



# Thin Films and In Situ Characterization

The thin film facility focuses on transition metal dichalcogenides (TMDs), topological insulators, monochalcogenides, and *in situ* growth analysis.

### **Chalcogenide MOCVD**

- $\bullet$  H<sub>2</sub>Se and H<sub>2</sub>S gas sources
- W, Mo, In, and Nb sources
- Residual Gas Analysis

#### Hybrid MBE

- 3" diameter wafer
- 4-pocket e-beam (W, Mo)
- Effusion cells for Bi, In, Fe, Se, and Te
- In situ spectroscopic ellipsometer (210-1690 nm)
- Reflection High-Energy Electron Diffraction
- Residual Gas Analysis

## Multi-Module UHV MBE Growth and Characterization System

- 6-pocket e-beam (Fe, Nb, V, W, Mo EuS)
- Se cracker, effusion cells for Te, Bi, Cr, Sb, Fe
- *In vacuo* STM and ARPES

#### Chalcogenide MOCVD System with In Situ Optical Characterization

- 8 bubbler stations and 4 gas sources including H<sub>2</sub>Se and H<sub>2</sub>S
- In situ spectroscopic ellipsometry (210-1690 nm) laser reflectometry, Raman/PL

## **Bulk Crystal Growth**

The bulk crystal growth effort is focused on binary TMDs, TMD alloys and dopants, and chalcogenide-based topological insulators.

#### Vertical Bridgman

- Three zones
- Temperatures up to 1250 °C
- Ampoule diameter up to 2"
- Crucible rotation

## **Chemical Vapor Transport (CVT)**

- Two four-zones (up to 1100 °C)
- Two two-zones (up to 1200 °C)
- Ampoule diameter up to 2"

## **Compounding and Ampoule Preparation**

- Rocking Compounding Furnace powder melting and mixing up to 1250 °C
- Glove Box powder preparation in Ar atmosphere
- Quartz Sealing up to 2" diameter





## **Theory and Simulation**

Combines the expertise of the 2DCC theory team, the technical capabilities of the Materials Computation Center (MCC), and the Institute for CyberScience – Advanced Cyberinfrastructure (ICS-ACI) at Penn State.

Unique expertise to overcome experimental obstacles, aid in interpreting *in situ* characterization and post-synthesis sample measurement and predict new synthesis targets.

## **MCC Software Tools**

First-principles (Quantum Espresso, VASP, etc.)
Empirical methods capable of long, time scales and length scales at both atomistic (ReaxFF) and phase-field levels

## **Related Facilities**

All MIP users have access to extensive related facilities for characterization and device fabrication.

Materials Characterization Lab web: mri.psu.edu/mcl

Nanofabrication Lab web: mri.psu.edu/nanofab

Both labs are conveniently located adjacent to MIP facilities in the Millennium Science Complex.