

Materials Science and Engineering Program

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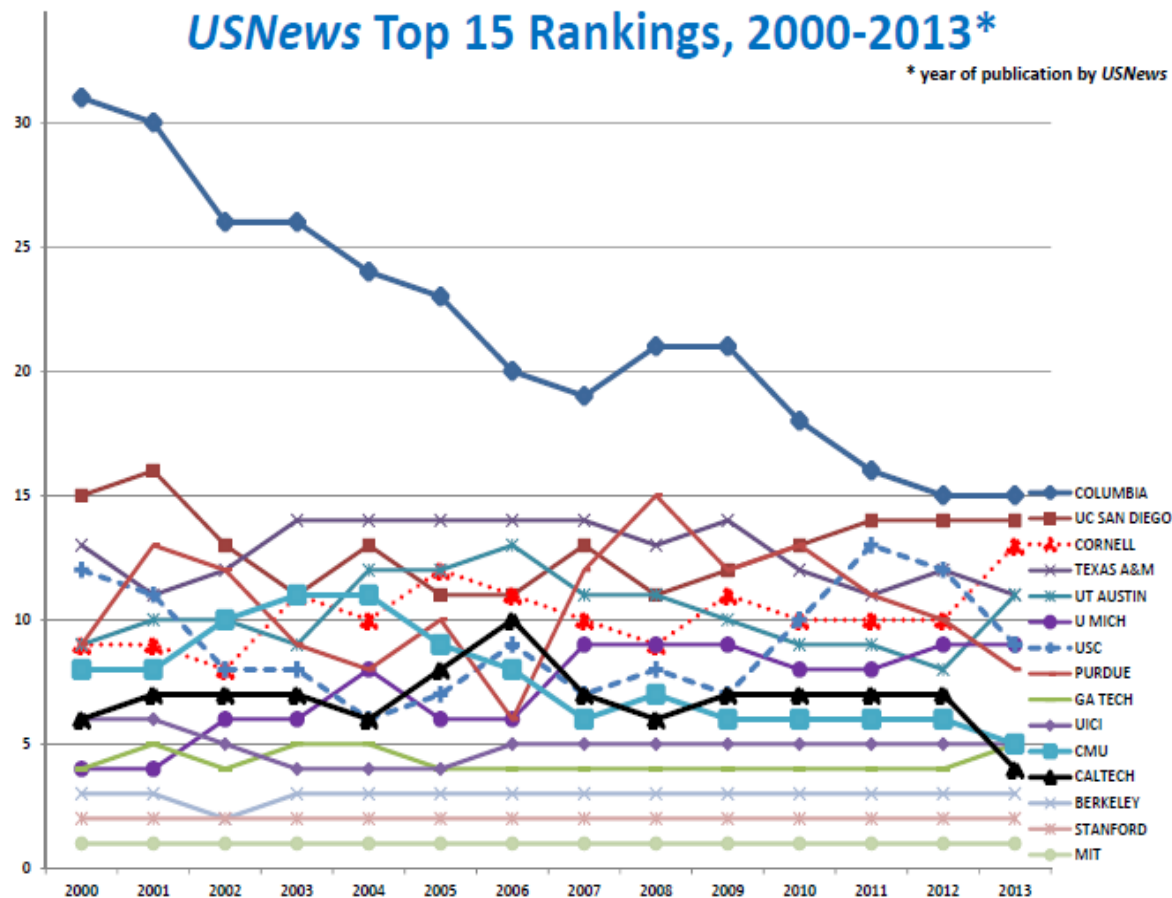
Department of Applied Physics
and Applied Mathematics



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The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science

Rankings: Engineering School

- Good trend over last 20 years



2016 Ranking: 13

2018 Ranking: 12

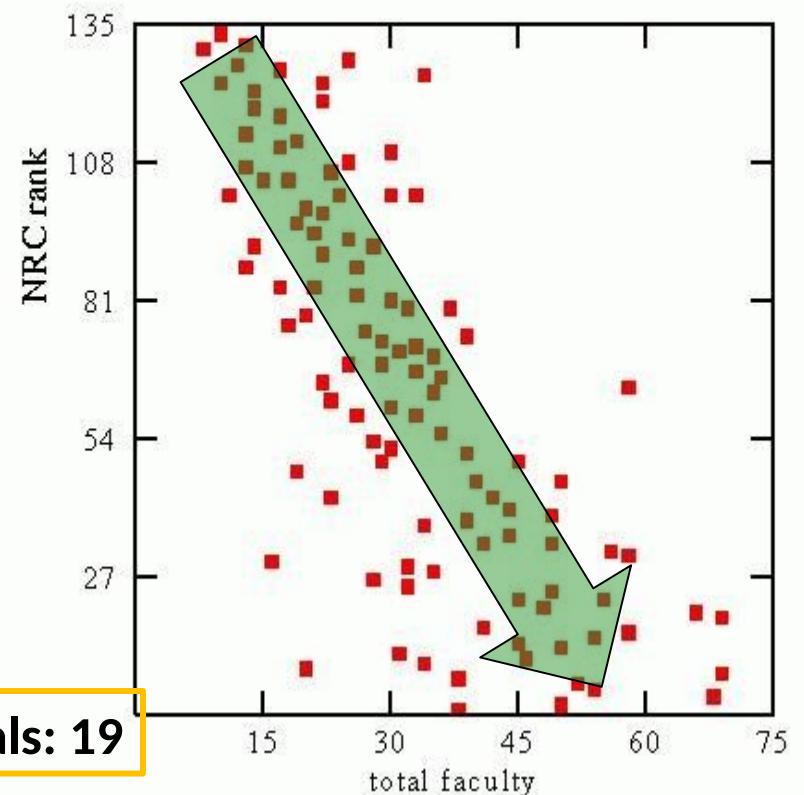
2019 Ranking: 11

2021 Ranking: 14

Rankings: Materials Science

- Size Matters:
 - Plot shows NRC rankings of (physics) departments vs. number of faculty
- Columbia MSE program ranks well for size

2016 USNWR Ranking for Columbia Materials: 19



CU Faculty Focused on Materials Research

- MSE faculty = 8
- MSE+ AP/SS = 12
- MSE + SS + Physics = 17
- Materials + SS + Physics + Other SEAS = 25 ?
- Materials + SS + Physics + SEAS+ Chem = 34 ?

These are conservative estimates.

We prefer you work within APAM, but there are options in other departments.

Why Choose Columbia Materials Science?

1. Looks good on your CV
2. You can go wherever you want from here
3. There are interdisciplinary opportunities (collaborative projects with other departments)
4. Excellent students (not just in MSE, also APAM, SEAS and GSAS)
5. It is in New York City

Where do you want to go from here?

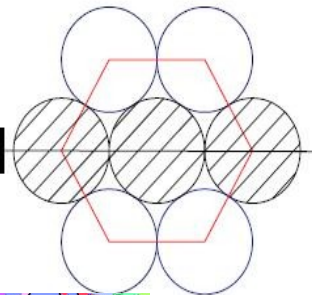
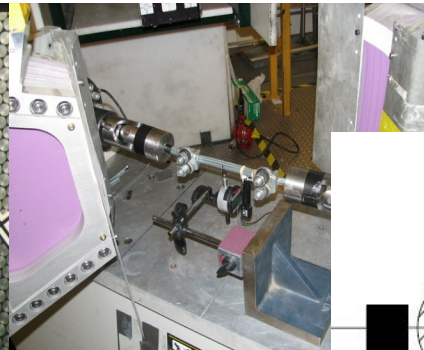
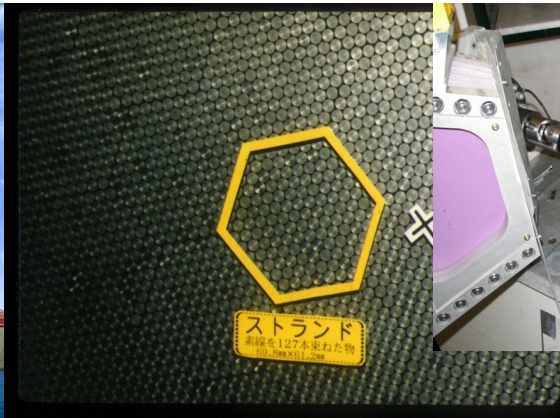
- Get a faculty position
- Get a research job in industry
- Work at as a researcher at a National Lab
- I want to get involved in venture capital and a tech startup
- Become a quant at an investment bank on Wall St. and become very rich

What do you want to do?

- I want to work on applied problems



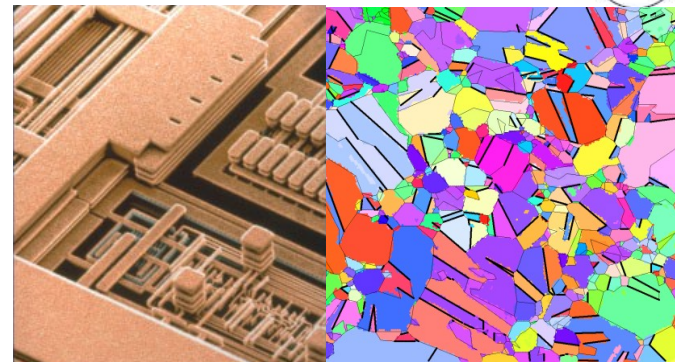
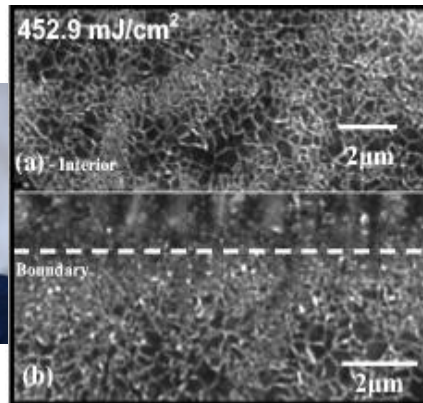
Noyan



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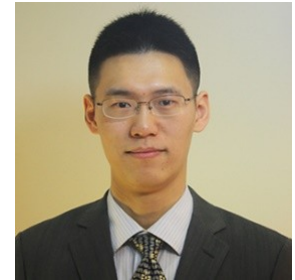


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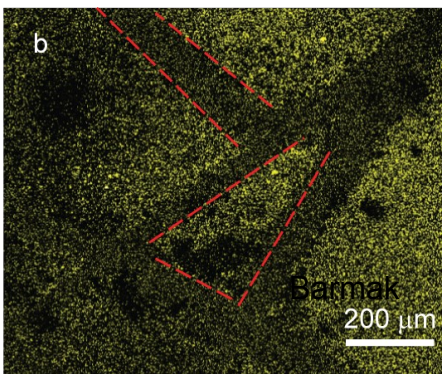
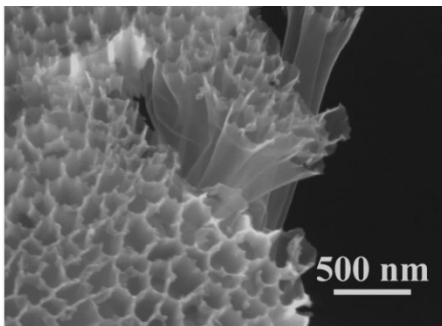
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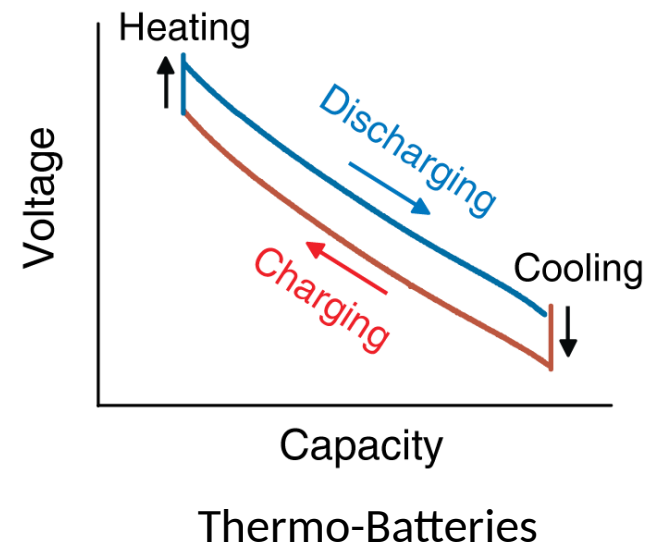
Material Design & Characterizations



Next Generation Batteries and Thermal Energy Harvesting



High-energy Flow batteries



What do you want to do?

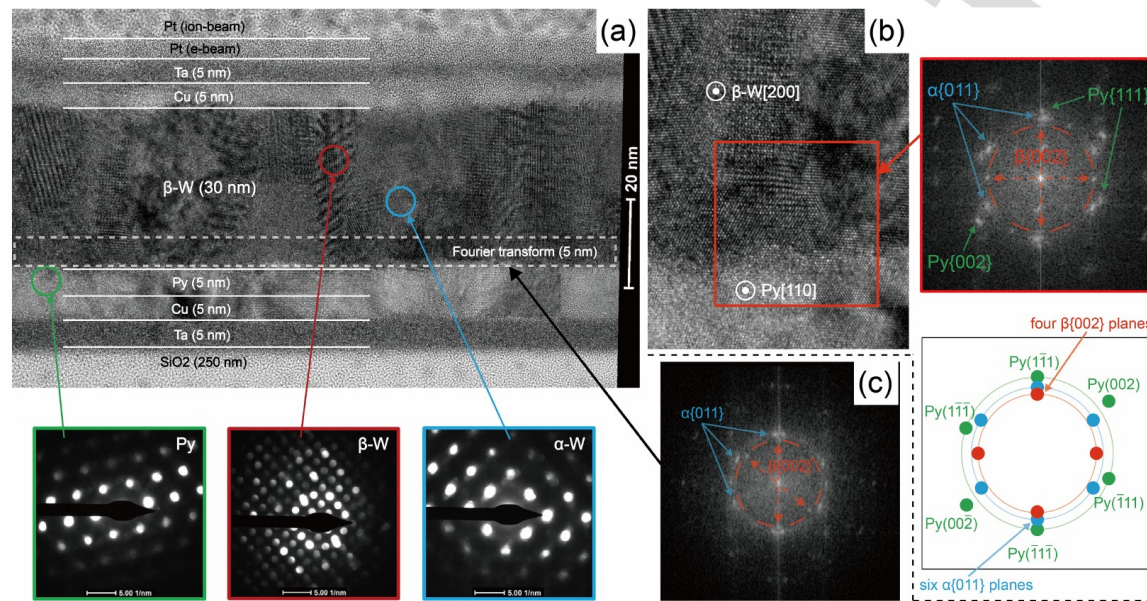
- I want to work on the next generation of electronics (thin films, heterostructures)



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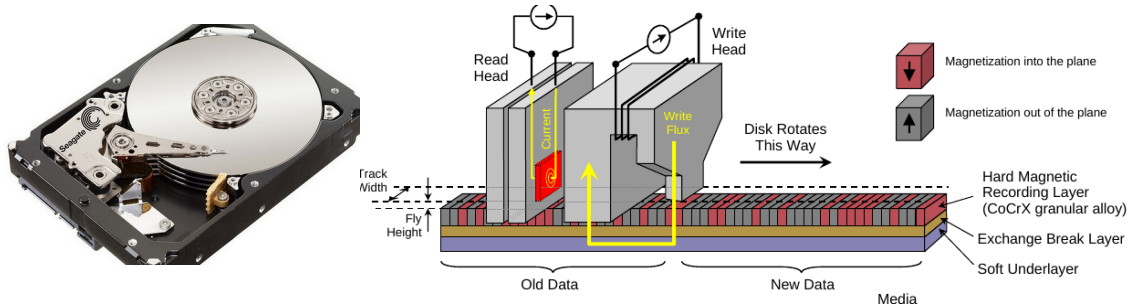


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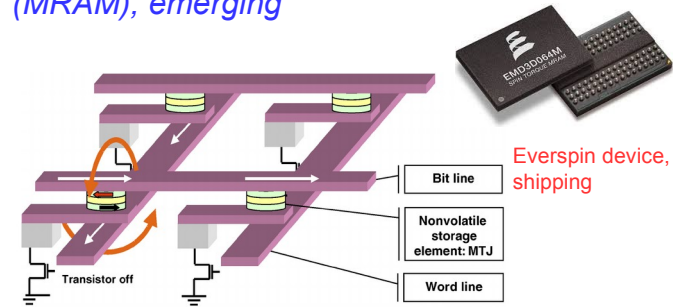


Hard disk drives (HDD): \$30B/yr in sales



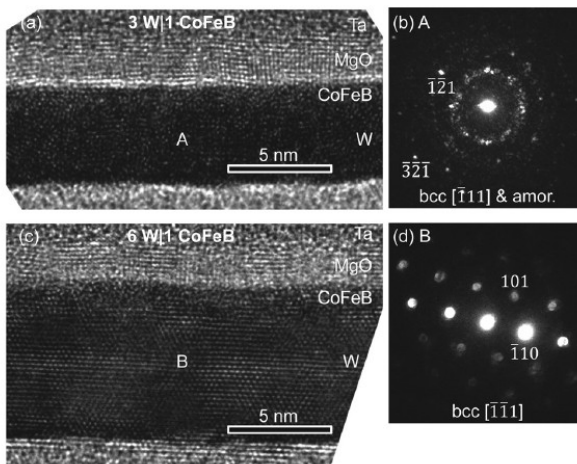
courtesy R. New, HGST/Western Digital

Magnetic random access memory (MRAM), emerging



B. Dieny, L. Prejabanu, SPINTEC (2017)

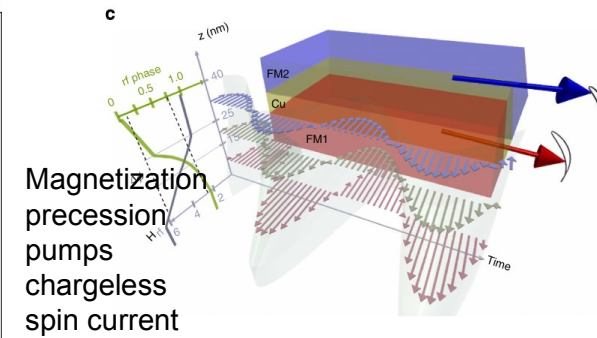
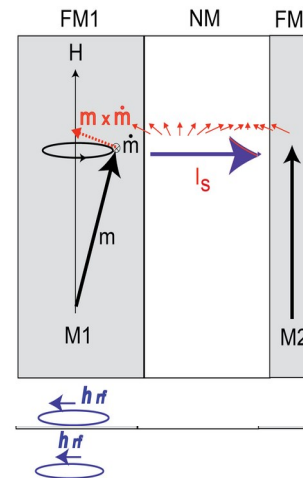
Materials: ultrathin films & heterostructures



Ultrathin tungsten films for giant spin Hall effects

Liu et al *APL* 107 232408 (2015)

Study of new physical phenomena



Magnetization precession pumps chargeless spin current

Bailey et al *Nature Comms* 4 2025 (2013)

What do you want to do?

- I want to work on 2D / quantum materials. I heard they are really hot right now.

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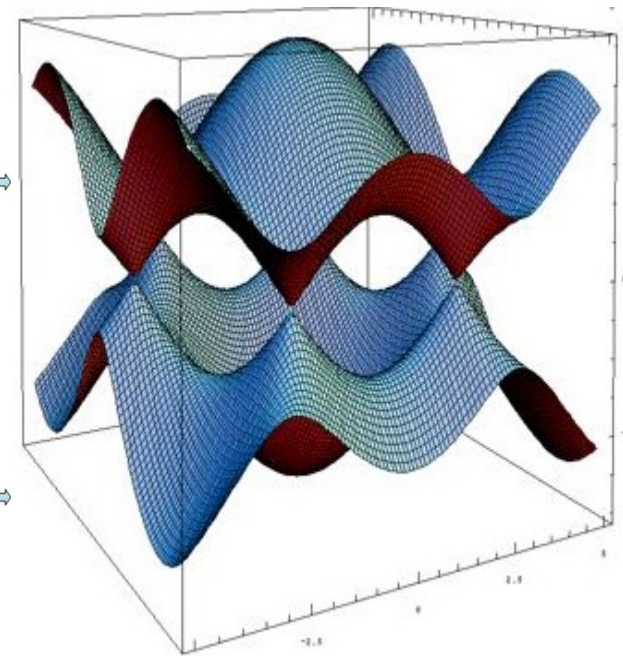
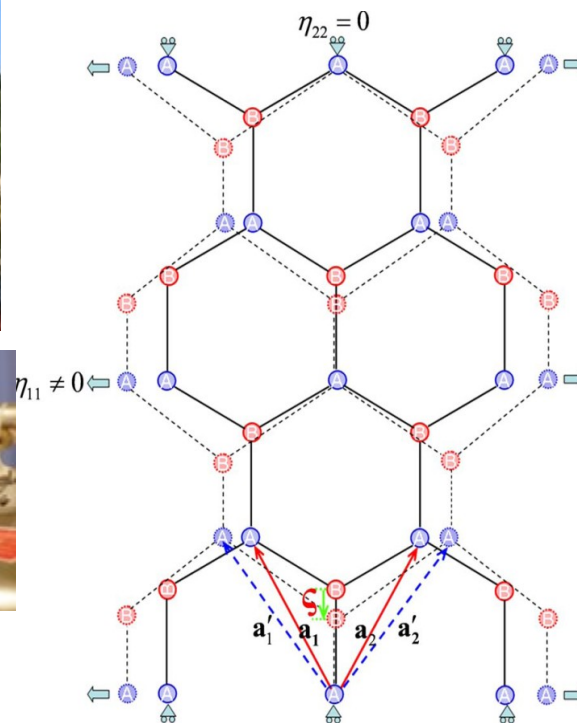
Pasupathy (Phys)



Hone (ME)



Pinczuk (AP/SS)



What do you want to do?

- I want to make nanomaterials

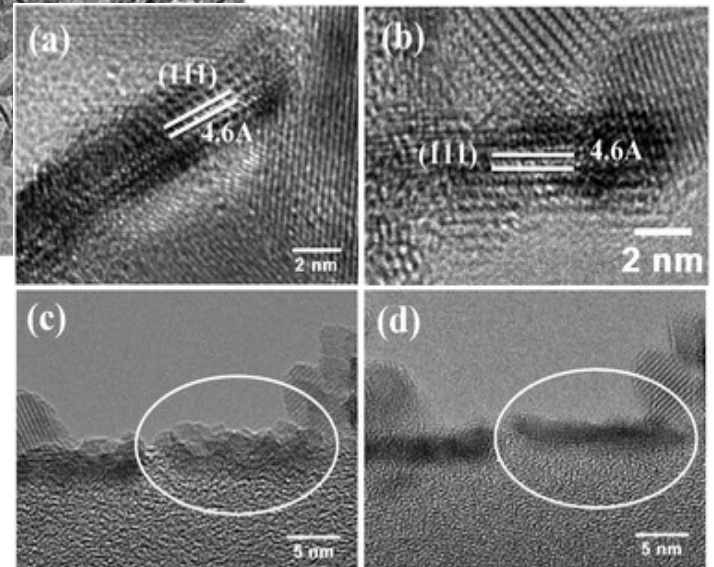
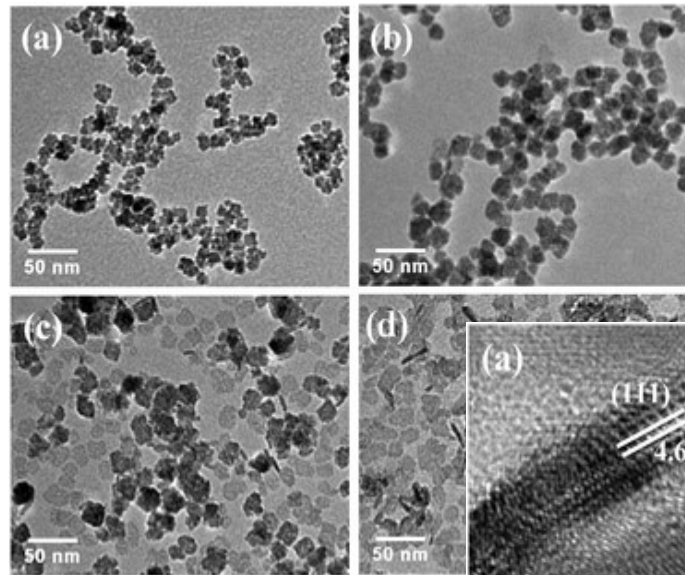
Chan



Owen (Chem)



Yang



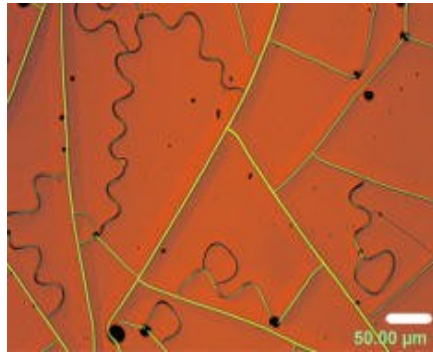
Nuckolls (Chem)



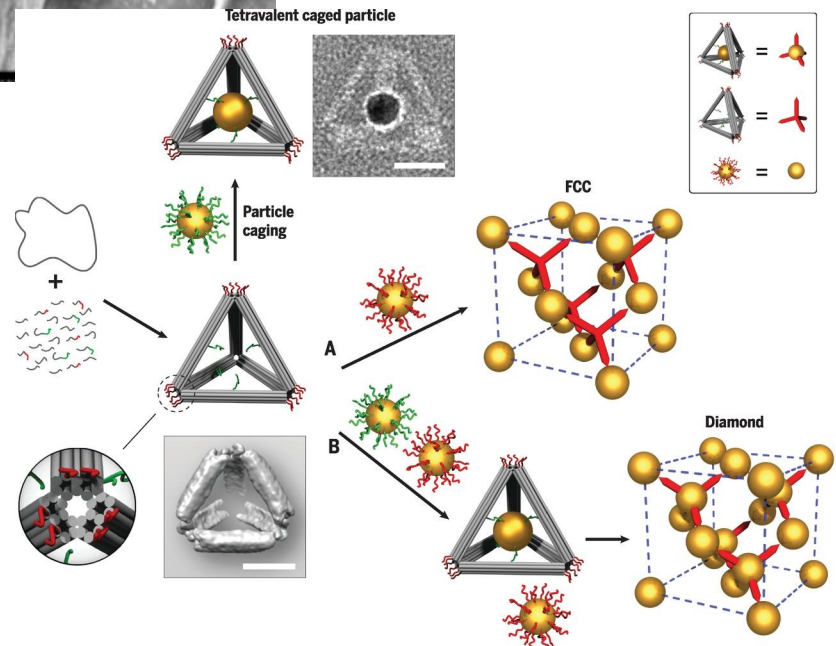
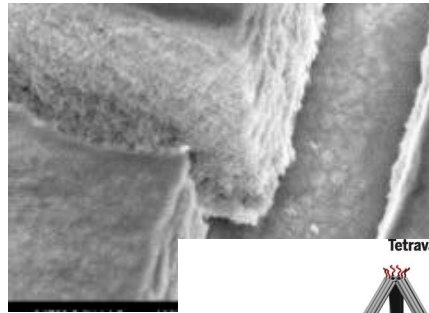
Herman (w/AP SS)

What do you want to do?

- I want to assemble nanoparticles into devices and measure properties



Herman



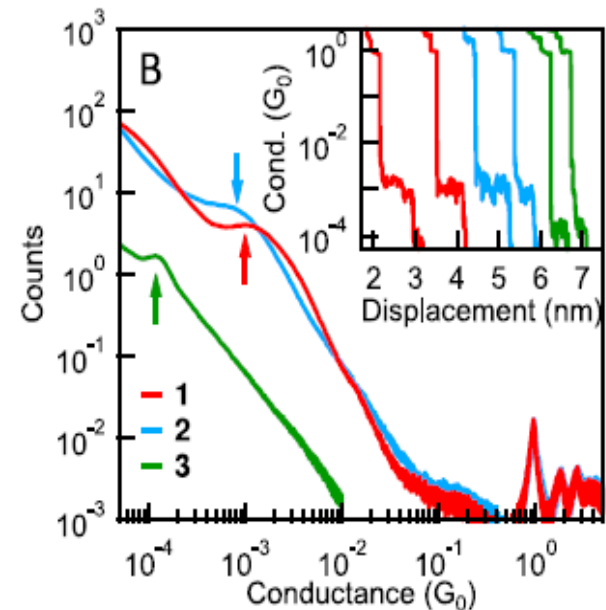
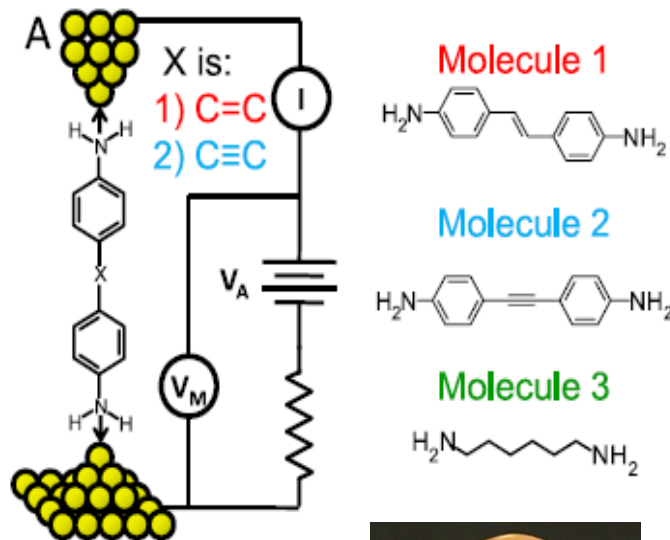
Venkataraman (AP/SS)



Gang (Joint with Chem E+BNL)

What do you want to do?

- I want to do more fundamental science with potential applications



Venkataraman



Lipson (EE)



Gaeta (AP/SS)

What do you want to do?

- I want to do theory



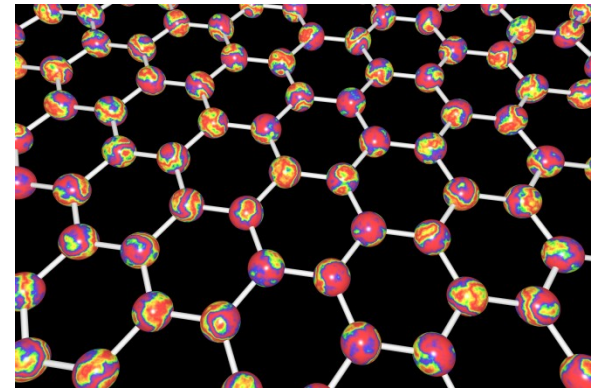
Millis (Phys)



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Wentzcovitch



- I want to do computational materials science



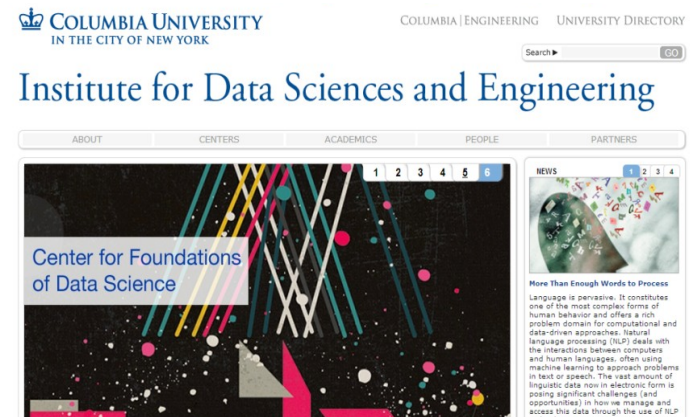
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Billinge
(Joint with BNL)



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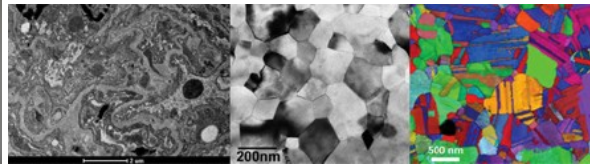


What do you want to do?

- I want to build/use state of the art instrumentation



NSLS II – Brookhaven National Lab (90 miles on L.I.E.)



Research Centers: MRSEC

- I want to work in a collaborative interdisciplinary environment to solve mankind's persistent problems

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Curriculum in MSE (MS/Ph.D. track)

MS in MSE

18 points:

MSAE E4100: Crystallography

MSAE E4200: Theory of crystalline materials:
phonons

MSAE E4201: Materials thermodynamics and
phase diagrams

MSAE E4202: Kinetics of transformations in
materials

MSAE E4206: Electronic and magnetic properties
of solids

MSAE E4215: Mechanical behavior of structural
materials

- Materials properties
- Materials structure, synthesis / processing

...with concentration in Materials Theory + Simulation

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MSAE4206: Electronic and magnetic properties of solids

MSAE4215: Mechanical behavior of structural materials

the following twelve (12) points of electives are required:

MSAE4203: Theory of crystalline materials: electrons

MSAE6085: Computing the electronic structure of complex materials

APMA4300: Introduction to numerical methods

MSAE6273: Materials science reports

+PDE or Linear
Algebra course

+12 points of
electives, large menu

Why pick Columbia Materials/Solid State?

If you come to Columbia you will

- Work with great faculty
- Work with great students
- Work on great problems
- Have great career opportunities

These are things we share with the top-ten Materials/Solid State programs where you may have offers...

Why pick Columbia Materials Science?

But we are different from the other top-ten schools:

You will work in a rich interdisciplinary environment – not a “silo” (characteristic of large departments, e.g. MIT, Stanford, Northwestern)

- Small Materials Science program embedded in a diverse, vibrant, interdisciplinary environment
- You will (likely) also work with people from Chemistry | Physics | Electrical Engineering | Chemical Engineering | Mechanical Engineering
- You will (likely) socialize with people doing research in Applied Math | Plasma Physics | Climate Science | High end computing

Why pick Columbia Materials/Solid State?

- You will also live in **New York City!**



You are all excellent
We really want you to come!