## **13. SHARED AND OTHER EXPERIMENTAL FACILITIES**

The shared facilities are operated to encourage both hands-on research by experienced and qualified users, and as educational tools for students and researchers from other disciplines who can benefit from their use. A broad-range of facilities teaches students the skills of nanofabrication, imaging, and synthesis that they will need after graduation, and open new avenues of investigations for all disciplines. The shared experimental facilities play a special role in fostering interdisciplinary exchanges. The facilities are the natural meeting places where students from all parts of the Center learn from one another and share technical expertise.



**Figure 13.1.** Computer aided design of the new Laboratory for Integrated Science and Engineering (LISE) building (*left*) and the completed building at Harvard University (*right*).

## **New Laboratory Construction**

Harvard University supported the construction of a new, 135,000 sq. ft. Laboratory for Integrated Science and Engineering (LISE). The Faculty Planning Committee viewed the construction of LISE, in close proximity to other science buildings in the north Yard, as a singular opportunity to create a research environment that will centralize major experimental facilities and foster cross-disciplinary research. The principal architect of LISE was Jose Rafael Moneo who served as Chairman of the Architecture Department of the Harvard Graduate School of Design (1985–1990). The building includes extensive vibration-free space to house the shared facilities including major cleanroom and nanofabrication facilities, advanced imaging laboratories, and facilities for materials synthesis. The building also has space for new faculty (Interdisciplinary Research Laboratories) to advance cross-disciplinary research. A third programmatic element is common space to promote collaborative exchanges. The building opened in the Summer of 2007 (Fig. 13.1). University project costs were greater than \$150 M. The University is also supporting the acquisition of new instrumentation for LISE as well as the relocation of current equipment, from five different buildings where the shared facilities had been located.

Harvard University supported the construction of a new building in the north Yard at 60 Oxford Street. The top two floors, along with one floor in the adjacent Engineering Sciences Lab (ESL) at 40 Oxford Street are home facultv now to in Bioengineering. Assistant Professor Parker's laboratories have been finished in this space which has been an impetus for collaborative work in the Tools for Integrated Nanobiology Cluster, for example. The University has also recently completed the construction of new laboratory space for undergraduate bioengineering



**Figure 13.2.** New bioengineering undergraduate teaching laboratories in Pierce Hall.

training (Fig. 13.2). These recent buildings and teaching laboratories will continue to pull the science community together, across traditional departmental boundaries and be spaces where researchers can interact in new common experimental and training facilities.



**Figure 13.3.** Jiangdong Deng, CNS staff member, using the new Asylum MFP-3D AFM instrument in

LISE.

In January 1999 Harvard announced the commitment to launch several new interdisciplinary research centers in the sciences. The faculty had identified a strong scientific and technological need for the understanding and development of mesoscale materials and structures. This new challenge would require sophisticated facilities for imaging, nanofabrication, synthesis, and growth (Fig. 13.3). The Center for Imaging and Mesoscale Structures (CIMS) was born from this vision. Halperin, Co-PI of NSEC, was the first Scientific Director of CIMS. Harvard University supports the Center for Imaging and Mesoscale

Structures (CIMS) to support research and education in the area of nanotechnology and mesoscale science. A main mission of CIMS is the provision, operation and maintenance of complex facilities for imaging and fabrication. CIMS began to purchase equipment and hire technical staff as well as construct a second cleanroom in the basement of the Gordon McKay Laboratory. The management of the shared facilities at Harvard from CIMS, MRSEC and NSEC were integrated in 2002; the management boards of these Centers work closely together. Importantly, instrumentation for new CIMS facilities are

# **Integrated Management of Facilities and Technical Staff**

open to all students, research associates, staff and faculty of the NSEC (regardless of institution), and to all NSEC collaborators. This integration made CIMS the main source for centralized user facilities in the Oxford Street science campus. In September 2004, <u>Marcus</u> became the Scientific Director of CIMS. In April 2005, CIMS was renamed to



the Center for Nanoscale Systems and they launched their new website (<u>www.cns.fas.harvard.edu</u>). In January 2006, Eric Martin joined CNS from Avici Systems (North Billerica, MA) as the Technical Director (Fig. 13.4).

CNS has sixteen full-time technical staff members and the available instrumentation is organized in three thematic areas: Imaging and Analysis; Nanofabrication (including cleanroom operation); and Materials Synthesis. The complete list of instrumentation is given at: (www.cns.fas.harvard.edu/facilities/).

The most recent instrumentation includes а 200KV Zeiss Libra Monochromated TEM/STEM with incolumn energy filter to do high resolution TEM and STEM, energy dispersive X-ray analysis (EDS) and electron energy-loss spectroscopy (EELS). The resolution for this



**Figure 13.4.** Eric Martin, CNS Technical Director, describing the new clean room facilities in LISE to a visiting Japanese delegation.

instrument is 1.4 Å with an energy resolution of 0.4 eV for energy filter. Two new field emission scanning electron microscopes have also been installed: a Zeiss Ultra, with ultimate imaging resolution of 1 nm and a Zeiss Supra for imaging and analytical work equipped with electron beam diffraction analysis (EBSD) and EDS. CNS also has a new Elionix STS-7000 E-beam system for nanometer electron-beam lithography. A new multi-beam FIB system, a Zeiss NVision 40, has just arrived that will be used for microfabrication, patterning and sample preparation.

CNS makes a direct, cost-sharing contribution to the NSEC through annual equipment acquisitions. The support and operation of the shared experimental facilities are the responsibility of CNS, with the only recharge to CNS from the NSEC in the form of user fees. The CNS annual budget for the technical staff and operating costs of the shared facilities (\$3 M/yr.) represents substantial leveraging of the NSF/NSEC support.

#### National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN)

UC Santa Barbara and Harvard University are two of the thirteen members of the

National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN) began in March 2004. CNS is also responsible for managing the Harvard portion of the NNIN activity (www.nnin.org) that further reaches out to a national user base. The areas of focus at Harvard are soft lithography and the



assembly of nanoparticle and molecular electronics; theoretical simulations of electron states and transport in nanoscale systems. These areas have significant overlap with research in the NSEC.

<u>Michael Stopa</u> leads the coordination of the computational initiative in NNIN (Fig. 13.5). <u>Stopa</u> was previously at NTT in Japan and gave several seminars as part of the international exchange programs of the NSEC. Like the NNIN experimental program, NNIN/C is a multi-university initiative, the object of which is to establish a national computing resource that provides hardware resources and simulation tools dedicated to nanoscience research for the academic and industrial research communities. The software tools include commercial software packages for design and analysis, of nanometer scale devices as well as some of the latest academic advances in nanoscale modeling and simulation software. A workshop Synergy Between Experiment and Computation in Nanoscale Science was recently held (Fig. 13.5) that attracted over 100 participants, from other NNIN computational sites, across the nation, and from 12 countries. NSEC speakers at the workshop included <u>Heller, Kaxiras, Marcus</u>, and <u>Whitesides</u>.



**Figure 13.5.** <u>Michael Stopa</u> talks with participants at a NISE-net forum meeting following his presentation (*left*); NNIN/C workshop on Synergy between Experiment and Computation (*right*).

Fettah Kosar (Fig. 13.6) oversees the operation of the Soft Lithography Foundry (SLF) which supports academic and industrial researchers and trains users on master

fabrication and soft lithography. Fettah completed his Ph.D. in Bioengineering and Nanotechnology from the University of Washington in 2005. Before joining CNS, Kosar was a senior fellow in Paul Yager's group at UW, working on the design and development of a microfluidic point-of-care system for the rapid and on-the-field diagnosis of life-threatening infectious diseases in third-world countries. CNS recently organized a Soft Lithography Technical Forum, which was held on Harvard University with <u>George Whitesides</u> as the keynote speaker (Fig. 13.6). The main goal of the Forum



**Figure 13.6.** Fettah Kosar (*left*); <u>George</u> <u>Whitesides</u> (*right*) giving the keynote presentation at the Soft Lithography Technical Forum.

was to disseminate and share technical knowledge and practical information on soft lithography across NNIN sites, as well as to educate and train NNIN personnel on some basic soft lithography techniques. Subject matter included overviews from participating sites, expert presentations, hands-on training sessions, laboratory demos, and tours of functional facilities.

### **User Statistics**

The shared facilities are heavily subscribed with more than 650 users from March 2007 through February 2008. Users came from many different institutions and varied technical fields. Below (Fig. 13.7) is statistical information of the shared facility users. Note that the Other category in the Institution Type chart includes small and large corporations, state and federal agencies, and international institutions. Also, most projects cut across many technical fields. In fact, it is part of the mission of CNS and NNIN to promote such interdisciplinary research. However, for the sake of tracking trends, users must select only one technical field when applying to the CNS/NNIN User Program.

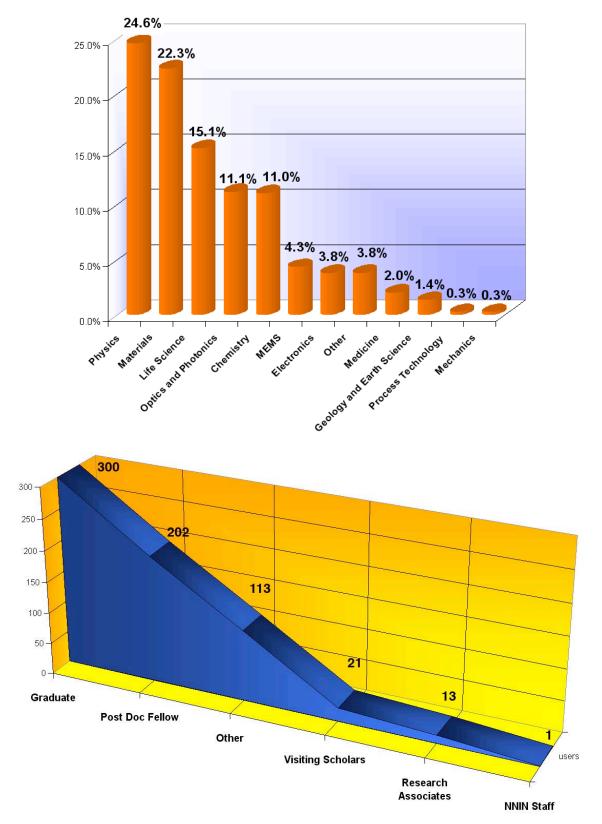


Figure 13.7. Shared Facilities user statistics from March 2007 to February 2008.

# **Student Training and Safety**

Equally important to the acquisition of state-of-the-art instrumentation in the pursuit of our research program, is the availability of talented technical staff that provides training through regularly scheduled courses and hands-on laboratory instruction. The technical staff ensures that environmental health and safety procedures are followed and guidance is provided until researchers are certified as self-users. The staff also helps researchers develop new fabrication processes and measurements techniques, and upgrade equipment in response to changing research needs.

These cutting-edge instruments also are used in many of the Research Experience for Undergraduate (REU) and Teacher (RET) projects and, in many cases, are resources that are not available to many participants in these summer research programs back at their



**Figure 13.8.** (*Left*) Dr. Steve Cronin and Sasha Stolyarov (REU, Univ. Texas, Dallas) working in one of the cleanrooms; (*right*) Joseph Cox (REU, Eastern Nazarene College) and Visiting Professor John Free, during the summer research experience program.

home institutions (Fig. 13.8). This is an important illustration how the NSEC brings together talented researchers, who serve as mentors for undergraduates and teachers, technical staff with expertise, and essential (and often sophisticated) experimental facilities. Sasha Stolyarov (above) returned to Harvard after finishing his undergraduate degree at the Univ. of Texas at Dallas and entered Harvard as a graduate student in the Department of Physics. Sasha was awarded an NSF Graduate Fellowship.

# **Other Facilities**

Center participants have access to other imaging, clean room, and synthesis facilities at MIT and UC Santa Barbara. With the installation of three new systems (Fig. 13.9), there are now a total of eight different MBE machines available for sample growth at UC Santa Barbara (www.materials.ucsb.edu/~mbe/lablayout.html). NSEC work has also benefited by the addition of an atomic hydrogen source for enhanced cleaning of the semiconductor surfaces and recently added electron beam evaportation sources are now operational that offer increased capabilities for metallization steps. The NSEC has supported exchanges through the travel program by students who are expert in materials



**Figure 13.9.** (*Left*) The new Engineering Sciences Laboratory which is home to the Nanofabrication Facilities (*right*) at UC Santa Barbara.

growth (UC Santa Barbara) to meet with students working in transport measurement (Cambridge). It is been very valuable in moving research forward for these different groups to gain an understanding of each others' approaches and capabilities. The National Laboratories have excellent capabilities that also help NSEC researchers, particularly those in micro-electromechanical structure (MEMS) fabrication facilities at Sandia (www.cint.lanl.gov). Westervelt serves on the Advisory Board of CINT.

Center participants also benefit strongly from international collaborations with Delft University of Technology in The Netherlands, and the University of Tokyo, the Institute for Industrial Research and NTT in Japan. These institutions are world leaders in mesoscopic science and engineering. Leo Kouwenhoven has created a visiting program with Delft to exchange students and share facilities for collaborative research. Hiroyuki Sakaki and Seigo Tarucha are also coordinating visits with the University of Tokyo, the Institute for Industrial Research, and NTT for the design and fabrication, and testing of nanoscale structures (see also NSEC International Workshops in *12. Outreach and Knowledge Transfer*, above). Our international collaborators have contributed to the travel support for student exchanges and to support joint workshops.

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