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Education

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| 2014-Present | Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA)
M.S. / Ph.D., Materials Science and Engineering |
| 2010-2014 | Washington College (Chestertown, MD)
B.S., Physics Minor, Chemistry |

Relevant Research and Work Experience

June 2015-Present: Doctoral Student, *Drexel University*, Philadelphia, PA

Ph.D. Advisor: Dr. Yury Gogotsi

- Synthesis of 2D transition metal carbides/carbonitrides (MXenes)
- Solution processing, colloidal solutions, and dispersions of nanomaterials
- Fundamental optical properties of MXenes
- Applications in energy storage, electronics, optics, and sensing
- Working with industry partners, SI2 Technologies

Summer 2016 & 2017: Visiting Researcher, *Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) and National Nanofabrication Center (NNFC)*, Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Principal Investigators: Dr. Chi Won Ahn (Korea) and Dr. Yury Gogotsi (USA)

FIRST NANO² Co-Op Center

- Nanofabrication of microsupercapacitors and microelectronic devices with 2D transition metal carbides as active materials
- Techniques used: photolithography, reactive-ion or plasma etching, electron beam lithography

June 2014-September 2014: Engineering Intern, *Town of Mount Airy (MD)*, Local Government

Mentor: Barney Quinn, P.E. (Town Engineer)

- Assisted the Town Engineer with writing the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Maryland Dept. of the Environment and application of Non-tidal and Wetland and Waterway Permit (3.19) for *Town of Mount Airy (MD) Rails to Trails (R2T) Project*. R2T Project was installed June 2015.
- Worked closely with Public Works and Capital projects

May 2013-August 2013: Research for Undergraduates (REU Student), *Penn State University, Center for Nanoscale Science and Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC)*, State College, PA
Funded by the National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator: Dr. Vincent Crespi

- Conducted theoretical and computational research focused on 2D graphene
- Modeled graphene sheets of various sizes and compared vacancy defects versus sp³ hybridization defects with DFT (Density Functional Theory) and classical potentials, AIREBO, and ReaxFF.
- Used molecular dynamic simulators LAMMPS and VMD.

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Skills and Expertise

Synthesis of Nanomaterials: 2D materials (MXene), Carbon Materials (Onion - like Carbon)

Processing of Nanomaterials:

- Solution Processing of Nanomaterials (aqueous or organic solutions)
- Particle Size Sorting, Selection, and Isolation (differential and density gradient centrifugation)
- Particle Modification (attrition milling and surface functionalization by acid-oxidation)
- Thin Film Deposition (spray coating, spin coating, printing, adhesion)
- Fabrication Techniques (photolithography, reactive-ion or plasma etching, electron beam lithography, lift-off, nanopatterning)

Characterization of Materials and Devices:

- Analytical Testing: Dynamic Light Scattering, Zeta Potential, Titrations
- Optical: Ultraviolet-visible-Near Infrared Spectroscopy (UV-vis-NIR), Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR)
- Device Assembly and Test: Supercapacitor Assembly, Cyclic Voltammetry, Galvanostatic Charge and Discharge, Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy, Conductivity Testing, Keithley 4200
- Microscopy: Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM – Zeiss Supra VP50), Energy Dispersive X-Ray Spectroscopy (EDS/EDX), Optical Microscopy

Selected Awards and Honors (during Graduate Studies)

- 2017 **International Travel Award**, Office of International Programs, Drexel University
- 2017 **Outstanding Alumni Award**, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Washington College
- 2017 **SMART Fellowship Semi-Finalist**, Department of Defense
- 2017 **Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Finalist**, Graduate College of Drexel University
- 2016 **Best Poster Nomination**, Materials Research Society, Fall 2016 Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2016 **365-24-7 Presentation Competition Winner**, Drexel University
- 2015 **Drexel University Dean's Fellowship**, Drexel University
- 2015 **Higher Education Advocacy Travel Award (HEATA)**, Drexel University
- 2014 **Drexel University College of Engineering Fellowship**, Drexel University

Select Professional Service and Membership (during Graduate Studies)

- 2015-17 **Lab Safety Liaison** (BioRAFT Online Safety Training) for Drexel Nanomaterials Labs
- 2017 **Alpha Sigma Mu**, Materials Science and Engineering
- 2017 **Honorary Membership**, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, Washington College
- 2016-17 **Student Global Advisory Board** - Nominated Graduate Student Position
- 2016-17 **NanoArtography Team** – international scientific microscopy competition
- 2016-17 **Student Chapter Board Member, Materials Research Society (MRS)**
- 2015-16 **Chemical Inventory** for Drexel Nanomaterials Labs
- 2015-17 **Treasurer, Electrochemical Society (ECS) Philadelphia Chapter**
- 2015-17 **Vice President (2016-17), Treasurer (2015-16) Materials Engineering Graduate Student Network**

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Teaching Experience

- 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, ENG 220: Fundamentals of Materials, Drexel University (~400 students)
- Held office hours every week, proctored exams, grading of 4 recitation sections
- 2015-17 **Mentor of Undergraduate/High School Students**, Drexel University
- 2015 (6 months) mentored sophomore co-op undergraduate (milling and particle size)
- 2016 (3 months) mentored sophomore co-op undergraduate (electrochemistry)
- 2016 (1 day) mentored high school student, MRS Fall 2016 Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2017 (present) mentor of undergraduate researcher (separation and thin film deposition)
- 2017 (present) mentor of undergraduate researcher (electrochemistry)
- 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, International Summer School, KAIST – NNFC, Daejeon, Republic of Korea
- Presented a lecture- and lab-style tutorial on the synthesis of 2D MXene
- 2015 **Teaching Assistant**, MATE 280: Advanced Materials Laboratory, Drexel University (~35 students)
- Gave two lectures: “Particle Size Analysis” and “Data Analysis and Presentation”
- Planned and ran weekly labs on select characterization techniques

Publications and Presentations

Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Cheng, X.-B., Zhao, M.-Q., Chen, C., Pentecost, A., **Maleski, K.**, Mathis, T., Zhang, Z.-Q., Zhang, Q., Jiang, J., Gogotsi, Y., “Nanodiamonds Suppress the Growth of Lithium Dendrites”, (2017) *Nature Communications* (accepted).
2. Yan, J., Ren, C.E., **Maleski, K.**, Hatter, C.B., Anasori, B., Urbankowski, P., Sarycheva, A., Gogotsi, Y., “Flexible MXene/Graphene Films for Ultrafast Supercapacitors with Outstanding Volumetric Capacitance”, (2017) *Advanced Functional Materials* 1701264.
3. **Maleski, K.**, Mochalin, V. N., Gogotsi, Y., “Dispersions of Two-Dimensional Titanium Carbide MXene in Organic Solvents”, (2017) *Chemistry of Materials* 29 (4), 1632-1640.
4. Van Aken, K.L., **Maleski, K.**, Mathis, T.S., Breslin, J.P., Gogotsi, Y., “Processing of onion-like carbon for electrochemical capacitors”, (2017) *ECS Journal of Solid-State Science and Technology* 6 (6), M3103-M3108.
5. Xie, X., Zhao, M. Q., Anasori, B., **Maleski, K.**, Ren, C. E., Li, J., Byles, B. W., Pomerantseva, E., Wang, G., Gogotsi, Y., “Porous Heterostructured MXene/Carbon Nanotube Composite Paper with High Volumetric Capacity for Sodium-Based Energy Storage Devices”, (2016) *Nano Energy*.
6. **Maleski, K.**, Zhao, M. Q., Gogotsi, Y., “Nanomaterials in Electrical Energy Storage Applications”, (2016) *HDIAC Journal* 3 (3), 6-12. (HDIAC – Homeland Defense and Security Information Analysis Center, a United States Department of Defense (DoD) Journal) **+ Journal Cover**

Articles Submitted or Under Review

1. Sarycheva, A., Makaryan, T., **Maleski, K.**, Satheeshkumar, E., Melikyan, A., Minassian, H., Yoshimura, M., Gogotsi, Y. (2017) *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, under review
2. Alhabeb, M., **Maleski, K.**, Anasori, B., Lelyukh, P., Clark, L., Sin, S., Gogotsi, Y. (2017) *Chemistry of Materials*, under review

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Conference Proceedings

1. **Maleski, K.**, Van Aken, K. L., Mathis, T. S., Breslin, J., Gogotsi, Y., *Effects of Processing Conditions on the Capacitive Performance of Onion-like Carbon* (Carbon 2016, Penn State University, 2016).
2. Handy, E., **Maleski, K.**, Mathis, T. S., Van Aken, K. L., Gogotsi, Y., Dibenedetto, G., Zunino, J., *Flexible, Printed Ultracapacitors for Use in Extreme Environments*, (47th Power Sources, 2016).

Select Research Presentations

1. **Maleski, K.**, Makaryan, T., Kim, Y.-J., Kim, J.-W., Lee, B.-J., Oh, J.-S., Ahn, C.-W., Gogotsi, Y., "Nanofabrication of Microelectronic Devices with Two-Dimensional MXene", *NANOKorea 2017*, Goyang, South Korea, Summer 2017. Oral Presentation.
2. **Maleski, K.**, Won, C.-W., Gogotsi, Y., "Global Science and Technology: Nanofabrication of Two-Dimensional Carbides for Microelectronic Devices", *International Research Showcase*, Drexel University, Spring 2017. Poster Presentation.
3. **Maleski, K.**, Mochalin, V., Gogotsi, Y., "Two-dimensional Titanium Carbide ($Ti_3C_2T_x$) MXene in Organic Solvents", *ASM Liberty Bell Chapter*, Philadelphia, PA, USA, 2017. Poster Presentation.
4. **Maleski, K.**, Mochalin, V., Gogotsi, Y., "Two-dimensional Titanium Carbide ($Ti_3C_2T_x$) MXene in Organic Solvents", *MRS Fall Meeting*, Boston, MA, USA, 2016, Poster presentation. **Best Poster Nominee**
5. **Maleski, K.**, Gogotsi, Y. "Two-dimensional Materials as Supercapacitor Electrodes". *KAIST-Drexel MRS Joint Symposium*, KAIST, Deajeon, South Korea. 2016, Oral Presentation.
6. **Maleski, K.**, Mochalin, V., Gogotsi, Y., "Dispersion of Titanium Carbide MXene in Organic Solvents". *NANOKorea 2016*, Goyang, South Korea. Summer 2016. Poster Presentation.
7. **Maleski, K.**, Xu, E., Crespi, V., "How to place a tetrahedron into a plane: sp^3 defects in sp^2 carbon". *Research for Undergraduates Symposium*. Pennsylvania State University. University Park, State College, PA. 2013. Poster Presentation and Oral Presentation.

Select Outreach Presentations

1. **Maleski, K.**, "Interaction of Light and Electricity with the 2D World", *Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition, Drexel Graduate Emerging Scholars Conference*. The Graduate College of Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA. Spring 2017. Oral Presentation.
2. **Maleski, K.**, "Think Big: Think Nano", Invited Speaker, *Gamma Sigma Epsilon Induction Ceremony*, Gamma Eta Chapter, Department of Chemistry, Washington College, Chestertown, MD. Spring 2017. Oral Presentation.
3. **Maleski, K.**, "One Story: Graduate School, Research Interests, and Beyond". *Preparing Chemistry Majors for the 21st Century*, Department of Chemistry, Washington College, Chestertown, MD. Spring 2016. Oral Presentation.
4. **Maleski, K.**, "Propelling students into life after graduation". *Higher Education Advocacy Travel Award (HEATA) Sponsored Talk*. Department of Physics, Washington College, Chestertown, MD. Fall 2015. Oral Presentation.