

Technology Transfer Workshop

Opportunities with Detector Technologies in Nuclear Physics

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What is Technology Transfer

- Moving “non-profit” developed innovations to (usually) the “for-profit” sector
- From:
 - Universities
 - Research facilities
 - Hospitals
 - Government labs
- To:
 - Commercial companies
 - Other non-profits



Enabling Technology Transfer

- Bayh-Dole Act of 1980
 - Federal Legislation that applies to all federally-funded programs
- Permits all non-profits to retain title to inventions made in the performance of federally-funded programs
- Government gets a royalty-free non-exclusive license for government use
- Institution must share licensing revenues with inventors



Mission and Goals of the CUA Office of Technology Transfer

- The Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) assists the CUA faculty, staff, and students with the management and commercialization of their intellectual property.
- Protect the university
- Serve the faculty and staff
- Facilitate research
- Improve the human condition and contribute to public knowledge



OTT Operational Duties

- Manage the invention disclosure and patenting process to enhance the university's intellectual property portfolio
 - Manage the relationships with companies that have licensed university technologies
 - Find commercial partners and initiate license revenues for new technologies
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Why Technology Transfer ?

Value to the University

- Revenue stream from licensing
 - Increased research funding and collaborations
 - Increased visibility of university and researchers
 - Stimulating research and an entrepreneurial environment among faculty
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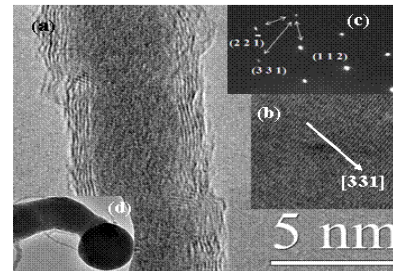
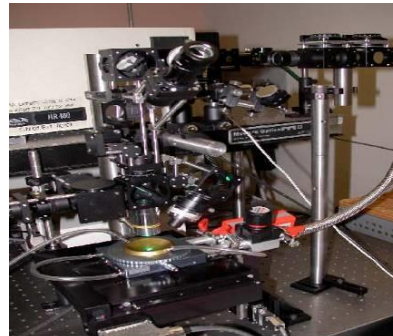
Vitreous State Laboratory

- Established in 1968
- Interdisciplinary R&D program focusing on applied materials science & glass chemistry and physics
- Approximately 70 staff
 - Ph.Ds in chemistry, physics, chemical engineering, radiochemistry, materials science, glass science, metallurgy, geology, geochemistry, electrical engineering, biophysics
 - Dedicated round-the-clock pilot plant operations staff
- Modern 55,000 ft² facility
- Licensed for radioactive and hazardous materials
- Extensive chemical, physical, and materials characterization and pilot-scale testing facilities



VSL Principal Current R&D Areas

- Nuclear and hazardous waste stabilization
- Glass and ceramic materials development
- Materials corrosion and characterization
- Off-gas treatment
- Water treatment
- Cements, flyash
- Geopolymers
- Biophysics
- Nano-materials
- Thermoelectrics
- Spintronics
- Detector materials



Nuclear Physics at CUA

- Exploring the origin and structure of atomic nuclei in terms of the quarks and gluons
 - Active science program at Jefferson Lab 12 GeV
 - Leaders of international collaborations building particle detectors
 - Aerogel Cherenkov – pion/kaon/proton identification
 - Electromagnetic Calorimeter – photon and neutral pion detection
 - DIRC – kaon identification
 - Visibility of NP faculty in the community
 - CUA aerogel detector is a major highlight of a university being instrumental in developing particle detectors
 - CUA has the only mentors in the field who managed to have high school students be elected for the CEU
 - Active future science program with the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)
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Synergies between VSL capabilities and nuclear physics applications

- Detector construction is most often done on campus at CUA using the strong synergy between material science and particle detection techniques
 - Material optical and chemical composition analysis
 - Material radiation resistance
 - Thermal treatment
 - New material formation
 - Excellent opportunity to engage students in research



Recent Detector Projects at CUA

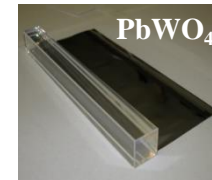
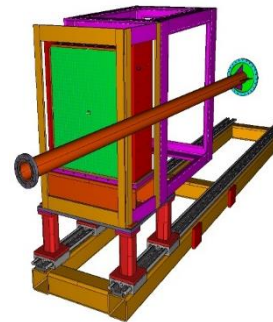
SHMS Aerogel Cherenkov Detector - ~\$1M project



2014 construction completed

Supported by NSF PHY-1039446

Neutral Particle Spectrometer - ~\$2M project



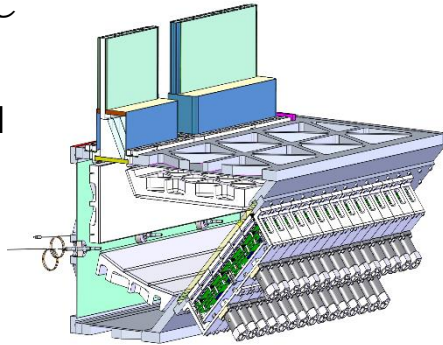
+Compact Photon Source (coming soon)

2016-present construction ongoing

Supported by NSF PHY-1530874

GlueX DIRC

2017 first bar box delivered
frame installed,
completion date 2019



CUA faculty also involved in future EIC detector design

- Electromagnetic calorimeter and DIRC
- **News:** CUA hosts the 2018 EIC UG Workshop 30 July – 3 August



Today's Workshop



- ❑ Tanja Horn – CUA Nuclear Physics
- ❑ Thia Keppel – Jefferson Lab Hall A/C leader
- ❑ Carlos Munoz-Camacho – IPN Orsay/France
- ❑ Ian Pegg – Director Vitreous State Laboratory, CUA Material Science
- ❑ Drew Weisenberger – Jefferson Lab Chief Technology Officer and leader of the detector and imaging group



Goals for Workshop

- ❑ Evaluate opportunities for technology transfer and new synergies with, e.g. universities
 - ❑ Evaluate opportunities for small business funding
 - ❑ Discuss technologies of relevance for Jefferson Lab and universities
 - Imaging and Detectors
 - Materials & Detectors and novel applications
 - Software and Data Acquisition
 - ❑ Discuss path forward for Lab/University/Business collaborations
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