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Due to lack of communication between the PI and the students involved in the projects proposed the STM was self-installed and not used for research after installation. On the other hand, the POM was installed by McCrone Microscopes, specifically Rubin Nieblas. After installation the microscope was used for approximately 2 months for conducting standards for the melting points of the diketopyrrolopyrrole (DPP) electron donors and perylene diimide (PDI) electron acceptors. Furthering the research, the donor and acceptor was combined to study morphological properties at various temperatures and concentrations. However, the project was not completed due to the PI's departure.

Even with the departure of the PI, the System is indispensable and can provide and develop other Facilities' research in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Miami with tools to characterize hierarchical materials with emergent properties.

The POM and STM instruments will become departmental instruments and will be available for use by any faculty member in the Department of Chemistry. Members of and research group can schedule experiments to be run on instruments within the departmental holdings. Faculty members pay suitable usage fees so that the members of their research groups can gain access to the department instruments.

The name and the discipline of each faculty that could use the System is given below with a brief description of their research activity. All the investigations make a reference to materials, nanomaterials and supramolecular materials that need an analysis of the topography of the surface of the materials. The System as described previously has the main characteristic needed to examine the surface topography of the synthetic materials developed in. the Faculty labs. A brief description of the research activity of the Faculty is the following:
**Prof. B. Captain** (Inorganic Chemist): The instrumentation will be used to investigate the chemistry of transition crystal complex materials with the objective to be applied in homogeneous catalysis.

**Prof. C. Hoff** (Inorganic Chemist): The equipment will serve to control the reactions important for catalytic reactions. The materials studied include dinitrogen, nitriles, hydrogen, carbenes and sulfur to metal complex materials.

**Prof. M. Knecht** (Analytical Chemist): As stated in the original proposal under Project 2, one of the Co-PI; Marc Knecht employs biomimetic approaches to fabricate and assemble functional nanomaterials using materials-binding peptides and characterization of the orientation of the materials within the 3D assembly. Their resultant optical properties are key to advancing this research project, where the requested cross McCrone Variable Temperature Polarized Optical Microscope and Nanosurf NaioSTM instrumentation would greatly enhance efforts. Additionally, the *Nanosurf NaioSTM* will play an important role in characterization of the nanoparticle orientation at the surface the 3D assemblies. Taken together, the requested cross polarized microscope and STM will provide new avenues to characterize and advance these materials for important DoD applications in his current AFOSR grant, Sunny Buffalo Bio-Binctorics, UM grant# 66926X.

**Prof. R.M. Leblanc** (Physical Chemist): The system will be employed to study the surface chemistry, spectroscopic and microscopic properties of organic and biological supramolecular materials.

**Prof. J.-H. Olivier** (Polymer Chemist): New classes of structure-function optimized electronic materials that feature non-equilibrium supramolecular superstructure will be studied using the instrumentation.

**Prof. V. Ramamurthy** (Organic Chemist): The exploration in molecular and supramolecular assemblies with well-defined cavities as reaction space will benefit in the use of the instrumentation.

**Prof. F. Raymo** (Organic Chemist): To identify strategies to manipulate materials with photons on the basis of absorption and emission processes will benefit in the use of the microscopic system.

**Prof. A. Scott** (Physical Chemist): As stated in the original proposal under Project 4, Enhanced Energy Transport in Nanocrystal Superlattices. The Hierarchical Materials Characterization System will help aid in the development of design, and synthesizing of new liquid crystalline materials for strategies related to light harvesting and charge transport.

**Prof. J. Wilson** (Organic Chemist): The general area of bioorganic and materials chemistry with a specific focus on the development of fluorescent analogs of biomolecules need the microscopic system at different stages to facilitate the development.
The nine Faculty listed above have the inorganic, organic and physical expertise to synthesize hierarchical materials and consequently the necessity to characterize them using the System. The characterization includes the study of the nanostructures of the crystalline donor (D)-acceptor (A) complex, the interaction between D or A molecular components, the macroscopic observation of carbohydrate fibers, the liquid crystalline phase transitions, the inter-particle distance in nano-crystalline super-lattices and in bio-inspired nanostructures.

All the characterization of the materials and bio-inspired materials has a direct link with two programs at DOD, namely the program Reactive Chemical Systems (Program Officer: Dr. Jennifer Becher, Chemical Sciences Division, Army Research Office) and the program Natural Materials and Systems (Program Officer: Dr. Hugh Delong, Air Force Office of Scientific Research).
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