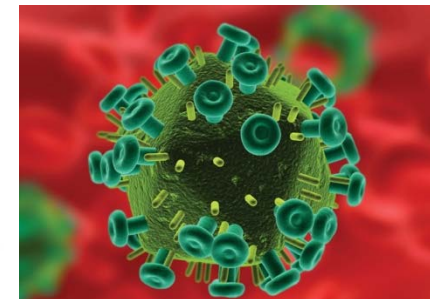
Akos Vertes,  
George Washington University

The researchers performed nanofabrication and device characterization at CNMS. The work led to the commercial availability of the REDIchip.

B. Walker et al. *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* (2013)

## Understanding proviral latency in HIV

Understanding how stochastic fluctuations in small molecular populations lead to proviral latency in HIV, the primary clinical problem in AIDS treatment



Leor Weinberger,  
Gladstone Institutes

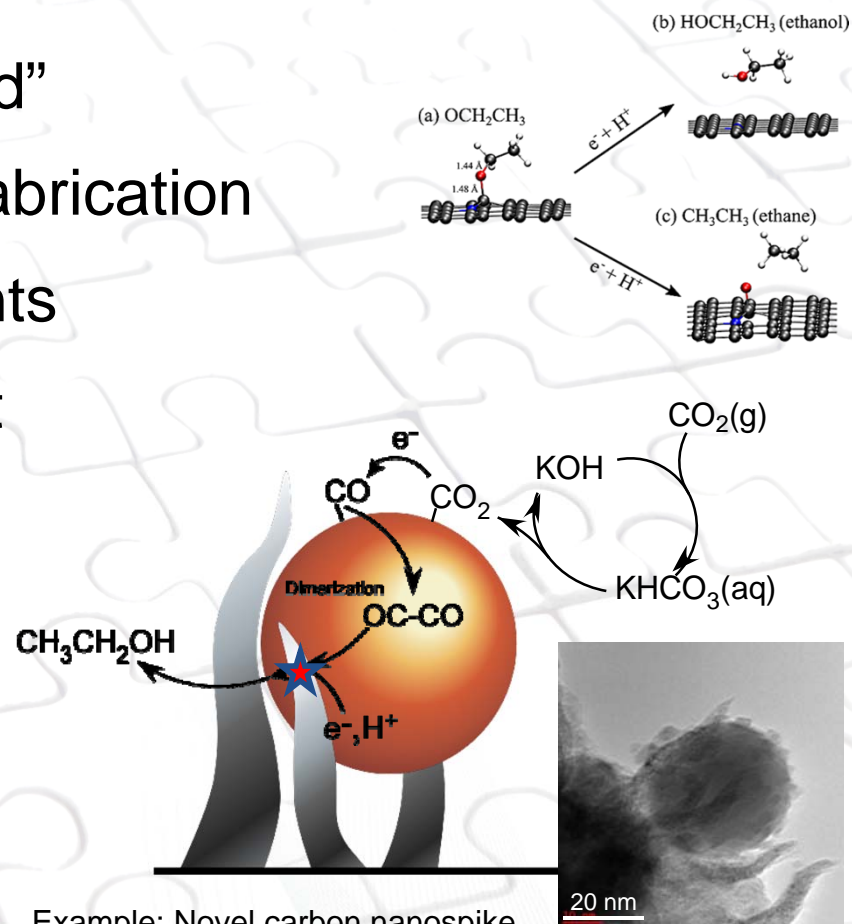
Work at CNMS focused on understanding the fluctuations using time-lapse noise spectroscopy techniques developed at the CNMS.

R. Dar *et al.*, *PNAS* (2012)

# The multiple pieces fit together to form a center

- “Make, characterize, understand”
- Broad range of synthesis and fabrication
- Suite of functional measurements
- Strongly integrated theory effort
- Data analytics to underpin imaging and spectroscopy of complex systems
- Strong ties to neutron scattering and high performance computing
- Interactions with the other NSRCs

See [www.ornl.gov/facility/cnms](http://www.ornl.gov/facility/cnms)  
and [nsrcportal.sandia.gov](http://nsrcportal.sandia.gov)



Example: Novel carbon nanospike catalysts for electrochemical conversion of  $\text{CO}_2$  to ethanol. Theory shows how N-dopants introduce the necessary curvature and suitable binding sites.

Y. Song *et al.*, *ChemistrySelect* (2016)

# Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences

A DOE User Facility for Creating, Characterizing,  
and Understanding Nanomaterials



Providing access to staff expertise and equipment at no cost to users who intend to publish the results.

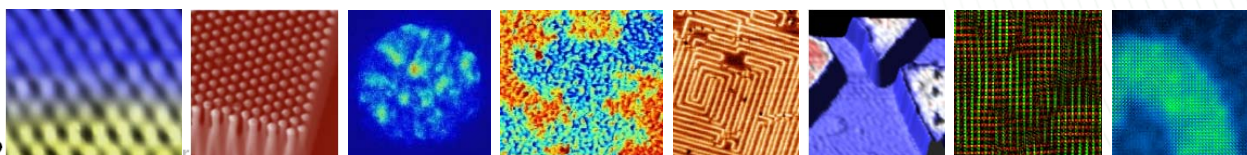
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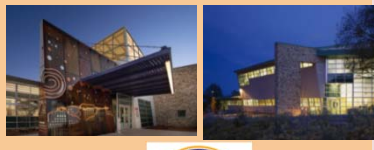
- Two proposal calls per year; proposals for short-term projects are accepted continuously
- Simple 2-page proposal
- Joint proposals with neutron sources (SNS, HFIR)
- Located at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, near Knoxville, TN

## Research areas:

- **Synthesis** – Soft matter (precision synthesis, selective deuteration), 2D materials, hybrid structures, epitaxial oxides
- **Nanofabrication** – Direct-write (3D) fabrication, e-beam lithography, multiscale fluidics, 10,000 sq. ft. cleanroom
- **Advanced Microscopy** – AFM, STM, aberration-corrected and *in situ* TEM/STEM, He-ion microscopy, atom-probe tomography
- **Chemical Imaging** – Multiple approaches based on mass spectrometry or optical spectroscopies
- **Functional Characterization** – Laser spectroscopy, transport, magnetism, electromechanical phenomena
- **Theory/Modeling, Data Analytics** – Including gateway to leadership-class, high-performance computing

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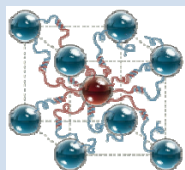
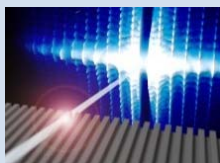
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### User Facilities for Creating, Characterizing and Understanding Nanomaterials and Systems

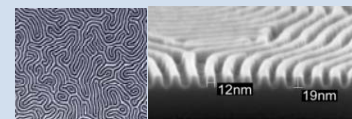


Special Probes for Nanomaterials in Operation

Soft X-ray Nanoscience



DNA-mediated Nanomaterials

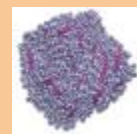


Large-Scale Nanopatterning

Discovery Platforms



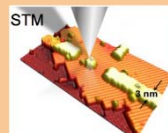
Metamaterials & Ultrafast Spectroscopy



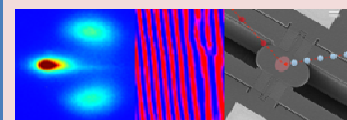
Soft Matter & Biomolecular Nanocomposites



Nano mechanics

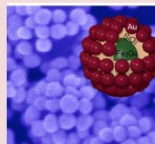


Quantum Systems, III-V Epitaxy & Nanophotonics

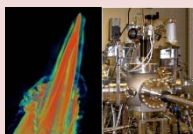


Hard X-ray nanoscience

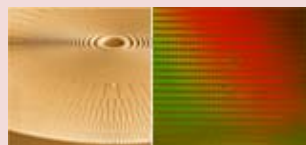
Quantum and Hybrid Nanomaterials



Atomic Imaging & Growth

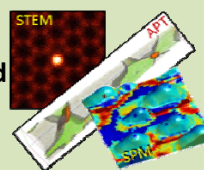


Nanoscale Energy Transduction



Macromolecular Design and Neutron Nanoscience

Nanoscale Imaging and Functional Mapping

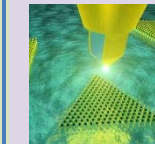
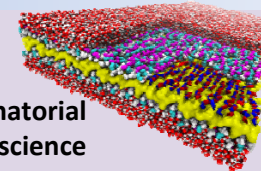


Synthesis Enabled by In situ Diagnostics



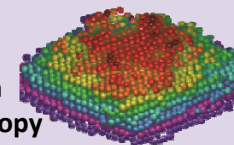
Microfluidics and Direct-write Nanofabrication

Combinatorial Nanoscience



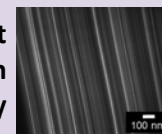
Multimodal Nanoscale Imaging

Sub-Å Electron Microscopy



Design of Functional Nanointerfaces

Single Digit Nanofabrication and Assembly



NSLS II

X-Rays, UV, IR

MESA, NHMFL

Large Scale Integration

APS, ALCF

Hard X-Rays

SNS, HFIR, OLCF

Neutrons

ALS, NERSC

X-Rays

All NSRCs have significant cross-cutting Theory, Modeling and Simulation capabilities

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