

Chalcogenide Semiconductor Nanostructures

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Labs: Photoemission -- PAB B049 (Olmstead Lab)

Scanning Probe Microscopy -- PAB B009 (Fain Lab)

High-resolution Photoemission -- Advanced Light Source, Berkeley

Funded Projects:

- Intrinsic Vacancy Chalcogenides for Spintronic Applications

• Phase Change Materials for Nanoelectronics:
A combinatorial approach to mechanistic understanding

Part 1: Nanotechnology Ph.D. Program
Part 2: Research in Olmstead and Fain Groups

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- 85 Faculty

- 10 Departments

- 3 Colleges

- 40 PhD Students

- 5 Centers

- 3 International Partnerships

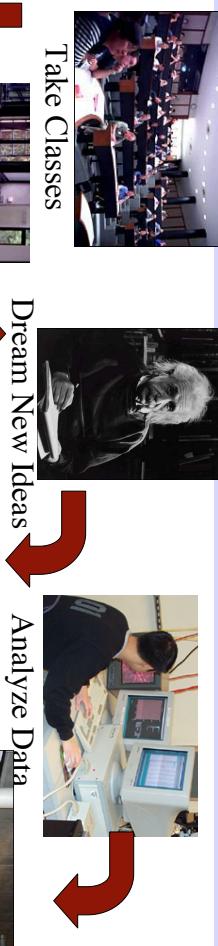
- \$\$ UW, NSF, NIH,

DOE, Non-Federal



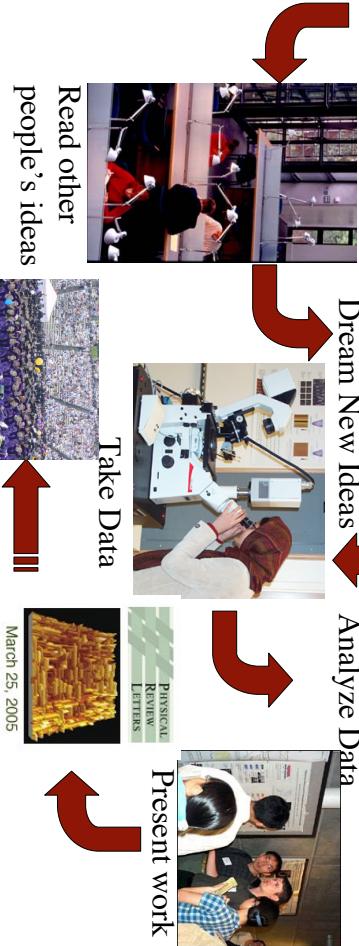
Acting Director: Francois Baneyx Education and Outreach: Ethan Allen
Associate Director: Qiuming Yu NT PhD Program: Marjorie Olmstead

"Standard" Ph.D. Process



- Basic Research
- Perhaps Teaching (though often not part of training)
- Everything else gets learned on the job

"Standard" Ph.D. > "Standard Job"

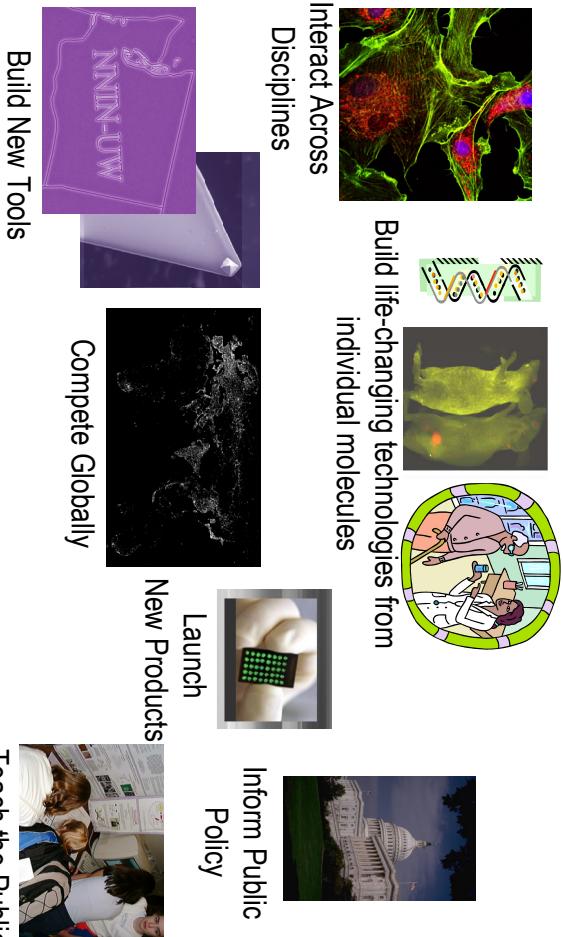


GRADUATE

Published results



What Do Nanotechnologists Do?



Dual Degree in Nanotechnology

"Optional" Essentials

1. Thesis in Nanoscale Science or Technology
 - Approved in quality by home department
 - Approved as "nano-relevant" by NT Standards Committee
 - Advisor + at least one other committee member in the Center for Nanotechnology
 2. Core course *Frontiers of Nanotechnology*
 - Student joint projects across disciplines
 - Discuss societal impact as well as science & technology
 3. Research Rotation
 - ≥ 1 quarter research outside advisor's home department
 4. Nano-relevant Course Work
 - ≥ 3 courses, ≥ 2 of which are outside home department
 5. Nanotechnology Seminar
 - Attend ≥ 80% of seminars, ≥ 4 quarters
- Communication amongst disparate groups
 - Nanoscience & Nanotechnology Student Association
 - Student-Run Seminar Series
 - Annual Workshop
 - Quarterly Symposia with Brief Presentations and Longer Social Hour (was Wednesday)
 - Outreach and Recruitment for Diversity
 - Individual PLUS Coordinated Efforts
 - Career Planning
 - Mentorship and Internship Programs
 - Bring Non-academics to Campus
 - Fellowship Program
 - Proposal writing experience
 - Bias toward Interdisciplinary Collaborations
 - IGERT, UIF, hopefully more.
 - User Facility
 - Students are Trained Users AND become "Trainers" of Others

New Educational Strategies: IGERT NSF/NCI Graduate Training Program

Path to a UW
Nanotechnology Ph.D.

University of Washington <i>Incoming Graduate Students</i>		
Admission into a "Home" Department		
Arts&Sciences Phys.& Chem. Mac.Sc.	Engineering BioE, ChemE, BE, Mac.Sc.	Medical School BioChem, BioE, Genome Science, Physiol& Biophys

Doctoral Requirements of Home Department

Fulfillment of all

Optional Degree Program in "Nanotechnology"

Requirements:

Interdisciplinary Course Work

Research Thesis in Nanoscale Science and/or Nanotechnology

Frontiers in Nanotechnology

Nanotechnology Seminar

Options:

Competition for Graduate Student Awards in Nanotechnology
(funded by NSF-IGERT and the UW)

Hands-on Training and Research in the NanoTech User Facility

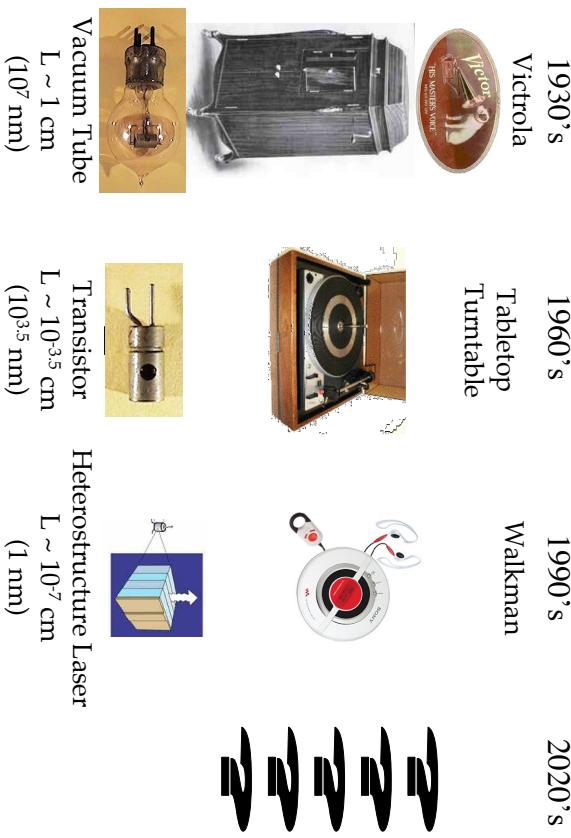
Membership in Nanotech Student Association

Mentoring Program

Industrial Internship and Research at PNNL

*Graduation with
"Ph.D. in 'Home Department' and
Nanotechnology"*

Miniaturization

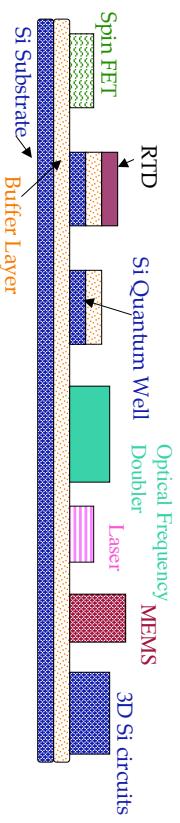


Part 2: Olmstead & Fain Group Research

Nanostructures of Dissimilar Materials

Silicon-based Nanoelectronics

Spintronics and Optoelectronics + Miniaturized Si Microelectronics



- Need Silicon-Compatible Materials for:

- Ferromagnetic Injectors
- Non-linear/polarization dependent optics
- Light emission
- High-k dielectric gates
- Non-volatile Memory

In_xSe_z , Ge-Sb-Te



Vacuum Tube
L ~ 1 cm
(10⁷ nm)



Transistor
L ~ 10^{-3.5} cm
(10^{3.5} nm)

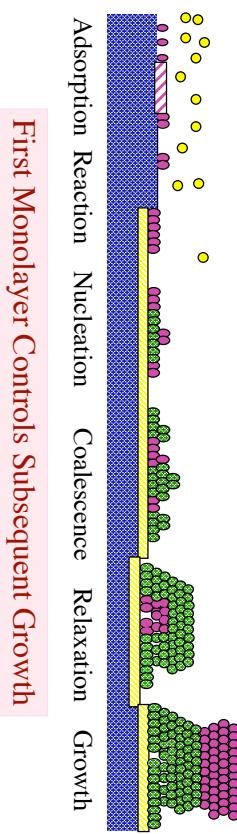


Heterostructure Laser
L ~ 10⁻⁷ cm
(1 nm)

Requires Atomically Controlled Interfaces Between Dissimilar Materials

Nanoscale Action \Rightarrow Macroscopic Results

- Factors We Can Control --
 - Temperature
 - Surface Composition
- Factors We Must Deal With --
 - Strain (lattice mismatch)
 - Surface Structure (steps, defects, symmetry)
 - Chemical Reactions (interface compounds)
 - Surface Energetics (diffusion, surface energy)
- Flux
- Average Step Spacing



First Monolayer Controls Subsequent Growth

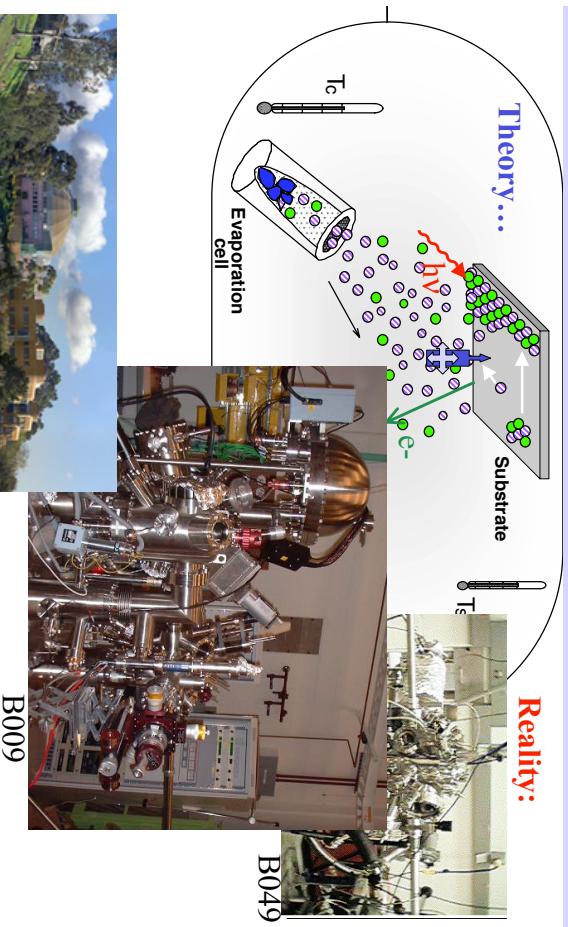
Common Themes in our Research

- Quantify Correlations between Thermodynamics, Kinetics and Nanostructure Properties
- Develop New Materials and Methods to Fabricate Si-compatible Quantum Nanostructures
- Establish a Unifying Predictive Framework for Heteroepitaxy of Dissimilar Materials
- Investigate Physics Underlying Nanoscale Characterization Techniques

Experimental Probes

Technique	Information
• High Resolution Microscopy	• Nanoscale Structure
– Scanning Tunneling	
– Atomic Force	
– Magnetic Force	
• Low Energy Electron Diffraction	• Average Atomic Structure
• X-ray Diffraction	
• Photoemission Spectroscopy	• Chemical Environments
• Photoelectron Diffraction	• Local Structure
– Scanned Energy & Angle	– Bond Lengths/Angles
– Component-Resolved	– Symmetry
• Valence Band Spectroscopy	• Electronic State Density
– Scanned Energy & Angle	– Surface/Bulk
• Ion Scattering Spectroscopy	• Surface Elemental Composition
• SQuID Magnetometry	• Magnetic Properties

How it's done ...



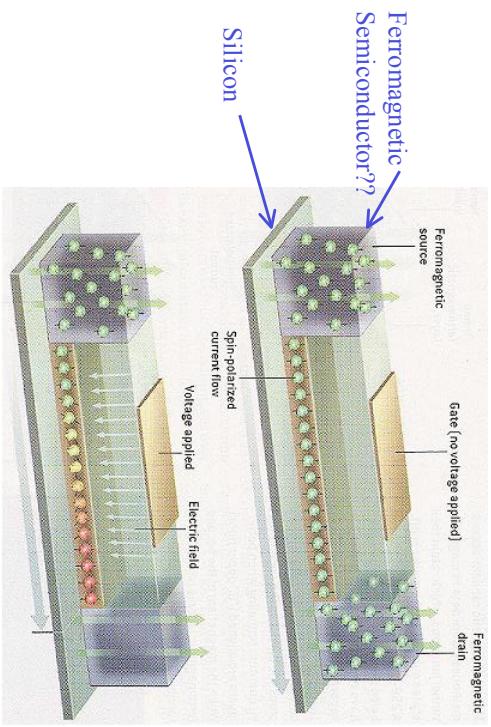
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ALS-Berkeley

Recent Fain Group Publications

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- J. M. K. Donev, Q. Yu, B. R. Long, R. K. Bollinger, and S. C. Fain, Jr., "Non-Contact Atomic Force Microscopy Studies of Ultra-Thin Films of Amorphous Solid Water Deposited on Au(111)," J. Chem. Phys. 123, 044706 (2005).
- S. L. Tait, L. T. Ngo, Q. Yu, S. C. Fain, Jr., and C. T. Campbell, "Growth and Sintering of Pd Clusters on α -Al₂O₃(0001)," J. Chem. Phys. 122, 064712 (2005).
- B. Pittenger, S.C. Fain, Jr., M.J. Cochran, J. M. K. Donev, B.E. Robertson, A. Szuchmacher, R.M. Overney, "Premelting at ice-solid interfaces studied via velocity dependent indentation with force microscope tips," Phys Rev B 63, 134102 (1 April 2001)
- S. C. Fain, Jr., K. A. Barry, M. G. Bush, B. Pittenger, and R. N. Louie, "Measuring Average Tip-sample Forces in Intermittent-contact (Tapping) Force Microscopy in Air," Appl. Phys. Lett. 76, 930-932 (14 Feb 2000).
- See <http://faculty.washington.edu/fain>



Example: Silicon-based Spintronics

Utilization of electron spin in electronic devices.

Recent Olmstead Group Publications

- Heteroepitaxial Growth of the Intrinsic Vacancy Semiconductor Al₂Se₃ on Si(111): Initial Structure and Morphology, submitted to Physical Review B.
- Laser and Electrical Current Induced Phase Transformation of In₂Se₃: Semiconductor Thin Film on Si(111)**, Applied Physics A to be published.
- Semiconducting chalcogenide buffer layer for oxide heteroepitaxy on Si(001), Applied Physics Letters 88 181903 (2006).
- Perovskite termination influence in oxide heteroepitaxy, Journal of Applied Physics 99 113521 (2006).
- Contrast in scanning probe microscopy images of ultra-thin insulator films, Applied Physics Letters, 88 063107 (2006).
- Electronic structure evolution during the growth of ultra-thin insulator films on semiconductors: from interface formation to bulk-like CaF₂/Si(111) films, Physical Review B 72, 204336 (2005).
- Chemical passivity of III-VI bilayer terminated Si(111), Applied Physics Letters 87, 171906/1-3 (2005).
- Intrinsic vacancy induced nanoscale wire structure in heteroepitaxial Ga₂Se₃ /Si(001)**, Physical Review Letters, 94, 116102 (2005) Cover photo of March 25, 2005 Issue.
- Atomically resolved imaging of a CaF bilayer on Si(111): subsurface atoms and the image contrast in scanning force microscopy, Phys. Rev. B 69, 34505 (2004).
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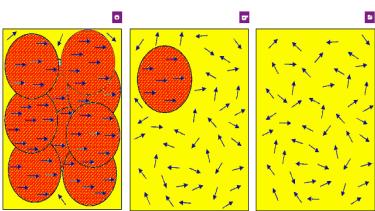
Possible Solution: DMS

• Dilute Magnetic Semiconductor

- Conductance comparable to silicon channel
- Use variable electron density to control magnetism

• TM dopants add spin

- Couple spins with free carriers



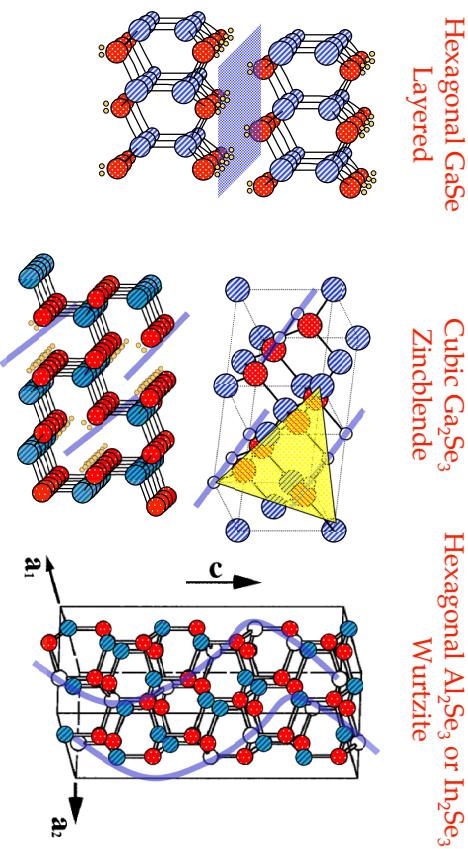
What material?

- Device Requirements
 - Ferromagnetic above room temperature
 - Efficient, spin-preserving transport into silicon
- Translation to Materials Requirements
 - Lattice matched to silicon
 - Impedance matched -- Semiconductor
 - Large exchange interaction

Candidate Materials:

Transition Metal Doped Semiconductors

- Mn in GaAs: FM, but only below $\sim 100\text{K}$
- Co or Cr in TiO₂: Thin films ferromagnetic at RT
- Mn or Cr in Ga₂Se₃: New material we propose



III-VI Semiconductor Crystal Structure



- Vacancies plus sp³ bonding
- Structural variety
- Multiple dopant sites
- Non-linear optical properties
- Unique growth morphologies

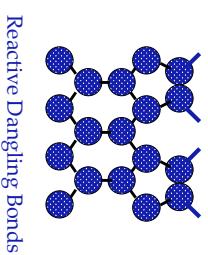
- Al_xSe_y, Ga_xSe_y or In_xSe_y = Conventional Semiconductor + e-
- Wide band gap semiconductor
- Lattice matched with Si
- Extra electron leads to:
- As Remains at Interface
- Crystalline Ga_xSe_y
 - 2x1 LEED Pattern
 - Strong Photoelectron Diffraction

Si-compatible III-VI Semiconductors

Cubic Substrate: Si(001)

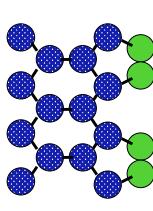
• GaSe on pristine Si(001) 2x1

- Se-Si Reaction
- Amorphous Layer
 - No LEED Pattern
 - No Photoelectron Diffraction Structure



• GaSe on As-terminated Si(001) 2x1

- As Remains at Interface
- Crystalline Ga_xSe_y
 - 2x1 LEED Pattern
 - Strong Photoelectron Diffraction



Flexible Bonding Configuration: Vacancies and Lone Pairs

Planes

Lines

Helices

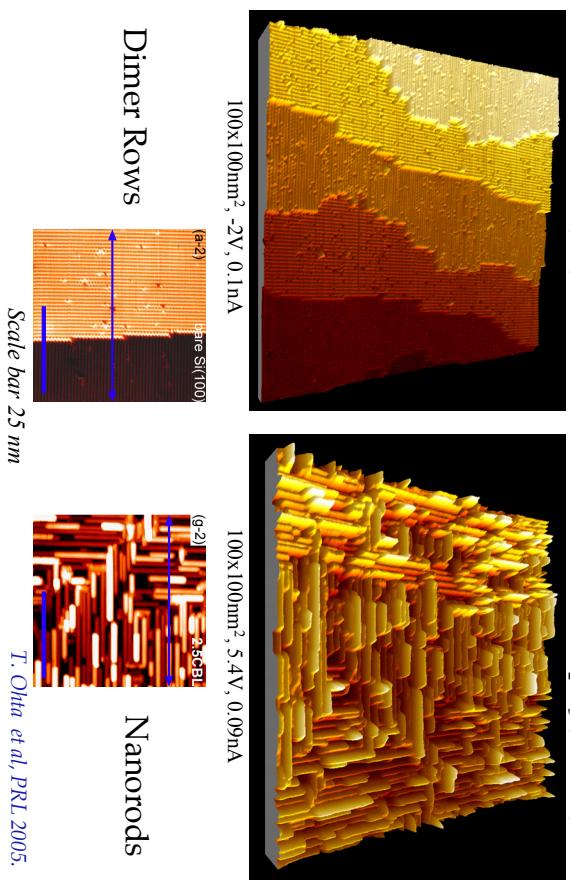
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Passivated Reconstruction
Reactive when Open Dimers

S. Meng Thesis (UW) 2000.

Ga_xSe_y Growth on Si(001)

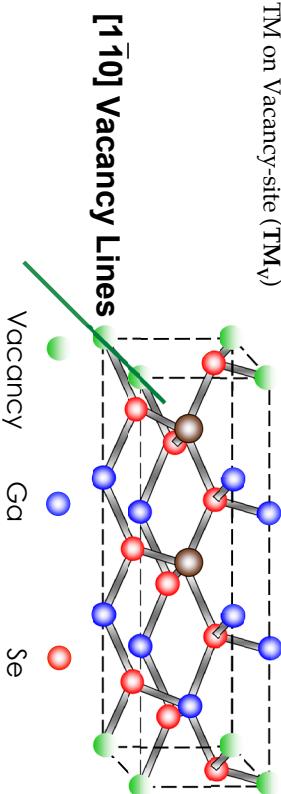
bare Si(100) Zinc-blende Ga_2Se_3 (2.5CBL)



Current Research Direction: Dope Ga_2Se_3



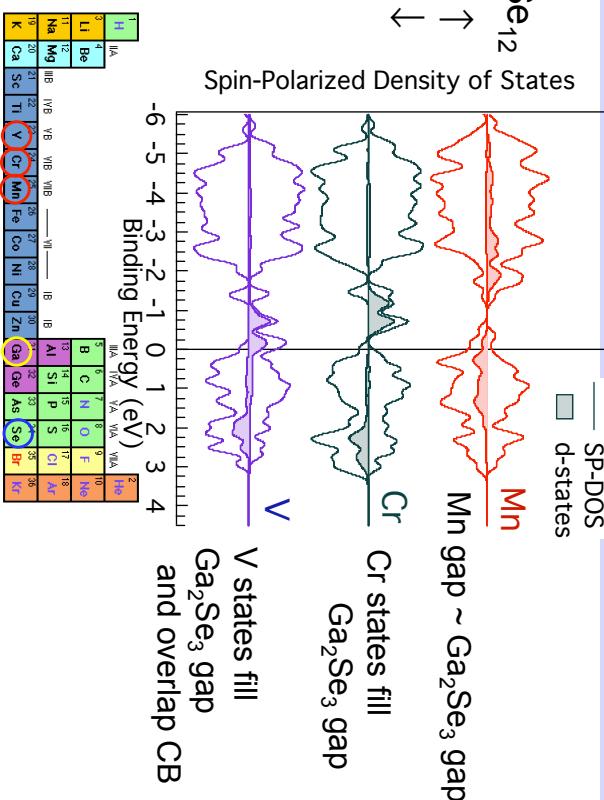
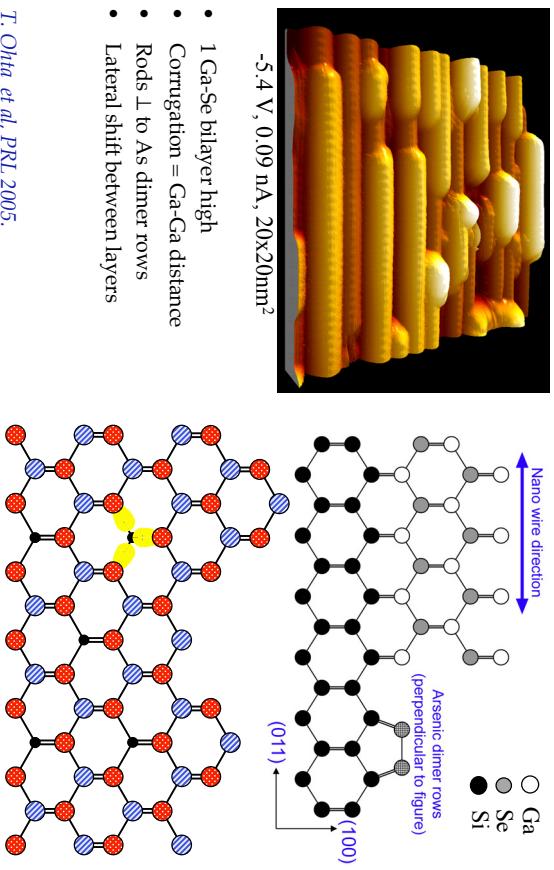
- Zincblende, with Ordered Vacancies
- $E_g \sim 2.3$ eV
- Lattice Matched to Si (0.1% mismatch)
- Two cation sites available for TM doping
 - TM on Ga-site (TM_{Ga})
 - TM on Vacancy-site (TM_V)



Theoretical Prediction

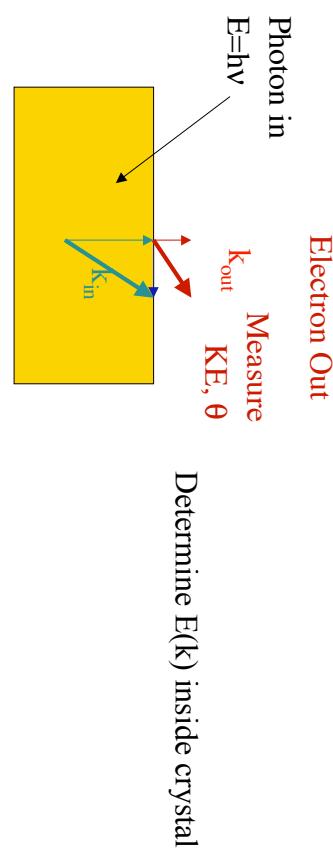


+ = spin \uparrow
- = spin \downarrow

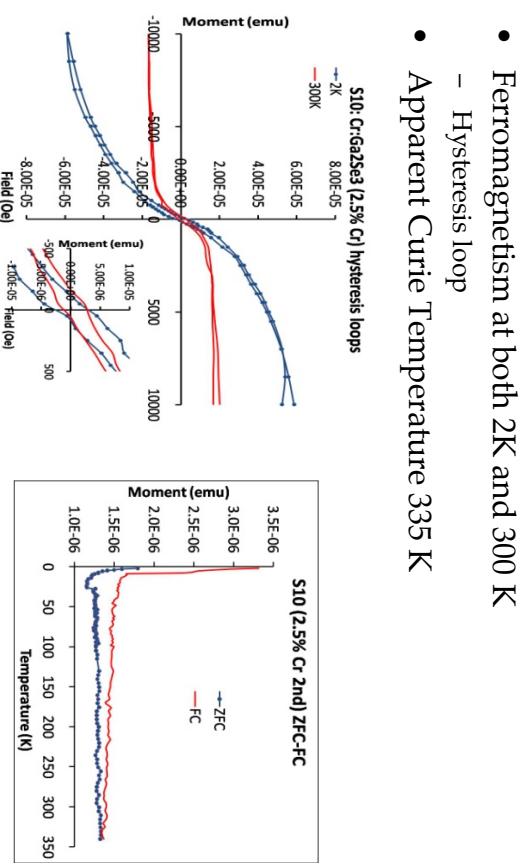


Ga_2Se_3 Nanoridge Structure \Rightarrow Growth

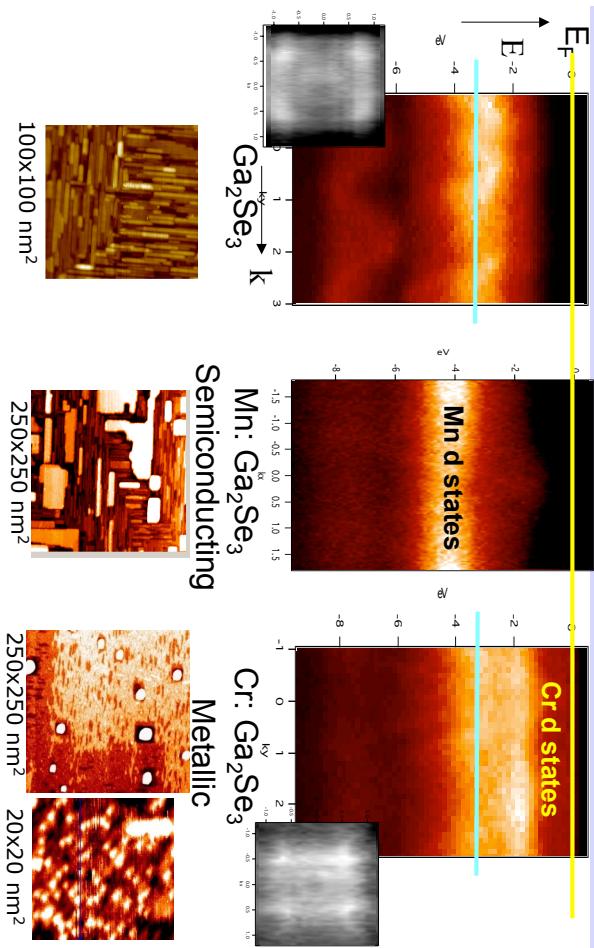
Angle-Resolved Photoemission



Cr-doped = Magnetic



Experimental Bands



Phase Change Chalcogenides

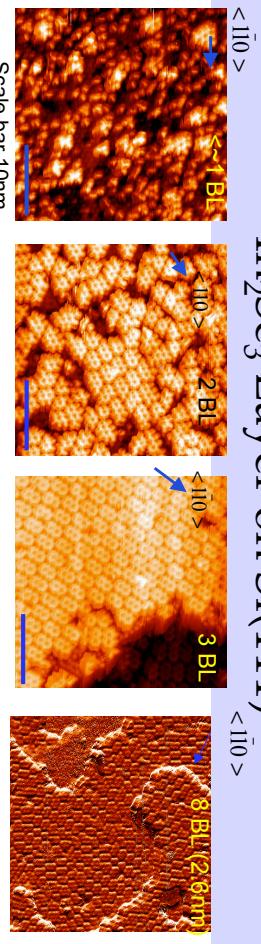
- Amorphous – Crystalline Phases
 - Different reflectivity
 - Different resistivity
- Ge₂Sb₂Te₅ (GST)
 - used in commercial DVD, CD-RW
 - 20% cation sites = vacancy



Collaborations:

- PNNL, Richland
- Micron, Boise
- NIMS, Japan

In₂Se₃ Layer on Si(111)



Laminar film despite 7.3% lattice mismatch
Indicating the heterointerface is discommensurate

Reverse phase change

Amorphous → Crystalline : resistive annealing

Crystalline → Amorphous: melting and quenching

In₂Se₃ Phase Change

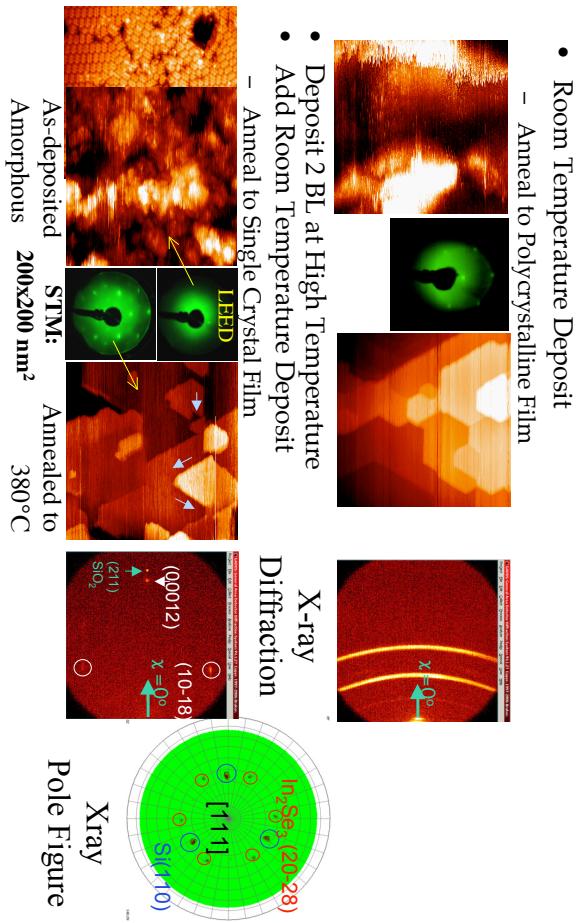
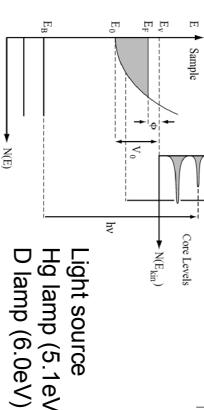
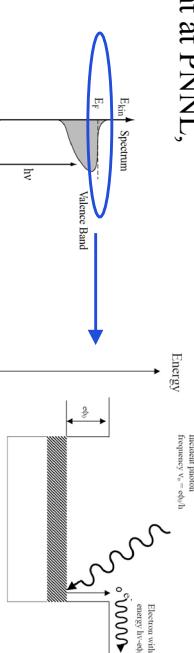


Photo Electron Emission Microscopy (PEEM)

Instrument at PNNL,
Richland



❖ Microscopy: real space information.

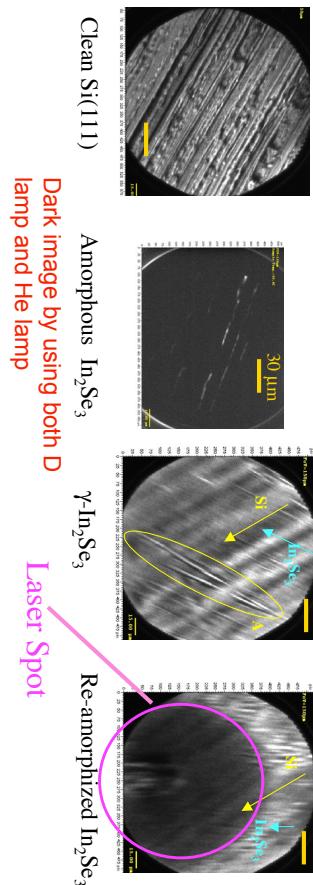
– Image contrast often reflects
surface chemical composition, phase, and
surface dipole.

Equipped with laser
for melting and quenching

PEEM (resonant)
Scale 12

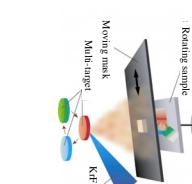
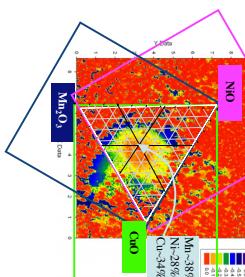
Reverse phase change: PEEM with laser

Hg lamp, 5.1eV

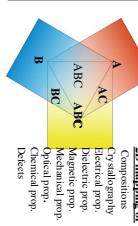


PES: work function change is 0.39eV during phase transformation
Amorphous phase has many electron traps giving dark images

Reverse phase change



Collaboration with Micron (Boise)



- Spintronics: Study role of TM impurities
 - Growth kinetics and morphology
 - Electronic structure
 - Magnetic properties (MMF shared with MSE)
- Nanostructure Phase Change Memory
 - Role of via in controlling phase stability and uniformity
 - Role of size in controlling energy budget and phase transformation
- Combinatorial Materials -- Novel selenide materials
 - Explore alloy and processing space for new materials
 - Non-volatile memory applications

Future Directions

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University of Washington <i>Incoming Graduate Students</i>					
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Arts&Sciences	Engineering	Phys&Chem	BioE, ChemE, EE,	Biotech, BioE,	Genome Sci., Physiol&Biophys

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