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Single particle studies of atomically-relevant systems



IOWA Developing Finite Temperature Electronic Structure Theory
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1 Density matrix quantum Monte Carlo calculates the energy and properties of sp atomic Hamiltonians using the N -body thermal density matrix

2 The fermion sign problem in DMQMC less studied and allowed for algorithmic developments

3 The piecewise adaptation of interaction picture DMQMC decreases compute time while improving the accuracy

4 Small errors and a continuous temperature sampling allows us to calculate physical properties such as the dissociation energy curve

5 Strong correlation can be addressed by comparing relative weights of the states that contribute to the energy

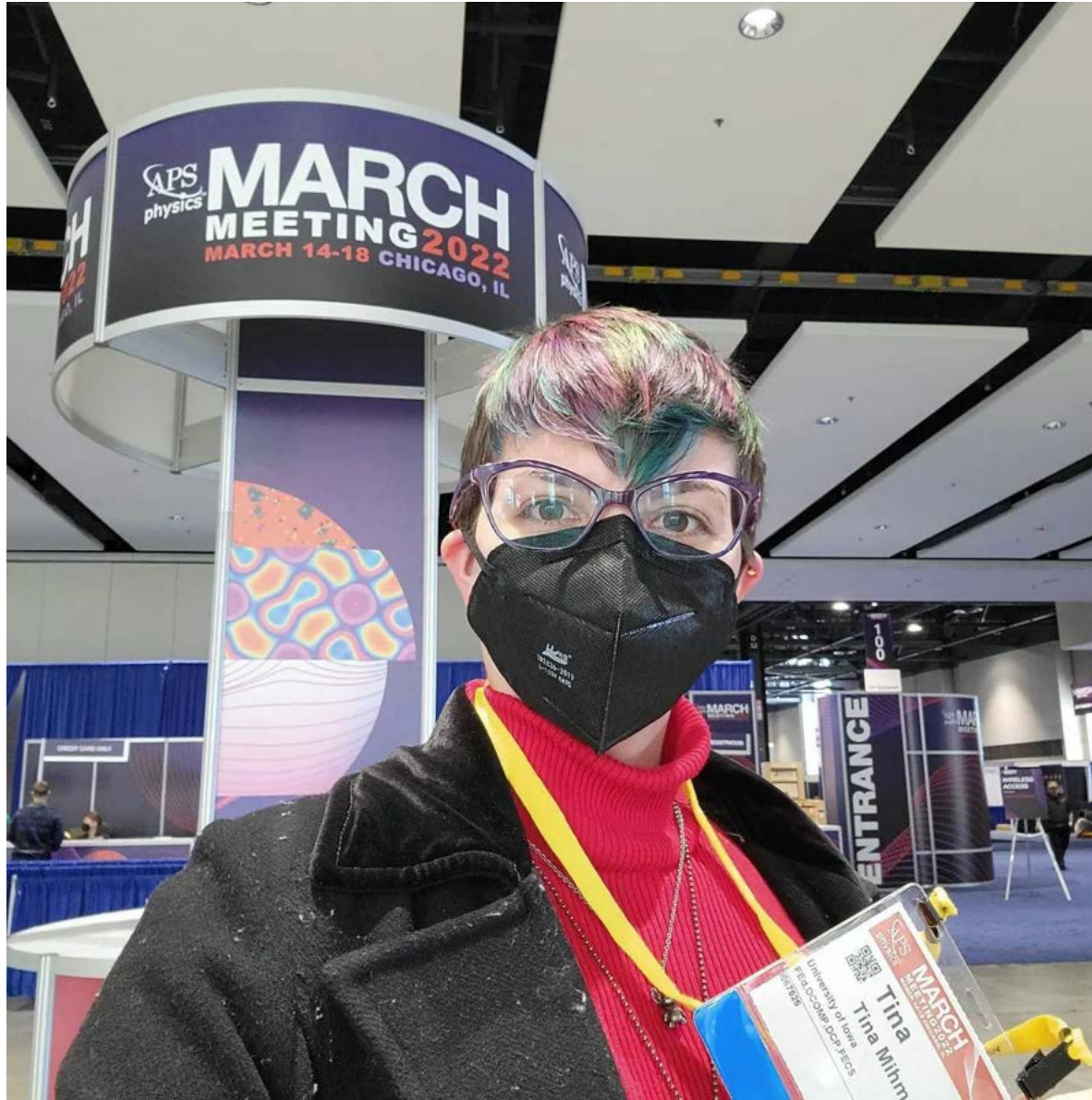
6 Embedding allows us to isolate the electronic structure of part of our system, while considering the potential energy of the surrounding environment

7 Work in progress on solid-state systems with FCIQMC and DMQMC

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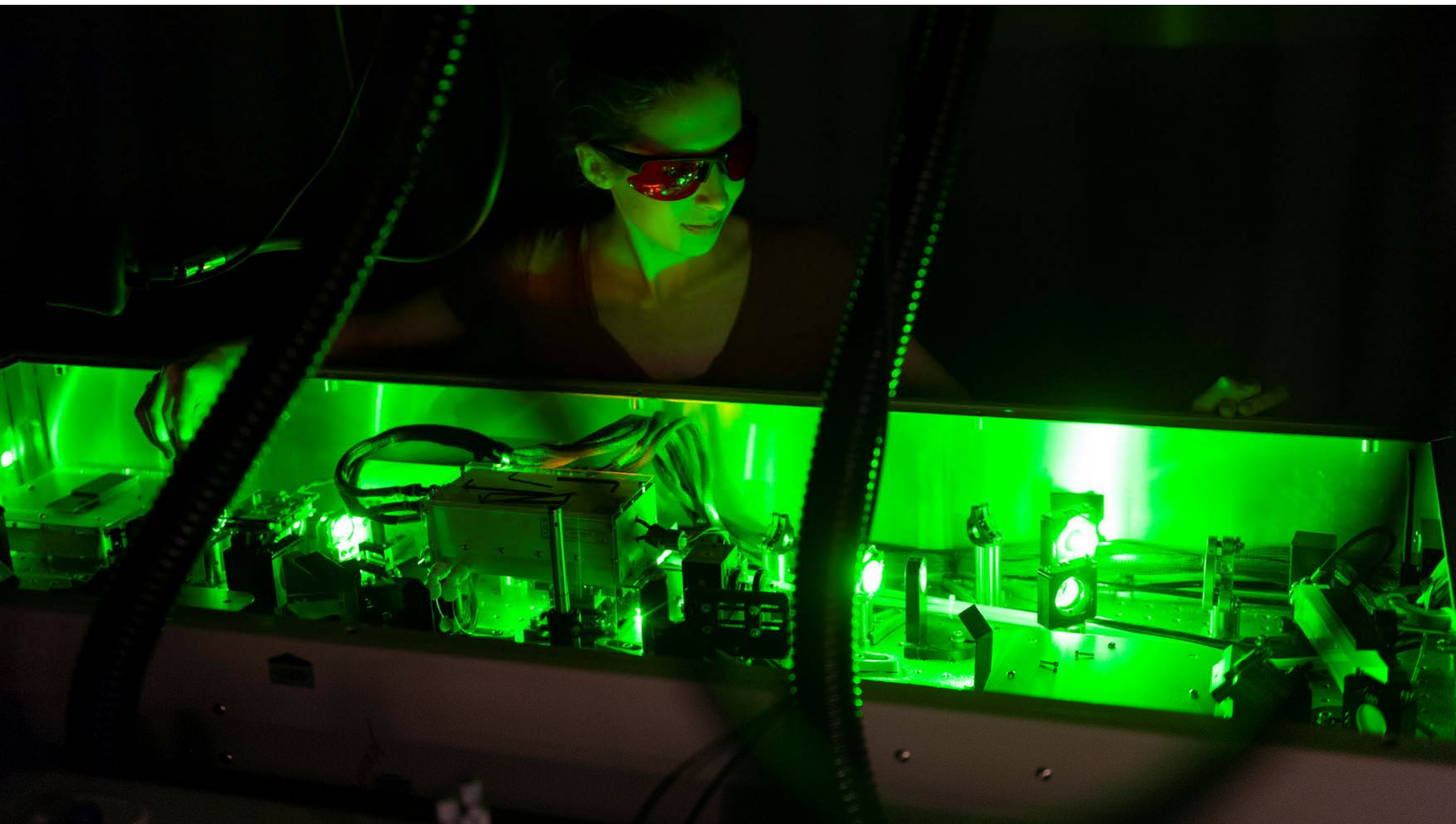




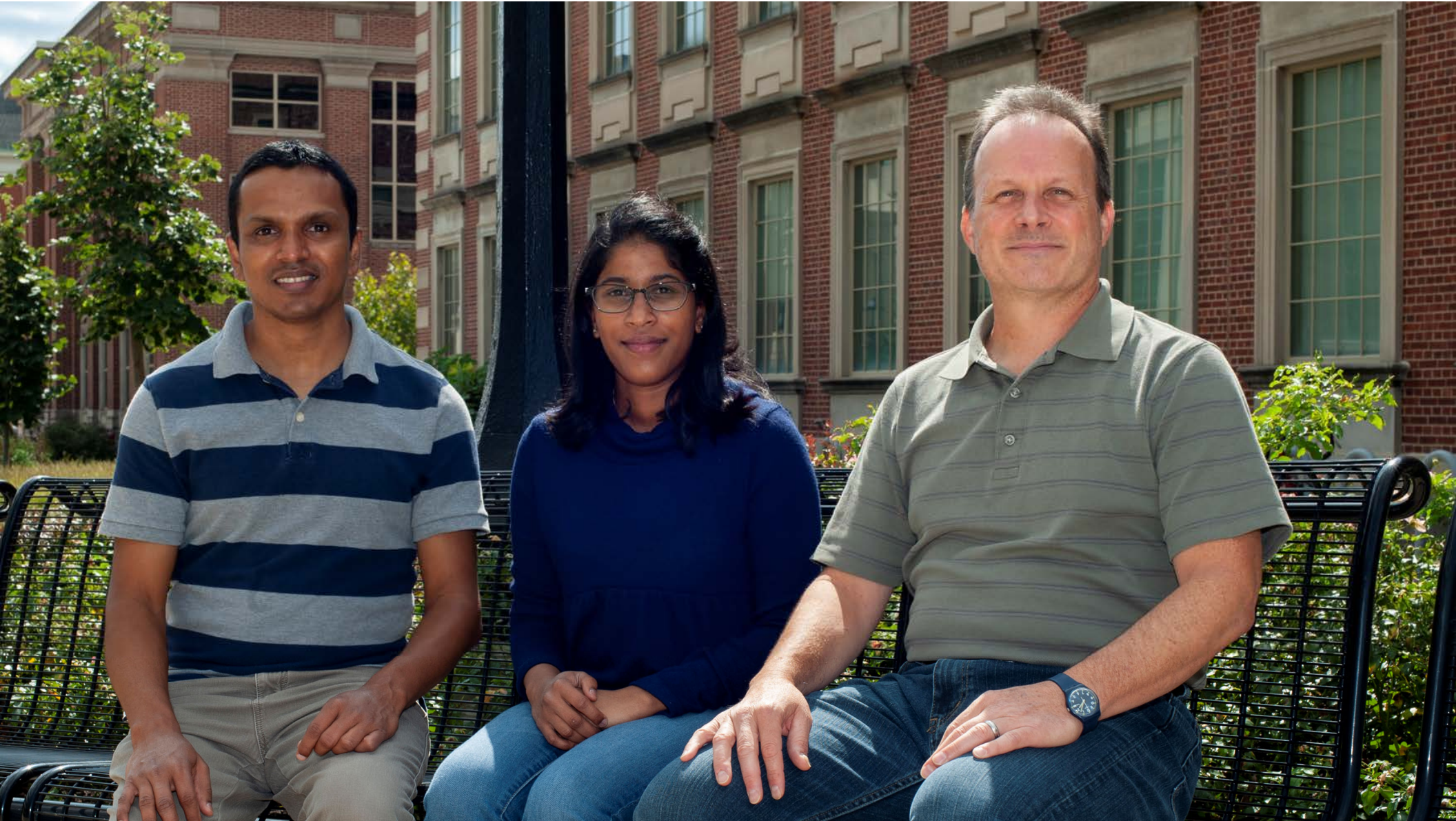






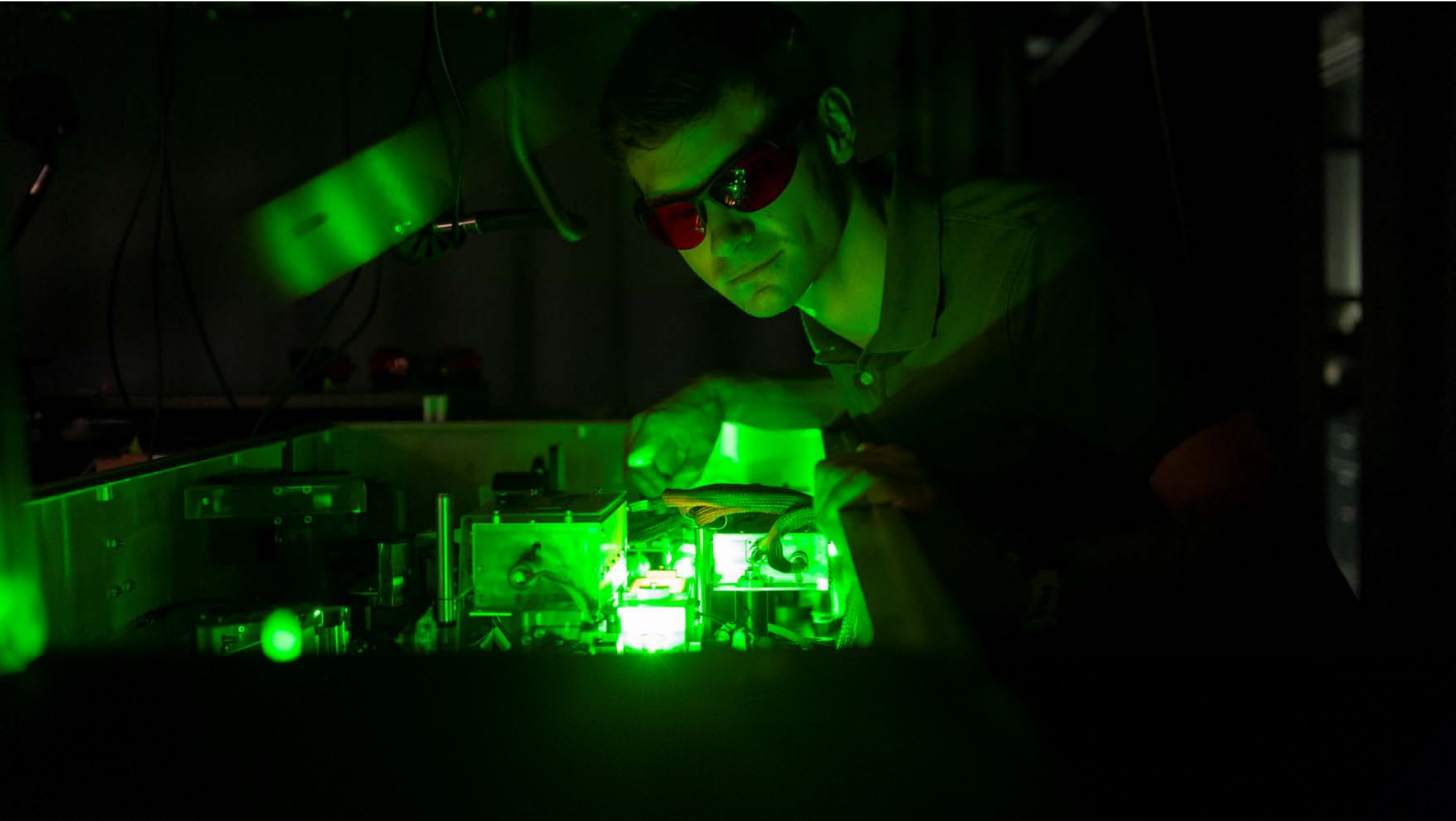








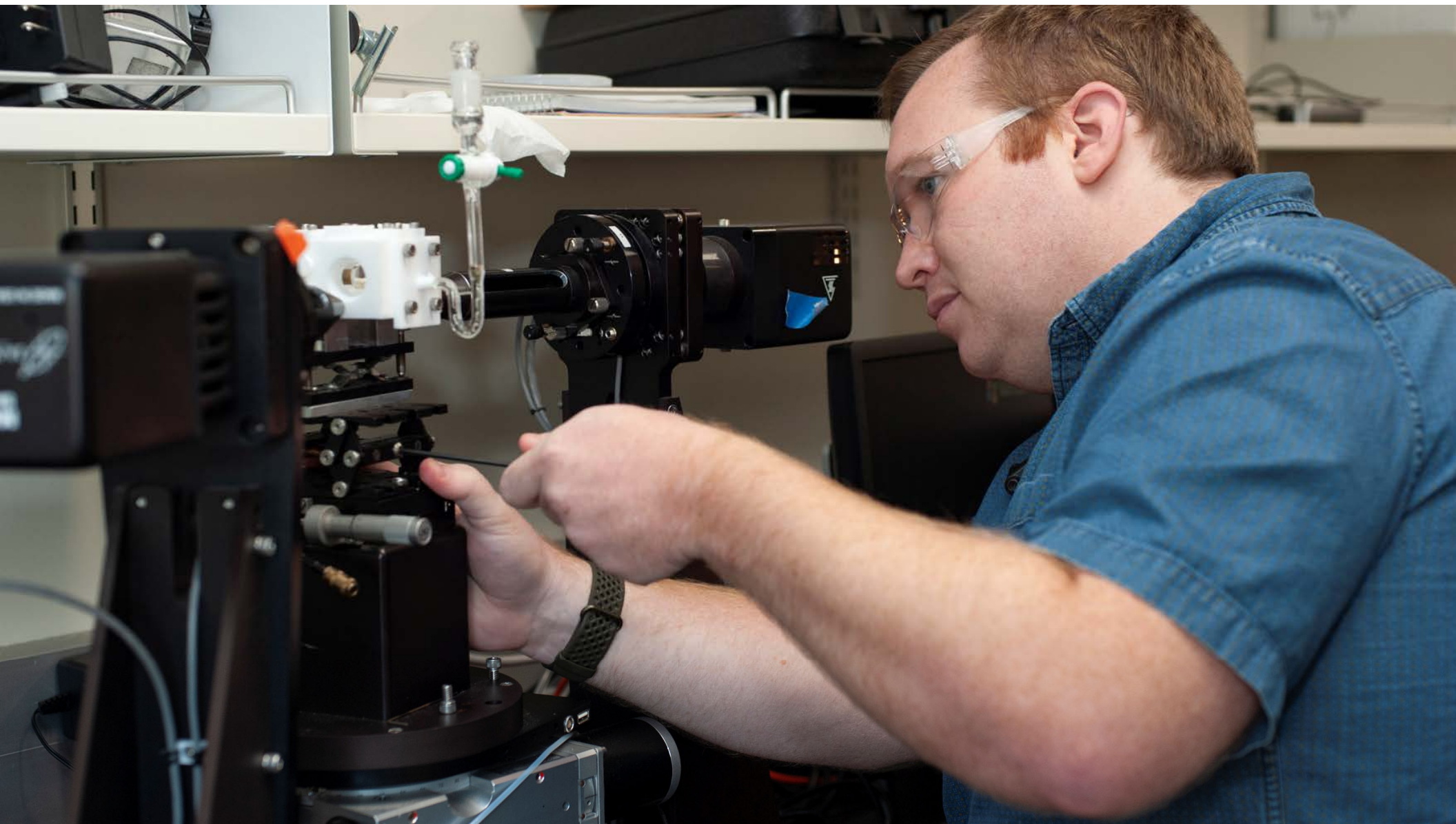


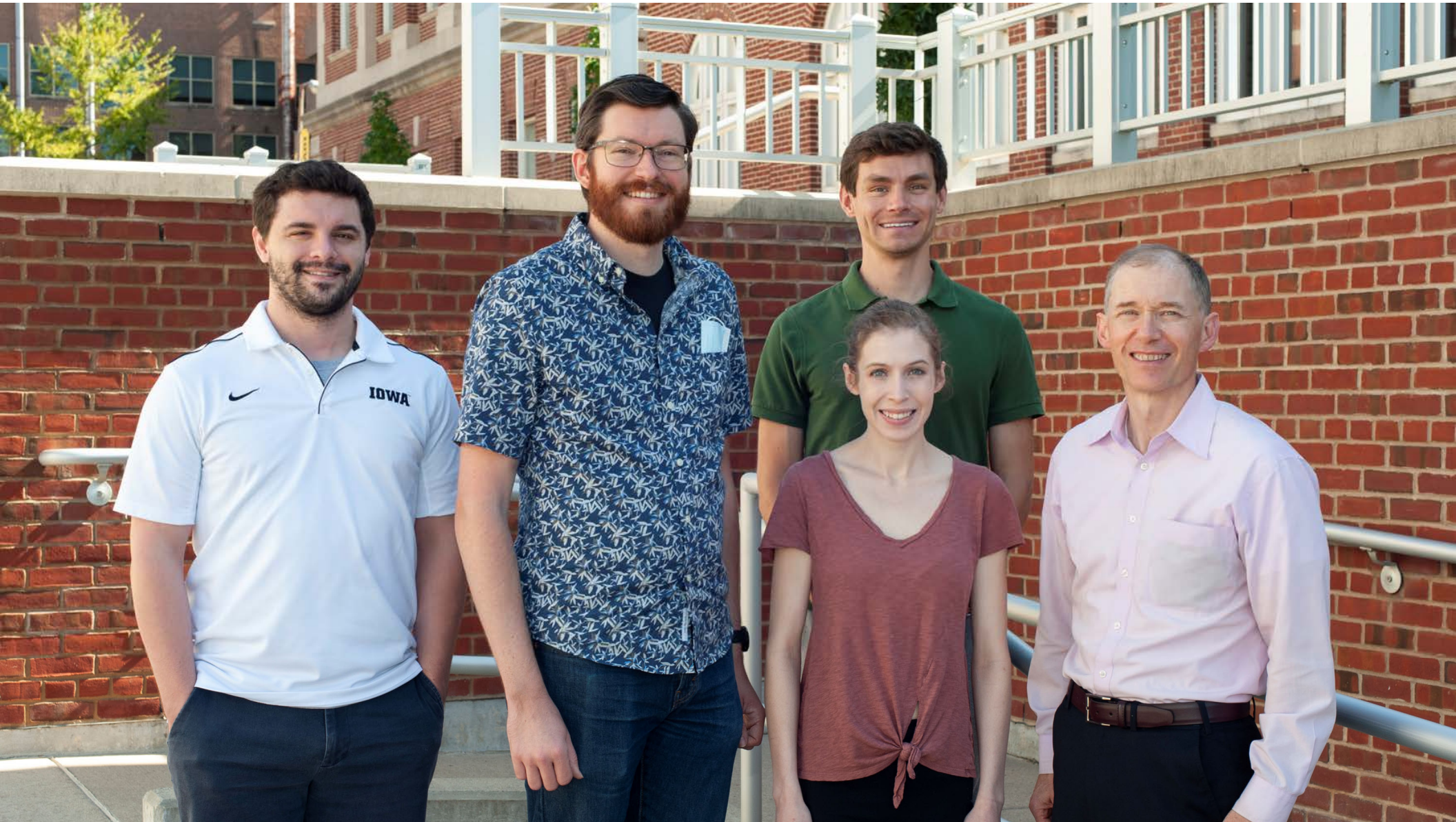


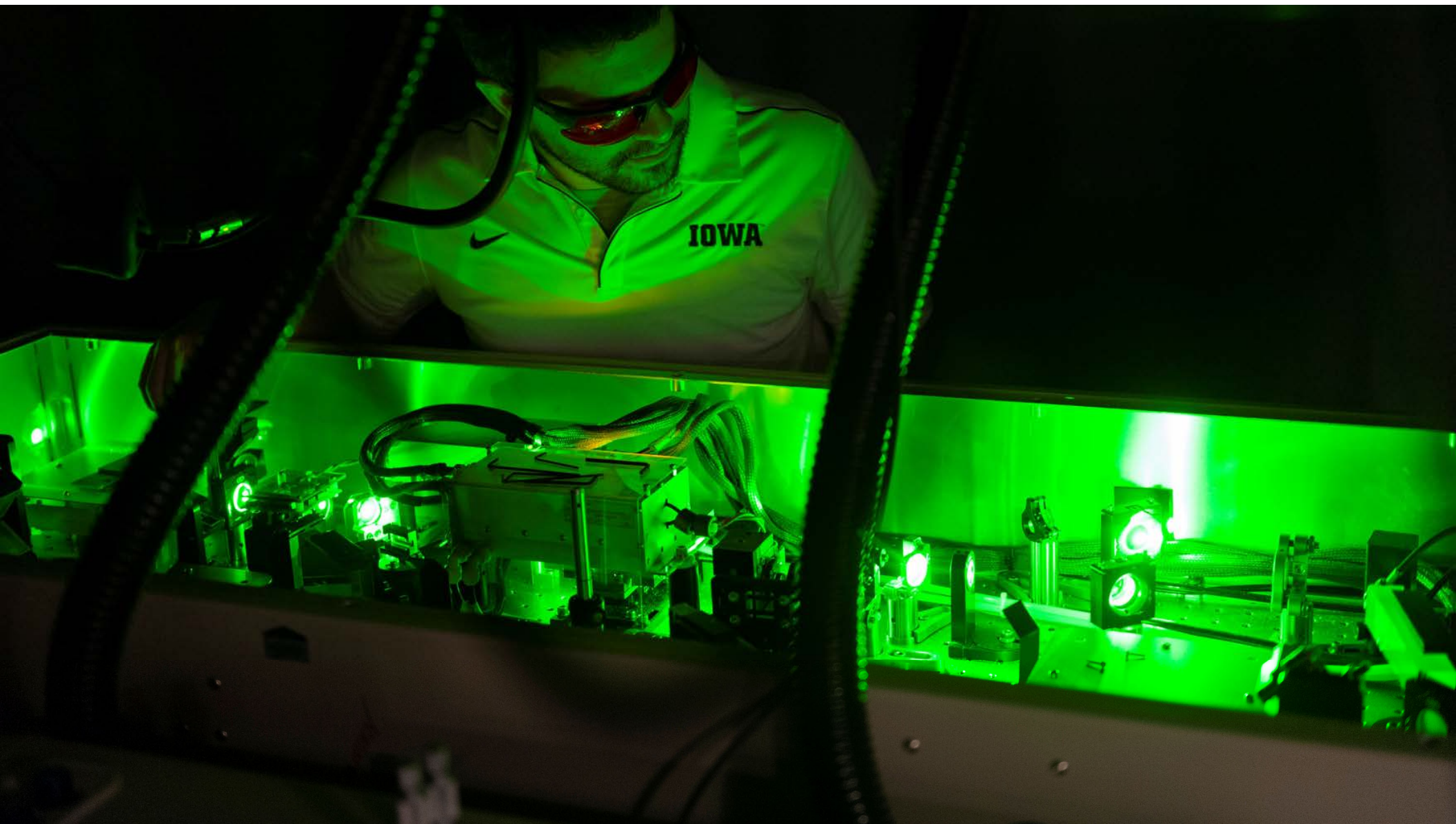




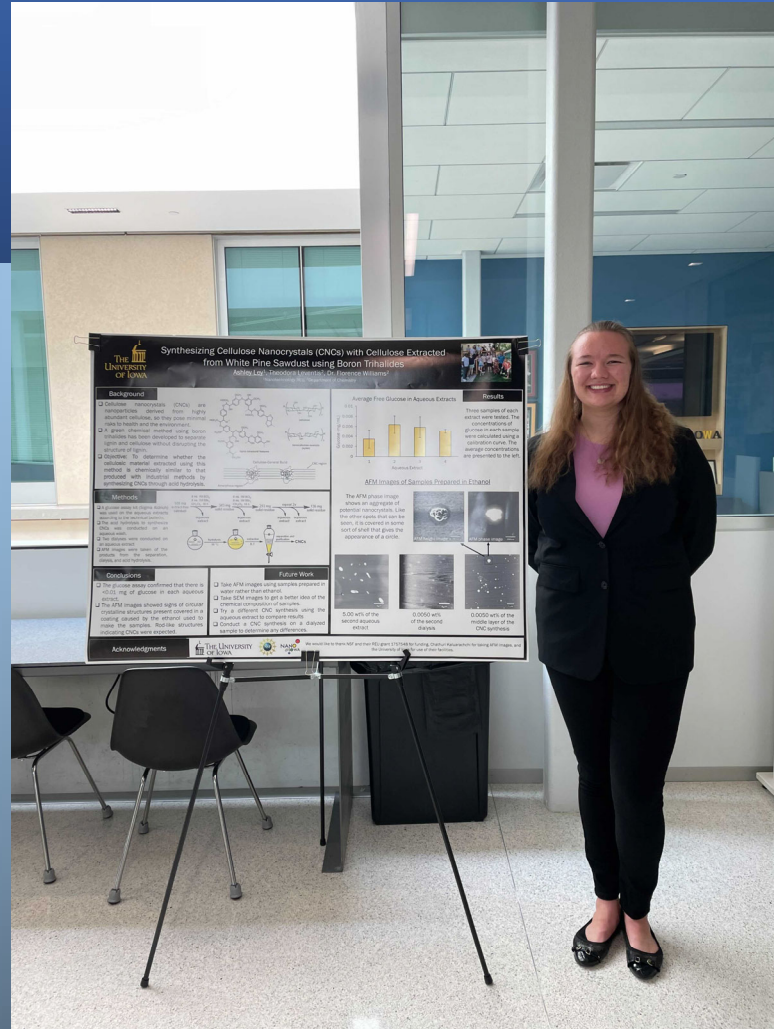


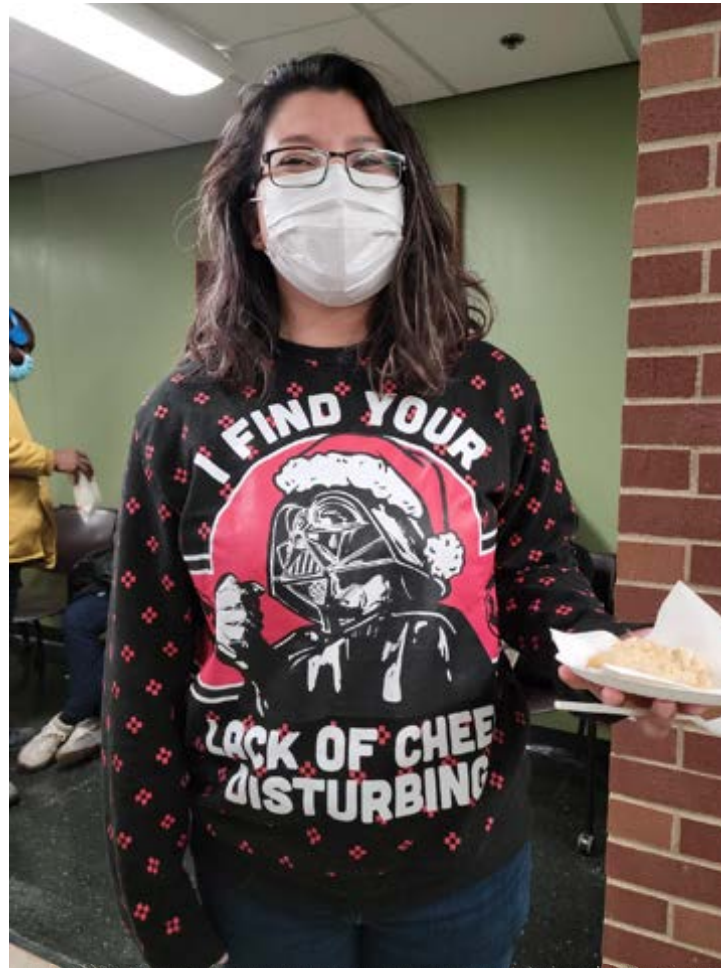












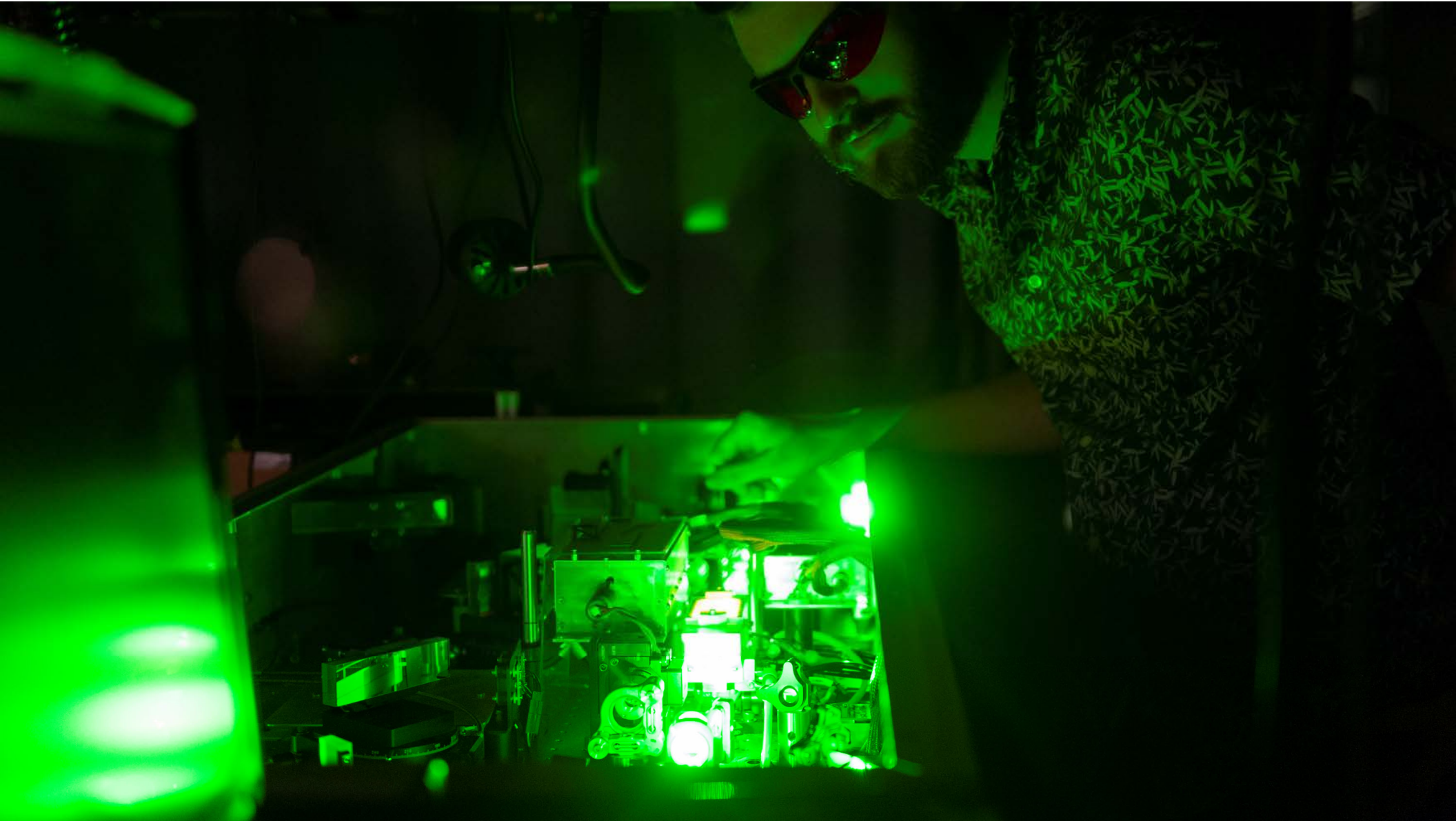


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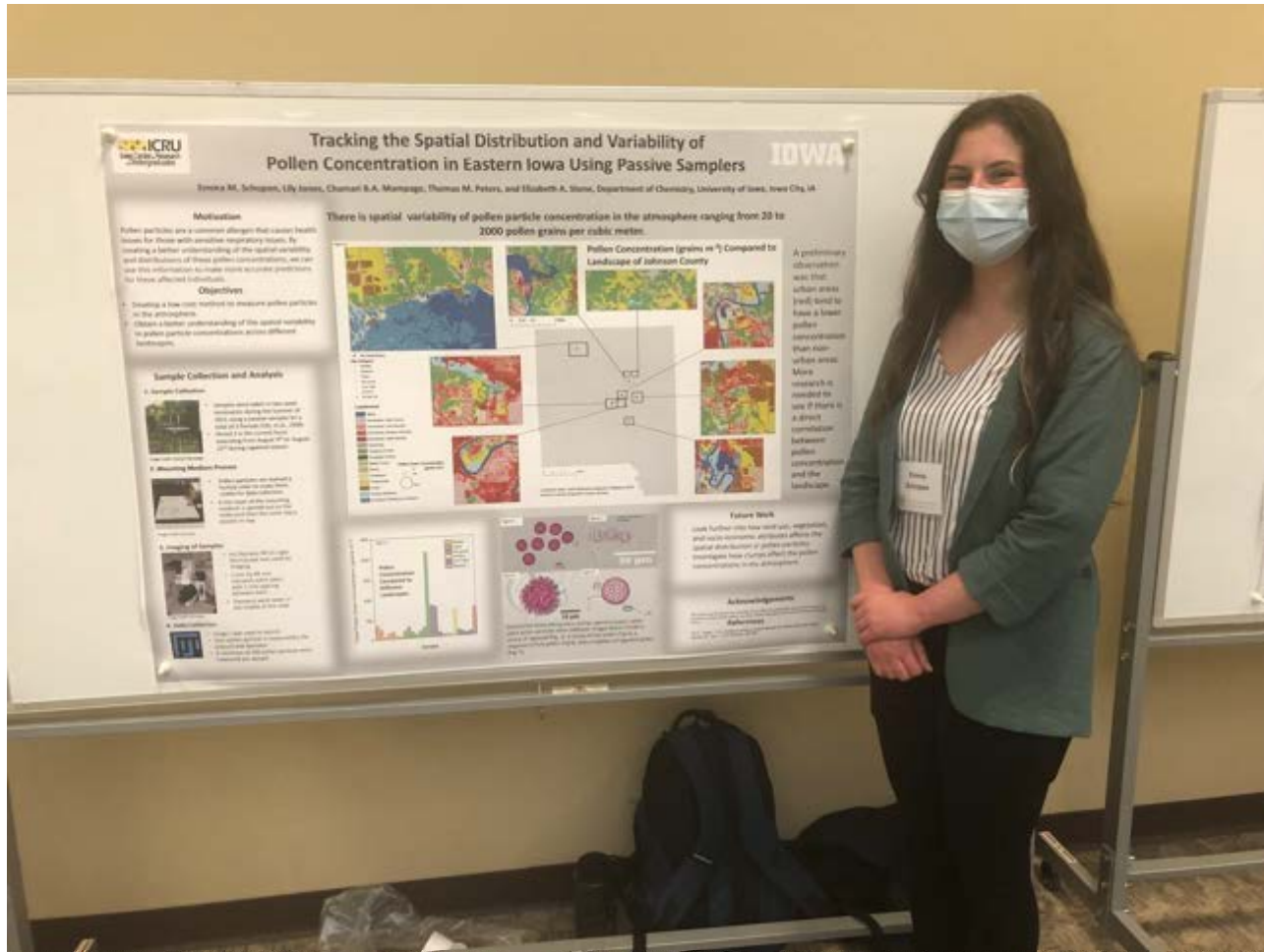
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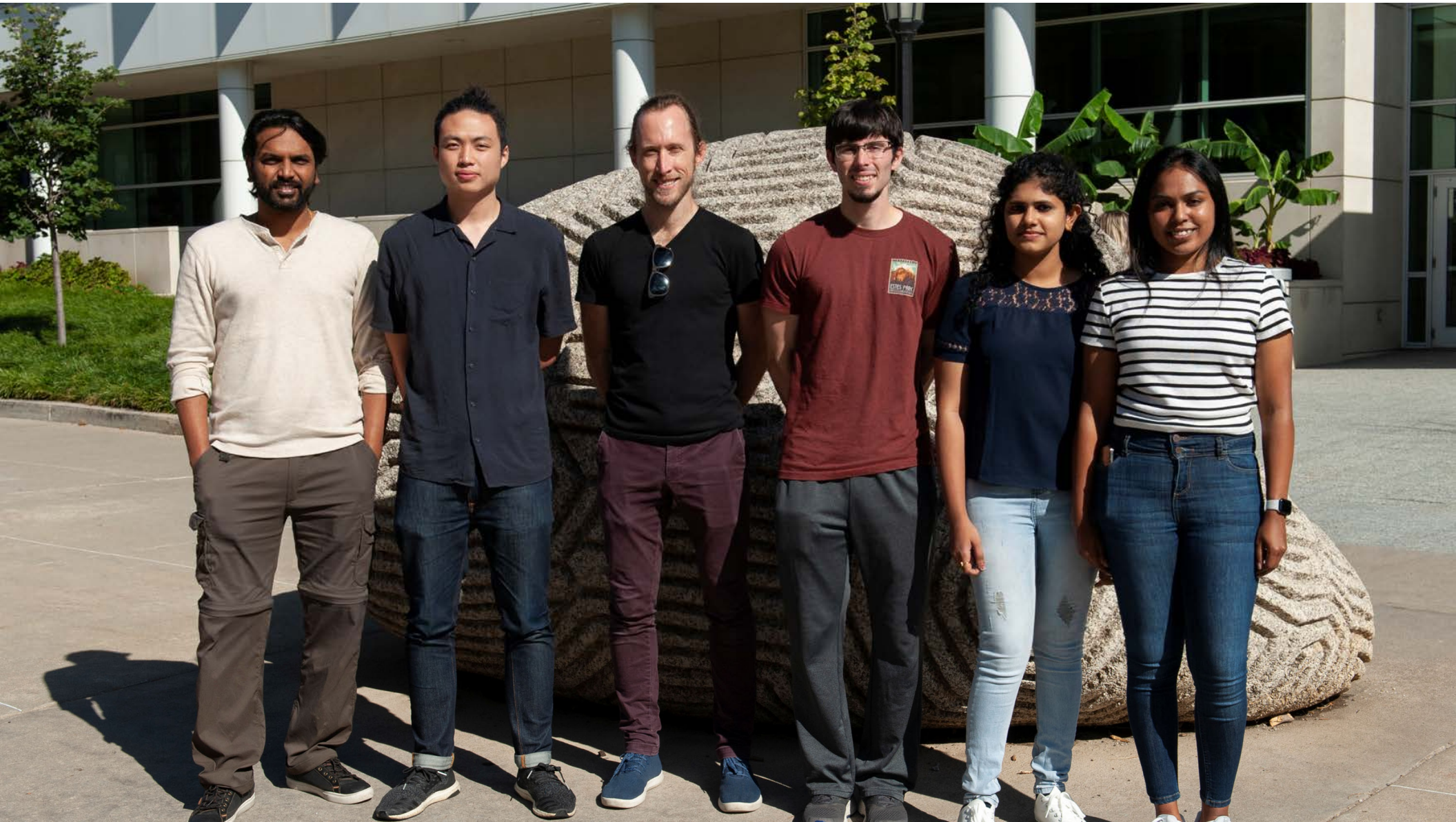






























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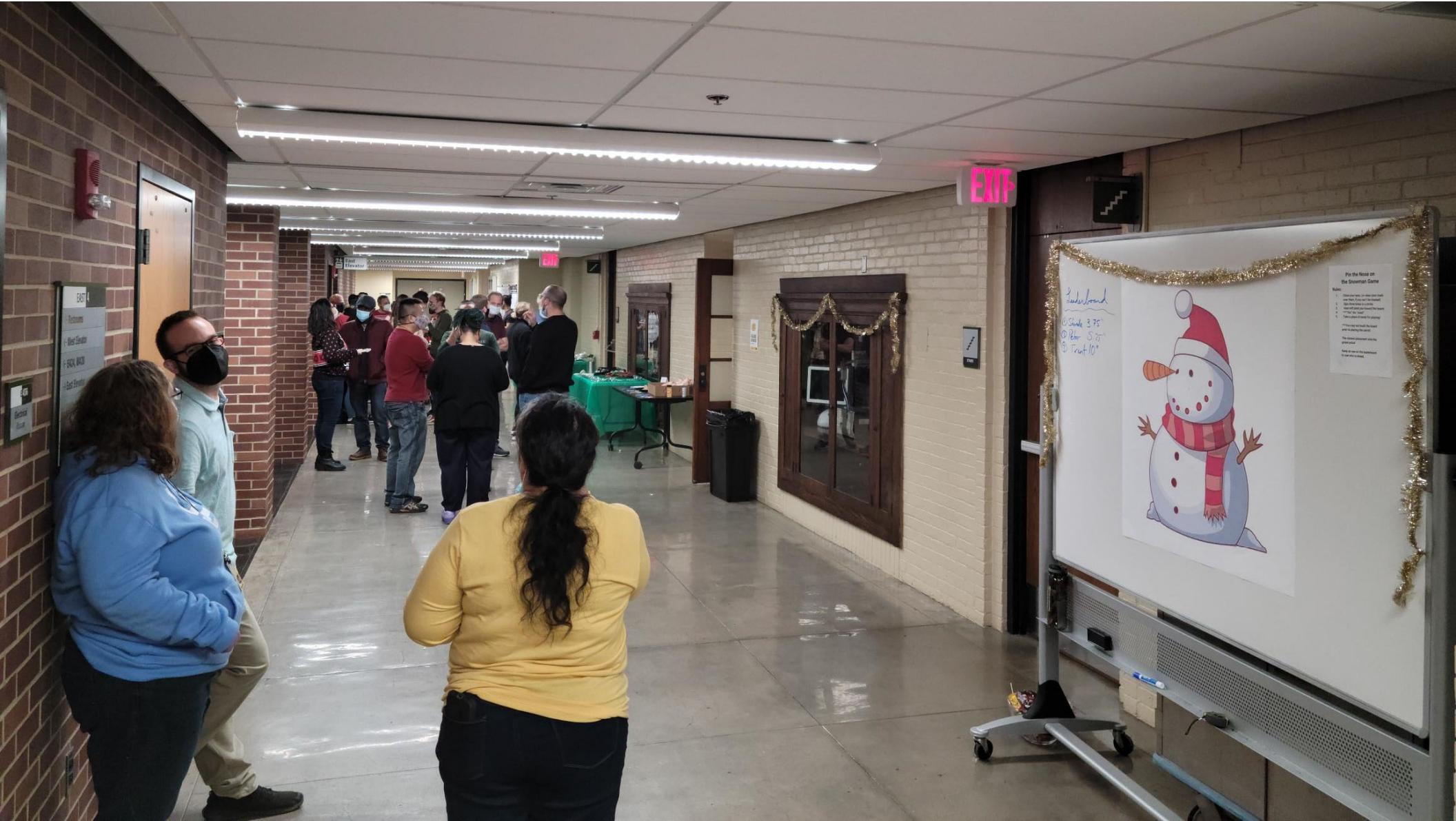














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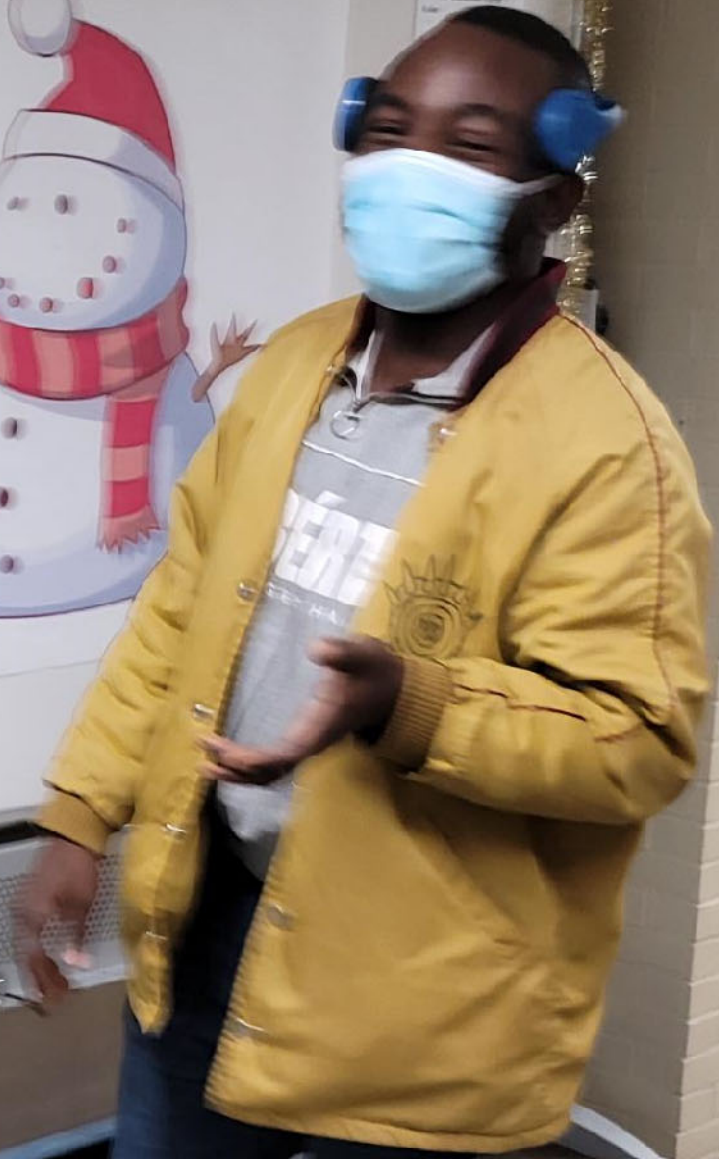


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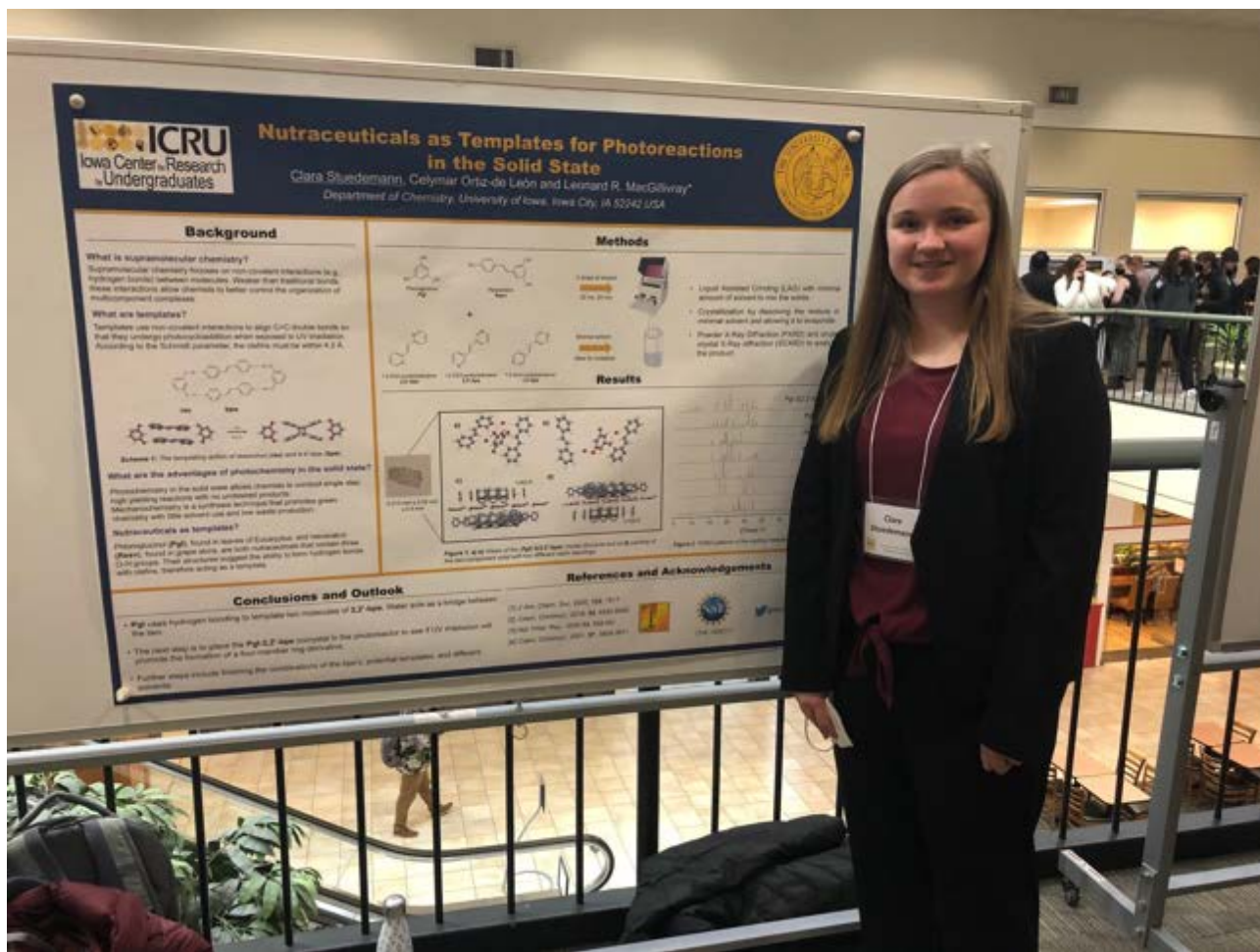
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Nutraceuticals as Templates for Photoreactions in the Solid State

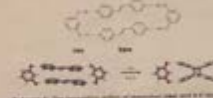
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Background

What is supramolecular chemistry?
Supramolecular chemistry focuses on non-covalent interactions (e.g. hydrogen bonds) between molecules. Weaker than covalent bonds, these interactions allow chemicals to better control the organization of multicomponent complexes.

What are templates?
Templates use non-covalent interactions to align C-C double bonds so that they undergo photochemical reactions when exposed to UV irradiation. According to the Tolman parameter, the offset must be within 4.2 Å.



What are the advantages of photochemistry in the solid state?
Photochemistry in the solid state allows chemists to control single-step, high-yielding reactions with no unwanted products.

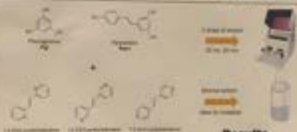
Macrocyclic chemistry is a template approach that promotes green chemistry with the solvent-out and low waste production.

Nutraceuticals as templates?
Macrocyclic Pfls, found in leaves of Equisetum, and resveratrol (Rsv), found in grape skins, are both macromolecules that contain strong C=C groups. Their structures suggest the ability to form hydrogen bonds with olefins, therefore acting as a template.

Conclusions and Outlook

- High yield hydrogen bonding to template two molecules of 2,2'-Azobis(isobutyronitrile) (AIBN) in the solid state.
- The next step is to place the Pfl 2,2'-Azobis(isobutyronitrile) in the photoconductor to see if UV irradiation will promote the formation of a four-membered ring derivative.
- Further steps include testing the contributions of the Azobis(isobutyronitrile) and olefin.

Methods



Results



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Exploring the Synthesis and Formation of Extended Uranyl Solid Materials Through a Mild Temperature Flux Reaction

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Motivation

Uranium is a naturally occurring radioactive material that is toxic to living organisms when exposed in high concentrations. Understanding how uranium interacts within the environment can improve our ability to predict of the mobility and enhance our detection of uranium species. Reactions involving uranium are of interest as they can impact a variety of scientific fields such as the nuclear energy cycle and environmental sciences.

The Uranyl Cation (UO_2^{2+})

The uranyl cation is a common form of uranium found in environmentally relevant conditions.

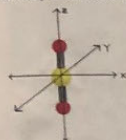


Figure 1. The uranyl cation shown with 3D axes.

The phase diagram shows us the percent of solid uranyl nitrate (by weight) which will change phases at specific temperatures, allows us to predict when the solid uranyl nitrate may be able to act as a solvent.

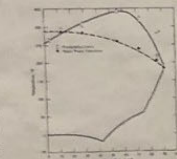


Figure 2. Phase diagram of aqueous Uranyl Nitrate Hexahydrate (ref 1)

Synthesis and Bomb Calorimetry



Figure 3. Components of an acid digestion pan bomb.

Hydrothermal synthesis is a method of synthesizing crystals that depends on the solubility of the materials involved in high temperatures and pressures. These reactions take place in a metal pressure vessel that is specifically designed to contain high pressure reactions. Pan bombs are the reaction vessels we utilized to run a reaction at consistent pressure and temperature.

Solid State Chemistry and Flux Reactions

Solid-state chemistry explores the structure, synthesis, and properties of solid-state materials. There are various pathways that can be utilized to synthesize solid materials; an emerging pathway involves solid-state syntheses that do not utilize a solvent to aid the reaction mechanism. Solventless reactions often require the reaction to overcome an energy barrier. Temperature and pressure variables can be manipulated to overcome these energy barriers to allow the reactions to proceed. Flux reactions occur when two solids are heated such that one of their melting points which allows for this compound to act as the solvent.

Experimental Reactions

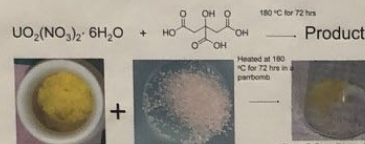


Figure 5. Solid Uranyl Nitrate Hexahydrate



Figure 6. Solid Citric Acid

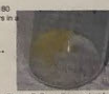


Figure 7. Crystalline product for prep U64 synthesized via hydrothermal synthesis

Crystalline Structure of U64

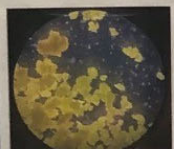


Figure 9. Crystalline product as viewed under the lens of a compound microscope

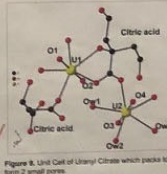


Figure 8. Unit Cell of Uranyl Citrate which packs to form 2 small pores.

Unit Cell Parameters:
 $(M_2O_7)(H_2O)_2(C_3H_5O_7)_2 \cdot 2H_2O$
 Tetragonal $P4_2/mnm$
 $a=2073.1 \text{ \AA}$, $b=2073.1 \text{ \AA}$, $c=2152.1(1) \text{ \AA}$
 $Z=4$, $V=91812 \text{ \AA}^3$, $\rho_{\text{calc}}=4.8862 \text{ g/cm}^3$

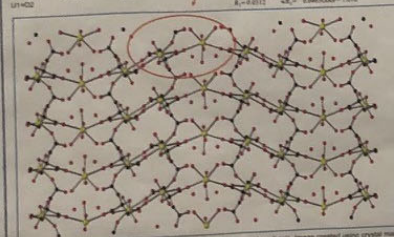


Figure 6. Crystal lattice of crystalline product produced via hydrothermal synthesis. Image created using crystal maker

The 3D nature of this metal-organic framework(MOF) is of high interest to the community since MOFs have high surface areas and unique properties, allowing for gas sorption, gas storage, and heightened catalytic reactivity.

Characterization

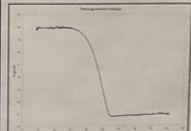


Figure 11. TGA spectrum taken for U64

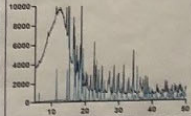
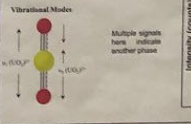
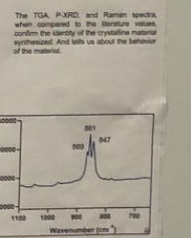


Figure 12. Overlay of the predicted R-RD and observed R-RD spectrum for U64



The broad shape of the spectra from 0-20 cm^{-1} is characteristic of an amorphous phase, while the clear predicted pattern matches the experimental for U64

Future Works/ Conclusions

Known products can be synthesized using mild temperatures and pressures to melt the solids. Synthesis of crystalline products without the use of solvent offers new pathways to well known products with varied topologies and structure characteristics. Future experiments look to explore the additional byproducts of hydrothermal synthesis without the use of a solvent. Various other ligand systems and metal centers will be mixed with the uranyl nitrate to determine the methodologies of this synthesis at elevated temperatures and pressures.

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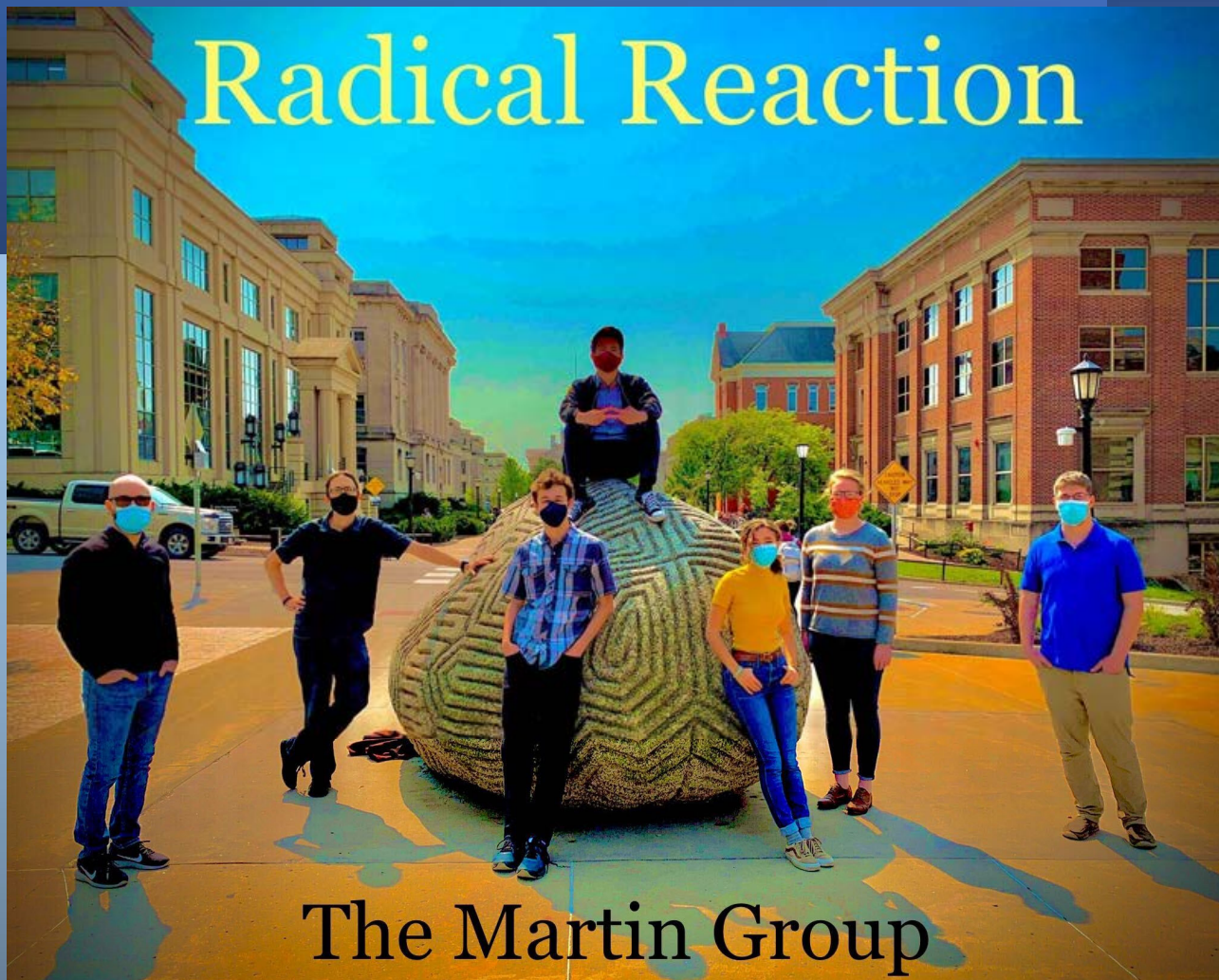








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