

MASH Mission & Scope

MASH will support the CHIPS and Science Act to enhance America's strength in semiconductors and microelectronics and promote economic development.

The goal of MASH is to create the world's largest nanofabrication, packaging, and characterization facility by linking and enhancing the facilities in the region. The MASH "distributed" network of facilities will support technology transition to manufacturing and offer redundancy of resources and immediate access to a huge amount of technical expertise in semiconductors.

MASH will focus on helping the semiconductor industry to transition materials into systems, which is a critical industrial need of many emerging applications such as advanced communications, non-volatile memory, More than Moore devices, Industrial Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, edge computing, wireless communications, quantum devices, environmental sustainability, and materials and substrates.

MASH activities will center around three cross-cutting areas: Si-adjacent technologies, advanced packaging, and virtualization of semiconductor processes.

MASH will develop skills-based educational and workforce development plans to provide companies with an agile system to meet staffing requirements, and at the same time, enhance racial and socioeconomic diversity.

MASH will be a hub for regional and national activities to promote professional education and training, educate the public on semiconductors and microelectronics, share and coordinate materials standards, identify funding opportunities, and build networks and technology road maps.

MISSION & SCOPE



The University of Delaware has been a pioneer in materials research and development since the founding of its renowned Center for Composite Materials in 1974. Complementing this legacy, UD has established premier infrastructure and expertise for the innovation of semiconductor materials and devices, including facilities for nanofabrication, epitaxial materials growth, characterization, and electron microscopy.

UDNF: nanofabrication facility

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE NANOFABRICATION FACILITY (UDNF)

The University of Delaware Nanofabrication Facility enables faculty, academic and corporate partners to create devices smaller than a human hair, supporting scientific advances in fields ranging from medical diagnostics to solar energy harvesting. Located in the 194,000-square-foot Harker Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (ISE) Laboratory, UDNF has expert staff, state-of-the-art technology and world-class capabilities in lithography, deposition, dry etching, thermal processing, characterization, and device packaging. Areas of excellence include photonic devices and nanostructured solid-state materials with unique optoelectronic and magnetic functionality.

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AMCL: characterization lab

ADVANCED MATERIALS CHARACTERIZATION LABORATORY (AMCL)

Housed in the research wing of Harker Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (ISE) Laboratory, UD's Advanced Materials Characterization Laboratory offers an array of sophisticated instrumentation, including an elite X-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS) system offering synchrotron-like performance and 3D X-ray imaging microscopes that perform nondestructive, nano-computed tomography, similar to a hospital CT scan, with applications in areas ranging from additive manufacturing to pharmaceutical packaging. The AMCL is operated as a user facility and is staffed by expert personnel who train users through a robust series of short courses.

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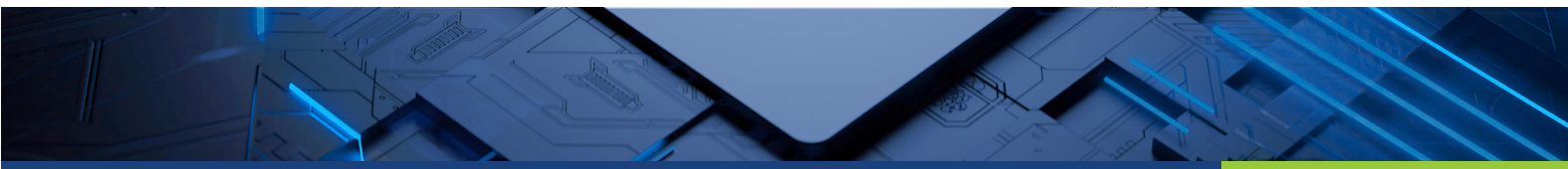
The 8,500-square-foot clean room in the UD Nanofabrication Facility is divided into Class 100 and Class 1000 spaces.

MGF: materials growth

MATERIALS GROWTH FACILITY (MGF)

UD's Materials Growth Facility unlocks new functionalities in semiconductor materials. The MGF provides the infrastructure and staff support necessary for faculty, academic, and corporate partners to undertake competitive research, offering III-V and topological insulator growth of epitaxial semiconductor films, magnetic and precious metal sputtering, and electron beam evaporation of high temperature metals — all interconnected under ultra-high vacuum. MGF researchers study a diverse range of materials including metal/semiconductor nanocomposites, topological insulators, dilute bismuthides, hyperbolic metamaterials, magnetic tunnel junction heterostructures, heavy metal/ferromagnetic metal ultrafast spintronics, and quantum dot arrays.

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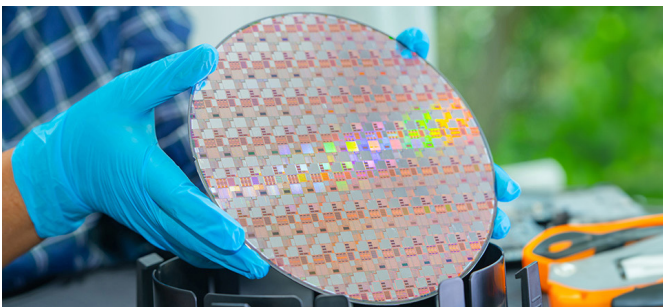
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UD-CCM: composite materials

CENTER FOR COMPOSITE MATERIALS (UD-CCM)

Since its founding in 1974, the University of Delaware's Center for Composite Materials has been nationally recognized as a center of excellence by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Defense for interdisciplinary research, education and technology transfer in the areas of materials and synthesis, multifunctional materials, processing science, mechanics and design, sensing and control, and software. Utilizing 52,000 square feet of state-of-the-art facilities, UD-CCM develops models and simulations in a "virtual manufacturing" environment for process optimization and tool design, leading to improved quality, affordability, and innovative new composite manufacturing processes. The center also develops online sensors and devices for monitoring composites manufacturing to end-of-life and validates control schemes using simulations and manufacturing work cells.

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Silicon wafers like the one shown can be used to create computer chips, circuits and other devices.

KeckCamm: microscopy

W. M. KECK CENTER FOR ADVANCED MICROSCOPY AND MICROANALYSIS CORE (KECKCamm)

KeckCamm is a user facility for the structural and chemical characterization of materials at scales ranging from micron to angstrom. Located in the research wing of UD's Harker Interdisciplinary Science and Engineering (ISE) Laboratory, it provides researchers with access to field emission transmission electron microscopes, scanning electron microscopes, and scanning probe microscopes — some with remote access and control to facilitate research collaborations or classroom teaching. Expert laboratory staff provide extensive training opportunities.

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DiCoS: computation





CENTER FOR DATA INTENSIVE AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE (DICOS)

High performance computing capabilities are available at UD through the Center for Data Intensive and Computational Science, including the Delaware Advanced Research Workforce and Innovation Network (DARWIN), which has 105 compute nodes with a total of 6,672 cores, 22 GPUs, 100 terabytes of memory, and 1.2 petabytes of disk storage. DARWIN is part of the ACCESS advanced computing and data resource supported by the National Science Foundation.

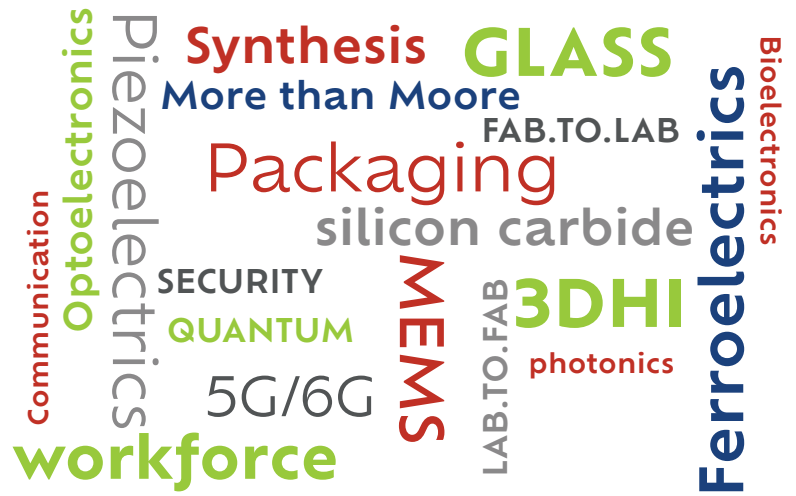
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