



# Science & Technology of Emerging Materials Symposium (STEMS) - 2023

March 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL USA



## Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Harris Engineering Center (HEC), Room 101

### Registration desk

Atrium HEC from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

### Session 1.1: Introduction and Welcome

|   | Time Slot         | Title                    | Speaker  |
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| 1 | 8:00 am – 8:05 am | Introduction and Welcome | Professor Saiful Khondaker<br>Physics, PREM: C-UDCEM<br>Director,<br>University of Central Florida     |
| 2 | 8:05 am – 8:10 am | Opening Remarks - UCF    | Professor Winston Schoenfeld<br>College of Optics & VP of<br>Research<br>University of Central Florida |
| 3 | 8:10 am – 8:20 am | Opening Remarks - NSF    | Dr. Shadi Mamaghani<br>National Science Foundation<br>Washington DC                                    |

### Session 1.2: Structure – Property Evolution in Quantum Materials

Chair: Professor Michael Chini

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| 1 | 8:30 am – 9:10 am   | <b>(Invited)</b> Electronic structure evolution in magnetic topological materials  | Professor Madhab Neupane<br>Physics, University of Central Florida                               |
| 2 | 9:10 am – 9:50 am   | <b>(Invited)</b> Magnetism in Quantum Flatland: Novel Excitons and Moiré Physics from First Principles                               | Professor Ting Cao<br>Physics and Materials Science & Engineering, University of Washington      |
| 3 | 9:50 am - 10:05 am  | <b>(Contributed)</b> Observation of Flat and Weakly Dispersing Bands in the Electronic Structure of a Breathing Kagome Semiconductor | Sabin Regmi<br>Physics, University of Central Florida  |
| 4 | 10:05 am - 10:20 am | <b>(Contributed)</b> An Extensive Raman Study on Quantum Material Nb <sub>3</sub> Cl <sub>8</sub> : From Bulk to Thin Layer          | Dylan Jeff<br>Nano Science & Technology, Physics and PREM C.UDCEM, University of Central Florida |
| 5 | 10:20 am - 10:35 am | <b>(Contributed)</b> Modulating Magnetization and Magnetic Damping across YIG/2D-TMD/Pt Interfaces                                   | Chang-Ming Hung<br>Physics, University of South Florida  |

10:35 am – 11:00 am Coffee Break

### Session 1.3: Materials Synthesis and Properties of Quantum Materials

Chair: Professor Saiful Khondaker

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| 1 | 11:00 am – 11:40 am | <b>(Invited)</b> Exploring Atomically Thin Metals, Semiconductors, and Insulators (Zoom® cast)         | Professor Joshua Robinson<br>Materials Science & Engineering,<br>Pennsylvania State University   |
| 2 | 11:40 am – 12:20 pm | <b>(Invited)</b> Strain-tuned Superconducting and Topological Transitions in Layered Quantum Materials | Professor Jiun-Haw Chu,<br>Physics and Materials Science & Engineering, University of Washington |

12:20 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

|   | <b>Time Slot</b>  | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Speaker</b>   |
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| 3 | 1:00 pm – 1:15 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Pulsed Laser Deposition Growth of Two-Dimensional WS <sub>2</sub> Thin Films for Spintronics and Spin-Caloritronics                              | Derick De Tellem<br>Physics, University of South Florida   |
| 4 | 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Determination of the Impact of Thermal Annealing on the Interface Between Monolayer MoS <sub>2</sub> and Au by <i>in situ</i> Raman Spectroscopy | Stephanie Lough,<br>Physics and Nanoscience and Technology, University of Central Florida                  |
| 5 | 1:30 pm – 1:45 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> High Harmonic Generation from Epitaxial Zinc Oxide Films   | Troie Journigan<br>Physics, PREM C.UDCM,<br>University of Central Florida                                  |
| 6 | 1:45 pm – 2:00 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Raman Study of the Anisotropic Layered Quadrupole Topological Insulator Ta <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub> Te <sub>5</sub>                          | Kamal Harrison<br>Physics, Nano Science & Technology Center and PREM C.UDCM, University of Central Florida |

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm Coffee Break

### Session 1.4: Light-Matter Interaction in Quantum Materials

Chair: Professor Madhab Neupane

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| 1 | 2:30 pm – 3:10 pm | <b>(Invited)</b> Novel topological transport induced by non-coplanar spin textures in centrosymmetric van der Waals Ferromagnets                | Professor Luis Balicas<br>Physics, Florida State University |
| 2 | 3:10 pm – 3:50 pm | <b>(Invited)</b> 2D spin bistable molecules   | Professor Xiao-Xiao Zhang<br>Physics, University of Florida |
| 3 | 3:50 pm – 4:05 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Observation of band splitting by paramagnetic spin-fluctuations in EuZn <sub>2</sub> Sb <sub>2</sub>                       | Milo Sprague,<br>Physics, University of Central Florida     |
| 4 | 4:05 pm – 4:20 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Light-induced and Microwave-excited Spin-to-Charge Conversion Across the Interface of Ferromagnet/3D topological Insulator | Weiping Wu<br>Physics, University of Delaware               |

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| 5 | 4:20 pm – 4:35 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Carrier Envelope Phase Dependence of High-Order Harmonics from Monolayer MoS <sub>2</sub> | Christian Cabello<br>Physics and PREM C.UDCEM,<br>University of Central Florida |
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**Poster Session and Dinner / Reception**

**5:00 – 7:30 @ Atrium HEC**

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| 1.5.1Q  | UTILIZING MACHINE VISION FOR AUTOMATED IDENTIFICATION OF GRAPHENE   | Anna Bowman<br>Physics, University of Central Florida   |
| 1.5.2Q  | CURRENT CONTROLLED MAGNETO-OPTIC KERR EFFECT OF TWO-DIMENSIONAL Fe <sub>3</sub> GeTe <sub>2</sub> FILMS   | Alexander Prieto<br>Physics, PREM C.UDCEM,<br>University of Central Florida                                     |
| 1.5.3Q  | OBSERVATION OF ANISOTROPIC DIRAC CONES IN THE TOPOLOGICAL MATERIAL Ti <sub>2</sub> Te <sub>2</sub> P  | Iftakhar Bin Elius<br>Physics, University of Central Florida  |
| 1.5.4Q  | OBSERVATION OF FERMI ARCS AND WEYL NODES IN A NON-CENTROSYMMETRIC MAGNETIC WEYL SEMIMETAL   | Mazharul Islam Mondal,<br>Physics, University of Central Florida  |
| 1.5.5Q  | OBSERVATION OF FLAT BANDS IN NIOBIUM HALIDE SEMICONDUCTOR   | Alexis J. Agosto-Cuevas<br>Physics, PREM C.UDCEM,<br>University of Central Florida                              |
| 1.5.6Q  | SINGLE-SHOT FIELD SAMPLING FOR SHORT-WAVE INFRARED LASER PULSES   | Tran-Chau Truong<br>Physics, University of Central Florida  |
| 1.5.7Q  | GAPLESS NODAL LINES IN A RARE-EARTH-BASED SEMIMETAL   | Nathan A Valadez<br>Physics, PREM C.UDCEM,<br>University of Central Florida                                     |
| 1.5.8Q  | LAYER DEPENDENT RAMAN STUDY OF Nb <sub>3</sub> Br <sub>8</sub>  | Favian Gonzalez<br>Physics, Nano Science &<br>Technology Center, PREM<br>C.UDCEM, University of Central Florida |
| 1.5.9Q  | OBSERVATION OF FLAT BANDS AND DIRAC CONES IN A WEAKLY CORRELATED SEMIMETAL YRu <sub>2</sub> Si <sub>2</sub>   | Anup Pradhan Sakhya<br>Physics, University of Central Florida   |
| 1.5.10Q | ENHANCED MAGNETIC INTERACTION AT C60/PdCo INTERFACE   | Hong V. Bui<br>Physics, University of South Florida   |
| 1.5.11Q | A FIELD INDUCED GAP OBSERVED IN METAL-OXALATE FRAMEWORK [(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> NH] <sub>2</sub> CU <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> VIA SPECIFIC HEAT CAPACITY MEASUREMENTS | Charuni Dissanayake<br>Physics, University of Central Florida   |
| 1.5.12Q | RAMAN STUDY OF ANTIFERROMAGNETIC AND CHARGE DENSITY WAVE QUANTUM MATERIAL GDTE3*  | Dylan Jeff<br>Physics and PREM C.UDCEM,<br>University of Central Florida  |
| 1.5.13Q | LARGE-AREA EXFOLIATION OF QUANTUM MATERIALS VIA METAL MEDIATED EXFOLIATION  | Giulianna De La Torre, Physics and<br>PREM C.UDCEM, University of<br>Central Florida                            |
| 1.5.14Q | SOFT-POINT-CONTACT SPECTROSCOPY OF THE TOPOLOGICAL NODAL-LINE SEMIMETAL CANDIDATE Sn <sub>x</sub> NbSe <sub>2-δ</sub>   | Kapila Kumarasinghe<br>Physics, University of Central Florida   |

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| 1.5.15Q | SURFACE CHARGE TRANSFER DOPING OF 2D TRANSITION METAL DICHALCOGENIDES USING SODIUM AZIDE   | Gabriel Marciaga<br>Physics and Nano Science and Technology Center and PREM C.UDCEM, University of Central Florida |
| 1.5.16Q | THE IMPACT OF DIFFERENT PROCESSING PARAMETERS ON THE METAL-MEDIATED EXFOLIATION OF MONOLAYER $\text{MoS}_2$                                      | Ravindra Sharma<br>Physics and Nano Science and Technology Center and PREM C.UDCEM, University of Central Florida  |
| 1.5.17Q | METROLOGY AND CHARACTERIZATION OF DEFECTS IN TRANSITION METAL DICHALCOGENIDES USING SCANNING TUNNELING MICROSCOPY ENHANCED WITH MACHINE LEARNING | Darian Smalley<br>Physics and Nano Science and Technology Center, University of Central Florida                    |
| 1.5.18Q | ELECTRONIC AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF 2D BREATHING-KAGOMÉ MAGNETS; AND STEM PALS   | Tharindu Fernando<br>Physics, University of Washington   |
| 1.5.19C | SIGNIFICANT ROLE OF HYDROXYL-RICH $\text{ZrO}_2$ SUPPORT PRECURSOR on $\text{CuO/ZrO}_2$ CATALYST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CATALYSIS                    | Murtadha Almousawi<br>Civil Environmental and Construction Engineering, University of Central Florida              |
| 1.5.20C | DEFECT ENGINEERING OF CERIUM OXIDE THIN FILMS  | Keith Blackman<br>Physics, PREM C.UDCEM, University of Central Florida   |
| 1.5.21C | DEPOSITION OF ZINC OXIDE AND DOPED ZINC OXIDE THIN FILMS USING SUCCESSIVE IONIC LAYER ADSORPTION AND REACTION                                    | Luis Tomar<br>Materials Science and Engineering, PREM C.UDCEM University of Central Florida                        |
| 1.5.22C | CATALYTIC HYDROGENATIONS WITH MONOLITH-SUPPORTED Pt  | Kemah Kamiru-White<br>Chemistry, University of Central Florida   |
| 1.5.23C | TRACKING THE ULTRAFast DISSOCIATION DYNAMICS OF $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_5$ ON OXIDE SURFACES   | Laura M. Killingsworth<br>Physics, University of Central Florida   |
| 1.5.24C | SIMPLE TECHNIQUE COMBINING GENETIC ALGORITHMS WITH MACHINE LEARNING FOR MATERIALS DISCOVERY, EXEMPLIFIED BY AuPd NANOCCLUSERS                    | Johnathan von der Heyde<br>Physics, University of Central Florida  |
| 1.5.26C | INTERPLAY OF THE METAL SURFACE ELECTRONIC STATE AND NON-COVALENT MOLECULAR BONDS IN SYNERGISTIC MOLECULAR ASSEMBLY FORMATION ON Au(111)          | Dave Austin<br>Physics, University of Central Florida  |
| 1.27.C  | ANATASE CRYSTALLINE PHASE DISCOVERY ON ULTRA-THIN LAYER $\text{TiO}_2$ FILMS DURING LOW-TEMPERATURE ALD ON FLUORINE-RICH CARBON SUBSTRATES       | Brian Butkus<br>Materials Science and Engineering, University of Central Florida                                   |

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| 1.5.28O | LOW-COST PAPER-BASED ELECTRODES TO DETECT ASCORBIC ACID, DOPAMINE, AND URIC ACID  | Makeiyla Begay<br>Chemistry, Navajo Technical University  |
| 1.5.29O | HOW S.T.E.M. IS EMBEDDED IN NAVAJO WEAVING  | Keanu Simpson<br>Department of Dine Culture,<br>Navajo Technical University                     |
| 1.5.30O | DESIGN AND FABRICATION OF FLEXIBLE PAPER-BASED, ELECTROCHEMICAL SENSORS TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF HEAVY METALS IN GROUND WATER            | Justin Platero<br>Chemistry, Navajo Technical University  |
| 1.5.31O | SIMPLIFYING THE DESIGN OF A TENDON ACTUATED SOFT GRIPPER INTO AN EASY-TO-FOLLOW, LOW-COST TOOLKIT FOR K-12 STUDENTS                       | Jonathan Chinana<br>Navajo Technical University   |
| 1.5.32O | ENHANCING FIRST YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS' INTEREST AND AWARENESS IN EMERGENT MATERIALS RESEARCH VIA USING ONLINE LEARNING MODULES      | Professor Zhongzhou Chen<br>Physics and Co-PI C.UDCEM,<br>University of Central Florida         |
| 1.5.33O | OPTICAL NONLINEAR RESPONSE OF $\text{Cu}_{0.33}\text{In}_{1.30}\text{P}_2\text{S}_6$ BULK HETEROSTRUCTURE                                 | Aamir Mushtaq<br>Materials Science and Engineering,<br>Ohio State University                    |
| 1.5.34O | SOLUTION PROCESSED NICKEL-BASED HOLE TRANSPORT LAYERS AND PEROVSKITE GRAIN SIZE ENGINEERING FOR AMBIENT FABRICATED PEROVSKITE SOLAR CELLS | Leaford Nathan Henderson<br>Materials Science and Engineering,<br>University of Central Florida |
| 1.5.35Q | COLLOIDAL METAL OXIDE NANOCRYSTALS FOR QUANTUM COMMUNICATION  | Jacob Baillie and Stephen Gibbs<br>Chemistry, University of Washington                          |

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Harris Engineering Center (HEC), Room 101**

**Session 2.1: Nanomaterials for Catalysis**

Chair: Professor Titel Jurca

|   | <b>Time Slot</b>    | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Speaker</b>   |
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| 1 | 8:30 am – 9:10 am   | <b>(Invited)</b> TBD  | Professor Daniel Gamelin<br>Chemistry, MRSEC MEM.C<br>Director, University of Washington                                     |
| 2 | 9:10 am – 9:50 am   | <b>(Invited)</b> Nanostructural<br>Sulvanites: A Nanotechnologist's<br>Dream  | Professor Daniela Radu<br>Mechanical & Materials<br>Engineering,<br>PREM IMPAQT Director<br>Florida International University |
| 3 | 9.50 am -10.05 am   | <b>(Contributed)</b> Developing Cu<br>Nanowire Electrocatalyst for the<br>Recycling of Nitrate to Ammonia                                   | Kaige Shi<br>Physics, University of Central<br>Florida   |
| 4 | 10.05 am -10.20 am  | <b>(Contributed)</b> A nano-sized<br>Co <sub>x</sub> Zn <sub>1-x</sub> O Catalyst for efficient<br>CO <sub>2</sub> hydrogenation            | Kailong Ye<br>Civil, Environmental and<br>Construction Engineering,<br>University of Central Florida                         |
| 5 | 10.20 am - 10.35 am | <b>(Contributed)</b> Systematic<br>investigation of Pt clusters and<br>nanoparticles stability on<br>CeO <sub>2</sub> (111) ultrathin films | Corine Smith<br>Physics, University of Central<br>Florida  |

10:35 am – 11:00 am Coffee Break

**Session 2.2: Catalysts theory, metrology and scale-up**

Chair: Professor Parag Banerjee

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| 1 | 11:00 am – 11:40 am | <b>(Invited)</b> Advances in<br>Computational Molecular<br>Spectroscopies | Professor Xiaosong Li, Chemistry<br>MRSEC MEM.C Executive<br>Director of Education & Outreach,<br>University of Washington |
| 2 | 11:40 am – 12:20 pm | <b>(Invited)</b> Industrial Heterogeneous<br>Catalysis at Shell®          | Dr. Tracy L. Lohr<br>Research Scientist, Shell® Catalyst<br>and Technologies, Houston                                      |

12:20 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

|   | <b>Time Slot</b>  | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Speaker</b>   |
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| 3 | 1:00 pm – 1:15 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Photothermal Lens<br>Spectroscopy of Upconversion<br>Nanoparticles  | Ameen Zerrad<br>Physics, Delaware State University                       |
| 4 | 1:15 pm – 1:30 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Stabilization of CO <sub>2</sub><br>adsorption on Bi(111) electrode in<br>electrochemical environment using | Theodoros Panagiotakopoulos<br>Physics, University of Central<br>Florida |

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|   |                   | non-metallic cations: A first principles study.  |  |
| 5 | 1:30 pm – 1:45 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Size-Dependency of Optical and Catalytic Properties in Material Science: A Theoretical Study. | Tian Wang<br>Chemistry, University of Washington |

### Session 2.3: The PREM Experience

Chair: Professor Zhongzhou Chen

|   | Time Slot         | Title                                     | Speakers                                       |
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| 1 | 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | Student experiences at the PREM – C-UDCEM | Luis Tomar, Kamal Harrison and Favian Gonzales |

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm Coffee Break

### Session 2.4: Light-Matter Interaction in Energy Materials

Chair: Professor Mihai Vaida

|   | Time Slot         | Title   | Speaker   |
|---|-------------------|---|---|
| 1 | 3:00 pm – 3:40 pm | <b>(Invited)</b> Nanomodular Electronics  | Professor Michael Filler<br>Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, Georgia Tech   |
| 2 | 3:40 pm – 4:20 pm | <b>(Invited)</b> Elucidating the Origin of Plasmon-Generated Hot Holes in Water Oxidation   | Professor. Wei David Wei<br>Chemistry, University of Florida  |
| 3 | 4:20 pm – 4:35 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> Black TiO <sub>2</sub> synthesized using ALD - Application as Photocatalysts and Passivation Layers in Solar Cells | Terrick Mcnealy-James<br>Physics and PREM C.UDCEM<br>University of Central Florida  |
| 4 | 4:35 pm – 4:50 pm | <b>(Contributed)</b> The Effects of Aging on the Optoelectronic Function of Nanocrystalline Lead Halide Perovskites                     | Mirra B. Mogensen<br>Chemistry, Nano Science & Technology Center, Materials Science and Engineering,<br>University of Central Florida |

4:50 – 5:00 pm: Closing Remarks – Professor Saiful Khondaker