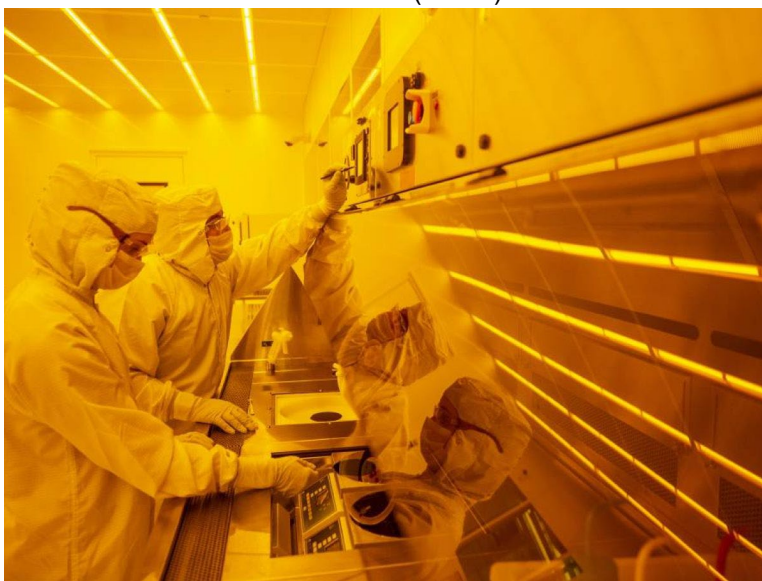


Vanderbilt Institute of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (VINSE)

VINSE provides access and training on state-of-the-art fabrication and characterization equipment inside Vanderbilt University's Engineering and Science Building (ESB). Full-time staff provide training, process assistance and tool troubleshooting. Our facilities include a cleanroom, analytical support core and advanced imaging suite. The cleanroom provides cutting-edge nanofabrication tools for the development of materials and integrated devices as well as microfluidic and nano-photonic systems. An analytical laboratory conveniently located adjacent to the cleanroom contains a comprehensive range of characterization tools. The imaging suite hosts a number of advanced imaging platforms.

VINSE Cleanroom

The VINSE cleanroom is a bay-and-chase design with a total floor space of approximately 10,000 ft²: 4500 ft² of space under filter; 4000 ft² of chase areas; and 1500 ft² of hazardous process material (HPM) support corridor and storage rooms. There are two ISO 5 (Class 100) lithography bays with a combined area of 1100 ft² plus a separate 250 ft² ISO 6 (Class 1000) e-beam lithography (EBL) enclosure designed to noise criterion (NC) 25. Two additional ISO 6 (Class 1000) bays totaling 1400 ft² are utilized for deposition, etch and metrology activities. Air temperature and moisture levels are controlled at 68±2°F and 44±4% relative humidity (RH), respectively, via a cleanroom-dedicated make-up air system. Twelve recirculation air-handling units maintain pressure cascades across areas of different cleanroom classifications. Central utilities for house and high-purity nitrogen, compressed dry air (CDA), process vacuum, process cooling water and type E-1 ASTM electronics and semiconductor grade water are provided along with solvent and corrosive exhaust systems that utilize point-of-use (POU) scrubbers for specialty gases. Hazardous process gases are distributed via a system of gas cabinets and valve manifold boxes (VMBs) while a header-based distribution arrangement is used for non-hazardous process gases. The cleanroom has been designed with flexibility for adding future equipment and expanding and/or reconfiguring floor space including an area for converting 500 ft² of chase area into a fifth processing bay. All utilities were installed to allow the addition of new equipment and process capabilities without disruptive modifications affecting existing cleanroom operations. Located on the main floor of the Vanderbilt ESB with floor-to-ceiling windows, the VINSE cleanroom design provides a safe and unique viewing experience for tours, outreach groups and casual observers from both inside and outside the building.



Lithography Equipment:

- Assorted spinners and hot plates
- Mask Aligner - Karl Suss MA-6 with backside alignment
- Laser Writer - Heidelberg Instruments µPG 101
- Electron Beam Lithography - Raith eLiNE
- Photoplotter - Bungard Filmstar-PLUS Small

Etch Equipment:

- Reactive Ion Etch Chlorine - Trion Minilock II
- Reactive Ion Etch Fluorine - Trion Phantom II ICP
- Deep Reactive Ion Etch - Oxford PlasmaPro 100 Cobra ICP
- Microwave Plasma Asher - PVA TePla IoN Wave 10
- Plasma Cleaner - Harrick Plasma PDC-32G

- Porous Silicon Etching System - AMMT MPSB 100
- XeF₂ Vapor Etch – SPTS Xactix e2

Deposition Equipment:

- Dual Angstrom Amod Deposition Systems – Combined e-beam, thermal evaporation and sputter deposition chamber and standalone thermal evaporation deposition chamber with integrated glovebox system
- Sputter Deposition - AJA International ATC-2200
- PECVD - Trion Orion II
- Plasma Enhanced Atomic Layer Deposition (PEALD) – Picosun R200 Advanced
- Electroplating System - Silicon Valley Wafer Plating Immersion Beaker-on-a-Stick

Thermal Processing Equipment:

- 1" CVD Tube Furnace – Lindberg Blue M
- 4" CVD Tube Furnace – MTI OTF-1200X
- Rapid Thermal Processor – SSI Solaris 150
- HMDS Vapor-Prime/NH₃ Image-Reversal Vacuum Oven - Yield Engineering Systems (YES) 310TA
- Standard vacuum and general-purpose ovens

Process Hoods:

- RCA Clean
- Photoresist Spin/Bake
- Photoresist Develop
- Liftoff
- Microfluidics
- EBL Support
- HF
- Acid/Base
- General Use

Miscellaneous Equipment:

- Nikon Optical Microscope with digital image capture, custom transfer stage for 2D materials and a custom heated stage
- Olympus Optical Microscope with digital image capture
- Wire Bonder - Westbond Wedge 7476D
- Dicing Saw - Disco DAD3220
- Probe Station – Micromanipulator 450PM, Keithley 4200A semiconductor parameter analyzer, light enclosure
- Custom Solar Cell Test Bed - 100W Xe lamp with AM 1.5G filter, Oriel Inst. Cornerstone 130 monochromator, Keithley 2400 SMU
- Screen Printer - MTI EQ-SPC-2-LD
- Wax Printer - Xerox ColorQube 8750
- PDMS Aligner - ThorLabs motion control, DinoLite Optics
- Microfluidic Flow Control System - Fluigent LineUp Series, Motic Stereomicroscope with digital image capture
- Spectroscopic Ellipsometer - JA Woollam M-2000DI
- Stylus Profilometer - KLA Tencor P-7
- Contact Angle Goniometer – Ossila L2004A1
- Four-Point Probe – Ossila T2001A
- Parylene Coater – SCS Labcoter 3

VINSE Analytical Laboratory

Conveniently located adjacent to the cleanroom is the 1100 ft² VINSE Analytical Support Core containing a comprehensive set of processing and characterization tools that are readily accessible to users. The VINSE

Analytical laboratory has the capability for complete chemical and structural characterization of the materials. Analytical suite of high performance analytical instrumentation facilitates the investigation of both individual nanoparticles and bulk materials. This unique combination of materials processing and comprehensive specimen characterization supports the rapid development of novel multifunctional nanomaterials.

- Nitrogen Glovebox – Mbraun Unilab Workstation
- Schlenk Line – Dual Manifold Vacuum/Argon Line
- Spectrophotofluorometer – Jobin Yvon Fluorolog-3
- Spectrophotometer – Agilent Technologies Cary 5000
- UV/Ozone Cleaner – Jelight M42
- Confocal Raman Microscope – Thermo Scientific DXR
- Zetasizer – Malvern Panalytical Nano ZS
- Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) – Bruker Tensor 27
- Quartz Crystal Microbalance with Dissipation Monitoring (QCM-D) – Qsense E4
- Spectroscopic Ellipsometer – JA Woollam M-2000V+NIR
- Stylus Profilometer – Veeco Dektak 150
- Thermogravimetric Analyzer (TGA) – Instrument Specialists TGA-1000
- NanoSight – Malvern Panalytical NS300
- NanoAssemblr – Precision Nanosystems Benchtop

VINSE Advanced Imaging Suite

The VINSE Imaging Suite, located in a 23-foot-deep basement in the ESB, hosts our advanced imaging instrumentation in a space that minimizes ambient noise, vibration, and electromagnetic field levels for achieving the best imaging resolution. The suite provides high-bay spaces with 16-foot clearances that will easily accommodate future microscopes.

- FEI Tecnai Osiris G2 TEM/STEM (60-200 kV) equipped with: SuperX EDS system, Fischione tomography holder, Amira 3D Imaging Software, Aduro Protochips in situ heating holder, and a Gatan in situ heating holder.
- FEI Helios NanoLab G3 CX FIB/SEM for high resolution imaging and milling equipped with: ICE detector for ion imaging, CBS backscatter electron detector, IBID or EBID Pt deposition, Easylift and AutoTEM 4 for TEM lamella preparation, Auto Slice and View 4 for automated volume imaging, Quorum PP3010t cryo preparation system for Cryo-SEM and Cryo-FIB-SEM, AutoScript 4 for python-based automation, HAADF-STEM, and an Oxford X-Max EDS.
- Zeiss Merlin SEM with Gemini II column for high-resolution SEM equipped with: Oxford X-Max EDS, HAADF-STEM imaging, and charge compensation capabilities.
- Bruker Dimension Icon atomic-force microscope (AFM) – characterization of surface features with nanometer resolution combined with nanolithography and nanomanipulation.
- Specimen preparation resources including a Nikon LV100 optical microscope with digital camera, Ecomet 30 Semi-automatic Polisher, Cressington 108 Sputter Coater, Fischione Model 1020 Plasma Cleaner, and a SCS Labcoater 3 Parylene Coater.

