# Paul Plachinda

#### Education

#### Ph.D. in Applied Physics, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

Expected graduation: January 2012, GPA: 3.97/4.00

Dissertation topic: Electronic properties and structure of functionalized graphene.

Advisor: Prof. R. Solanki

Areas of study: Solid state physics, Electron microscopy, Nanoscaled electronics

#### M.S. in Physics, Humboldt-University of Berlin, Berlin, Germany.

October 2006 - December 2008

Thesis topic: Determination of deformation of nanoscaled objects by convergent electron

diffraction.

Advisor: Prof. W. Neumann

### B.S. in Material Science, Lomonossov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia.

September 2002 - June 2006, *Cum Laude*, (with distinction)

Thesis topic: Framework borates as the materials for nonlinear optical applications.

Advisor: Prof. V. Dolgikh

## Fellowships and academic Awards

#### The Pacific North West National Laboratory, Richland, WA

Summer Research Fellow

Research project: "In-Situ Electron Microscopy and Spectroscopy Studies of Interfaces in Advanced Li-Ion Batteries under Dynamic Operation Conditions".

## **Portland State University**

Sigma Xi special award, PSU, 2010.

### **Humboldt-University of Berlin**

DAAD (The German Academic Exchange Service) Fellowship, 2006-2008

#### **Lomonossov Moscow State University**

- XIV Mendeleev school-conference for chemistry students. 2004. First prize.
- Struchkov Competition, Special Prize, 2006
- Winner of the competition to support talented undergraduate students, graduate students and young researchers, MSU, 2006.

#### **Publications**

M. B. Zagudailova, P. A. Plachinda, P. S. Berdonosov, S. Yu. Stefanovich, and V. A. Dolgikh Second Harmonic Generation in Boracites // Inorganic Materials, 2005, Vol. 41, No. 4, pp. 393-396. (In Russian)

- Paul A. Plachinda, Valery A. Dolgikh, Sergey Yu. Stefanovich and Petr S. Berdonosov Nonlinear-optical susceptibility of hilgardite-like borates M2B5O9X (X=Cl, Br) // Solid State Sciences, 2005, 7, p.1194-1200
- S. Yu. Stefanovich, Yu. N. Eremicheva, V. N. Sigaev, P. Pernice, A. Aronne, E. Fanelli, P. A. Plachinda, V. A. Dolgikh Optical Nonlinear Pb2B5O9Br: A New Polar Dielectric with Glass-Forming Properties // Ferroelectrics, 2005, V.318, P.105 112
- P. A. Plachinda, V. A. Dolgikh and S. Y. Stefanovch, Comparative study of framework borates optical non-linearities // Acta Cryst.,2005, A61, C364
- D. O. Charkin, P. A. Plachinda, N. V. Pervukhina, S. V. Borisov and S. A. Magarill. PbCl(ReO4), A derivative of the matlockite (PbFCl) structure // Acta Cryst.,2006, E62, i23-i25
- P. Plachinda and E. Belokoneva. Synthesis and crystal structures of high temperature borate in REE2O3 Al2O3 CuO B2O3 system // Acta Cryst., 2006, A62, s286
- E. L. Belokoneva, A. G. Al-Ama, S. Yu. Stefanovich, and P. A. Plachinda. Crystal Structure of the Lead Bromo-Borate Pb2[B5O9]Br from Precision Single-Crystal X-ray Diffraction Data and the Problem of Optical Nonlinearity of Hilgardites //Crystallography Reports, 2007, Vol. 52, No. 5, 795–800
- P. Plachinda and E. Belokoneva. High temperature synthesis and crystal structures of new representatives of huntite family REEAl3(BO3)4.// Cryst. Res. Technol.,2008, 43, No. 2, 157 165
- P. Plachinda and E. Belokoneva. Synthesis, crystal structure of high temperature commensurate polymorph of Ln4AlCu2B9O23 (Ln=Lu,Ho) and refinement of Cu2Al6B4O17// Z.Anorg.Allg.Chem. 2008, 634, 1965-1970
- P. Plachinda and E. Belokoneva. Electron density in the lead bromine and chlorine hilgardites (Pb2[B5O9]Br and Pb2[B5O9]Cl), on the basis of precise x-ray diffraction data and ab-initio calculations, correlation with the properties.//Cryst. Res. Technol., 2010, 45, No. 10, 1041 1049
- P. Plachinda, S. Rouvimov, R.. Solanki. Structure analysis of CVD graphene films based on HRTEM contrast simulations. // Physica Status Solidi (a), 2011, 208(11), 2681–2687.
- P. Plachinda, D. Evans, R. Solanki. Electronic properties of metal-arene functionalized graphene. //The Journal of Chemical Physics, 2011, 135(4), 044103.
- P. Plachinda, D. Evans, R. Solanki. Thermal conductivity of graphene nanoribbons: effect of the edges and ribbon width. //Journal of Heat Transfer, 2011, accepted

# Oral presentations

Autumn School on Materials Science and Electron Microscopy (Berlin, Germany, 8-11 Oct, 2007) "Microscopy - advanced tools for tomorrow's materials"

American Physical Society Meeting (Portland, OR, 15-19 March, 2010), "Crystallographic Image Processing Software for Scanning Probe Microscopy"

Invited talk: IEEE Nano (Portland, OR, August 15-19, 2011) "Graphene Bandgap Modification Via Functionalization with Metal-Bis-Arene Molecules"

IEEE Nano (Portland, OR, August 15-19, 2011) "HRTEM Contrast Analysis for Structure Characterization of Graphene Films Grown by CVD"

# Poster presentations

7th European Conference on Applications of Polar Dielectrics, Book of Abstracts 3-93 (Liberec, Czech Republic, 6-9 Sept, 2004)

The 4th International Conference on Inorganic Materials. Book of Abstracts p.163 (Antwerp, Belgium, 19-21 Sept.2004)

XXth Congress of the International Union of Crystallography. Book of Abstracts P.09.06.2 (Florence, Italy, 23-31 August 2005)

IVth. National Crystal-chemical Conference. Posters (№ 26,48) (Chernogolovka, Russia, June 2006) 2

23rd European Crystallography Meeting. Book of Abstracts m41.p30 (Leuven, Belgium, 6-11 Aug, 2006) and Satellite Conference on Mathematical and Theoretical Crystallography

Materials and Microanalysis. Book of abstracts, p. 456, 1348, 1504, 1822 (Portland, OR, 1-5 Aug, 2010)

2011 MRS Fall Meeting. (Boston, MA, November 28 - December 2, 2011) AA20.22. "Engineering of Graphene Band Structure by Haptic Functionalization."