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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, <i>Rice University</i>	2010
<i>Scanning Probe Analysis of Polydiacetylene Nanowires and Poly(3-Hexylthiophene) Thin Films</i>	
M. S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, <i>Rice University</i>	2007
B. S. in Electrical Engineering (high honors), <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	2004

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Scientist	2015 – present
<i>Ginger Lab, University of Washington, Department of Chemistry, Seattle, WA</i>	
• Managed the atomic force microscopy research subgroup	
• Expanded the lab's research into several new areas: ion transport devices, applying data science methods to “big data” microscopy, new instrumentation development	
• Developed large suite of code (Python, C++) for acquiring and analyzing microscopy and transistor data	
• Actively collaborated across departments and universities on grants and papers	
Failure Analysis and Microscopy Tool Development Engineer	2012 – 2015
<i>Intel, Hillsboro, OR</i>	
• Led development of several new microscopy tools for 14 nm and 10 nm node failure analysis	
◦ Patented a visible laser voltage probing technique for semiconductor fault isolation	
◦ Published the first subsurface atomic force microscopy imaging of functioning processors	
◦ Developed electron beam probing for through-silicon imaging	
• Company-wide award for super-resolution/structured illumination microscopy of processors	
• Managed joint Intel-external vendor developments including first-of-kind optical tools	
Postdoctoral Researcher with Prof. David S. Ginger	2009 – 2012
<i>University of Washington, Department of Chemistry, Seattle, WA</i>	
• Patented sub-microsecond time-resolved electrostatic force microscopy (trEFM) technique	
• Studied organic solar cells using photoconductive atomic force microscopy	
Graduate Researcher with Prof. Kevin F. Kelly	2004 – 2009
Rice University, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Houston, TX	
• Ultrahigh vacuum scanning tunneling microscopy studies of polymer nanostructures	
Honors Scholar Researcher	2003 – 2004
Applied Research Labs, Austin, TX	

PUBLICATIONS (1800+ CITATIONS, H-INDEX 22)

Journal Articles

- C. Pederson, **R. Giridharagopal**, F. Zhao, S. T. Dunham, Y. Raitses, D. S. Ginger, K.-M. C. Fu. “Optical Tuning of the Diamond Fermi Level Measured by Correlated Scanning Probe Microscopy and Quantum Defect Spectroscopy.” *arXiv [quant-ph]*, 2023. (in review)
- J. Guo, S. E. Chen, **R. Giridharagopal**, C. G. Bischak, J. W. Onorato, K. Yan, Z. Shen, C.-Z. Li, C. K. Luscombe, D. S. Ginger. “Why Accumulation Mode Organic Electrochemical Transistors Turn off Much Faster than They Turn On.” *arXiv [physics.app-ph]*, 2023. (in review)
- F. Akrami, F. Jiang, **R. Giridharagopal**, D. S. Ginger. “Kinetic Suppression of Photoinduced Halide Migration in Wide Bandgap Perovskites via Surface Passivation.” *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* **14**, 9310–9315 (2023).
- J. Pothoof, R. J. E. Westbrook, **R. Giridharagopal**, M. D. Breshears,, D. S. Ginger. “Surface Passivation Suppresses Local Ion Motion in Halide Perovskites.” *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* **14**, 6092–6098 (2023).
- C. A. R. Perini, A.-F. Castro-Mendez, T. Kodalle, M. Ravello, J. Hidalgo, M. Gomez-Dominguez, R. Li, M. Taddei, **R. Giridharagopal**, J. Pothoof, C. M. Sutter-Fella, D. S. Ginger, J.-P. Correa-Baena. “Vapor-Deposited N = 2 Ruddlesden–Popper Interface Layers Aid Charge Carrier Extraction in Perovskite Solar Cells. *ACS Energy Letters* **8**, 1408–1415 (2023).
- J. Guo, L. Q. Flagg, D. K. Tran, S. E. Chen, R. Li, N. B. Kolhe, **R. Giridharagopal**, S. A. Jenekhe, L. J. Richter, D. S. Ginger. “Hydration of a Side-Chain-Free N-Type Semiconducting Ladder Polymer Driven by Electrochemical Doping.” *Journal of the American Chemical Society* **145**, 1866–1876 (2023).
- Y. Shi, E. Rojas-Gatjens, J. Wang, J. Pothoof, **R. Giridharagopal**, K. Ho, F. Jiang, M. T. Taddei, Z. Yang, E. M. Sanehira, M. D. Irwin, C. Silva-Acuña, D. S. Ginger. (3-Aminopropyl)trimethoxysilane Surface Passivation Improves Perovskite Solar Cell Performance by Reducing Surface Recombination Velocity. *ACS Energy Letters* **7**, 4081–4088 (2022)..
- Y. Gong, Q. Zhu, B. Li, S. Wang, B. Duan, B, L. Lou, C. Xiang, E. Jedlicka, **R. Giridharagopal**, Y. Zhou, Q. Dai, W. Yan, S. Chen, Q. Meng, H. Xin. “Elemental de-Mixing-Induced Epitaxial Kesterite/CdS Interface Enabling 13%-Efficiency Kesterite Solar Cells.” *Nature Energy* **7**, 966–977 (2022).
- S. Sidhik, Y. Wang, M. De Siena, R. Asadpour, A. J. Torma, T. Terlier, K. Ho, W. Li, A. B. Puthirath, X. Shuai, A. Agrawal, B. Traore, M. Jones, **R. Giridharagopal**, P. M. Ajayan, J. Strzalka, D. S. Ginger, C.

- Katan, M. A. Alam, J. Even, M. G. Kanatzidis, A. D. Mohite. "Deterministic Fabrication of 3D/2D Perovskite Bilayer Stacks for Durable and Efficient Solar Cells." *Science* 377, 1425–1430 (2022).
- M. D. Breshears, R. Giridharagopal, J. Pothoof, D. S. Ginger. "A Robust Neural Network for Extracting Dynamics from Electrostatic Force Microscopy Data." *Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling* 62, 4342–4350 (2022).
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 - J. Yu, R. Giridharagopal, Y. Li, K. Xie, J. Li, T. Cao, X. Xu, D. S. Ginger. "Imaging Graphene Moiré Superlattices via Scanning Kelvin Probe Microscopy." *Nano Letters* 21, 3280-3286 (2021)
 - E. Jedlicka, J. Wang, J. Mutch, Y.-K. Jung, P. Went, J. Mohammed, M. Ziffer, R. Giridharagopal, A. Walsh, J.-H. Chu, and D. S. Ginger. "Bismuth Doping Alters Structural Phase Transitions in Methylammonium Lead Tribromide Single Crystals." *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters* 12, 2749 (2021).
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 - Y. Gong, Y. Zhang, E. Jedlicka, R. Giridharagopal, J. A. Clark, W. Yan, C. Niu, R. Qiu, J. Jiang, S. Yu, S. Wu, H. W. Hillhouse, D. S. Ginger, W. Huang, and H. Xin. "Sn⁴⁺ Precursor Enables 12.4% Efficient Kesterite Solar Cell from DMSO Solution with Open Circuit Voltage Deficit below 0.30 V." *Science China Materials* 64, 52 (2021).
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- S. T. Birkhold, J. T. Precht, H. Liu, **R. Giridharagopal**, G. E. Eperon, L. Schmidt-Mende, X. Li, D. S. Ginger. “Interplay of Mobile Ions and Injected Carriers Creates Recombination Centers in Metal Halide Perovskites Under Bias.” *ACS Energy Letters* **3**, 1279-1286 (2018).
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- **R. Giridharagopal**, J. Zhang, and K. F. Kelly. “Antenna-Based Ultrahigh Vacuum Microwave Frequency Alternating Current Scanning Tunneling Microscopy System.” *Review of Scientific Instruments* **82**, 053710 (2011) [cover article]
- A. H. Rice, **R. Giridharagopal**, S. X. Zheng, F. S. Ohuchi, D. S. Ginger, C. K. Luscombe. “Controlling Vertical Morphology Within the Active Layer of Organic Photovoltaics Using Poly(3-Hexylthiophene) Nanowires and Phenyl-C₆₁-Butyric Acid Methyl Ester.” *ACS Nano* **5**, 3132-3140 (2011)
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- **R. Giridharagopal**, P. A. Cox, D. S. Ginger. “Functional Scanning Probe Imaging of Nanostructured Solar Energy Materials.” *Accounts of Chemical Research* 49, 1769 (2016).
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Book Chapters

- **R. Giridharagopal**, G. E. Rayermann, D. S. Ginger. “Electrical Scanning Probe Microscopy on Solar Cell Materials.” In *Scanning Probe Microscopy for Energy Research*. D. A. Bonnell, S. V. Kalinin, eds. World Scientific, NJ, p. 39-71 (2013).

PATENTS

- “Visible Laser Probing for Circuit Debug and Defect Analysis.” T. M. Eiles, **R. Giridharagopal**, D. N. Shykind. Patent 9,651,610
- “Sub-Microsecond-Resolution Time-Domain Time-Resolved Electrostatic Force Microscopy.” D. S. Ginger, **R. Giridharagopal**, D. T. Moore, O. G. Reid, G. E. Rayermann. Patent Number 8,686,358

SELECTED INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- **R. Giridharagopal**, M. D. Breshears, D. S. Ginger. “Time-Frequency Analysis and Multimodal Imaging of Energy Materials Using Scanning Probe Microscopy.” Machine Learning and Automated Experiment in Scanning Probe Microscopy Virtual School, Oak Ridge National Lab (2021).
- **R. Giridharagopal**, D. S. Ginger. “Advances in Multimodal Scanning Probe Microscopy at the Nanoscale.” nanoGe Fall Meeting. Berlin, Germany (2019)
- **R. Giridharagopal**, “AFM Characterization of Emerging Photovoltaics.” Materials Research Society Webinar. (2018)
- **R. Giridharagopal**. “Electrical and Optoelectronic AFM: From Solar Cells to Electrochemical Transistors.” Asylum Research Workshop at University of Washington. Seattle, WA (2018).
- **R. Giridharagopal**, G. E. Rayermann, D. T. Moore, O. G. Reid, D. S. Ginger. “Time-Resolved Electrostatic Force Microscopy for Organic Photovoltaics Applications.” Presentation to Asylum Research. Santa Barbara, CA (2010)

HONORS

- Intel Achievement Award Nominee (2015)
- Intel Logic Technology Development Division Award (2013)
- CISSEM Innovative Research Seed Award (collaborative with U-Arizona, 2011)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (2005-2008)
- Shell Corporation Award, Rice Quantum Institute Colloquium (2008)
- Micron Technology Award, Rice Quantum Institute Colloquium (2005)
- Honors Scholar Award from Applied Research Labs (2003-2004)
- Ernest J. Cockrell Scholarship in Engineering (2000-2004)
- Engineering Scholar Award (2002)
- National Merit Finalist Scholarship (2000-2004)