



## **Update from the Instrumentation Task Force**

Vision for an  
Advanced Instrumentation Development Center (AIDC)  
in the Physical Sciences and Engineering Building (PSEB)

Ideation Workshop

May 22, 2020

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# Workshop Agenda

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- 2:00     **Update from the PSEB instrumentation initiative task force**  
Vision for an Advanced Instrumentation Development Center (AIDC) in the PSEB (Lisa D'Angelo, Karsten Heeger)
- 2:25     **Q&A**
- 2:45     **Lightning Talks**  
highlighting connections between research, instrumentation development, and science priorities at Yale
- 3:15     **Discussion**
- 3:30     **Adjourn**

# Goals of Workshop & Background

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## Why Now?

This is a community check-in and request for input prior to articulating a draft vision to the Provost. Prepare for the opportunities after COVID19.

## Planning for a New Physical Science and Engineering Building

- two working groups, aggressive timeline from the outset
- our committee focused on instrumentation, in close coordination with the PSEB working group as related to instrumentation/cores

## Charge

Develop the vision for an instrumentation and technology development center in support of the USSC Instrumentation Initiative

## We envision a multi-pronged approach

- research
- education and training
- building an inclusive instrumentation community
- leveraging internal and external collaboration

# The Opportunity

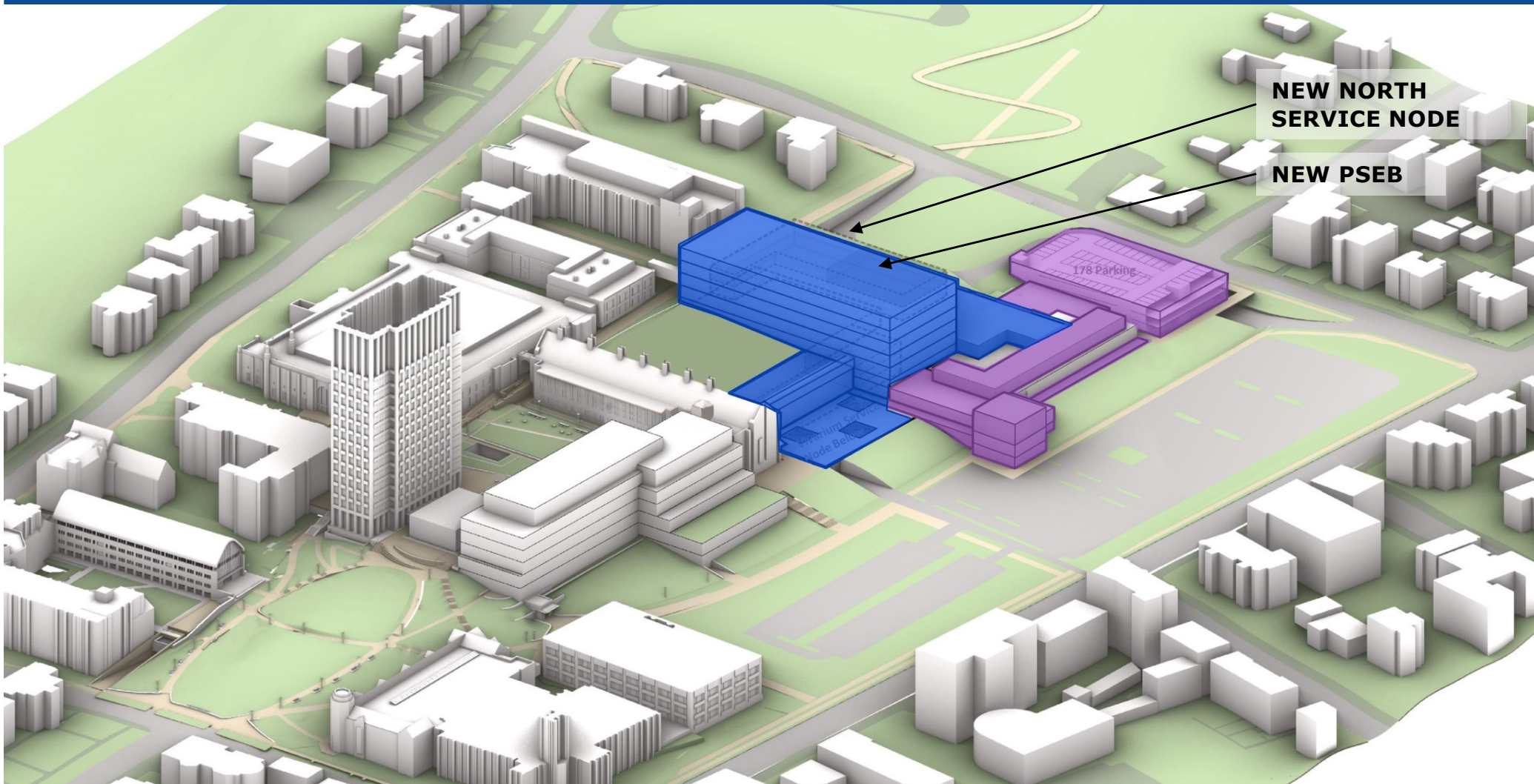
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## **Program for the Physical Science and Engineering Building (PSEB)**

- Intellectual hub for the Quantum Science, Engineering and Materials initiative (USSC)
- Expansion of an Instrument Creation Center (USSC)
- Goal of opening building in 2026
- Expanded and upgraded core facilities
- Space to accommodate approximately 45 faculty and research labs
- Anticipated departments include MEMS, EE, CEE, Applied Physics, and Physics

**From PSEB Town Hall 2/25/20**

# New Physical Sciences & Engineering Building



- Build new Physical Sciences & Engineering Building and new service area (including chemical safety facility).

From Feb townhall



# Physical Science and Engineering Building An Artist's Concept



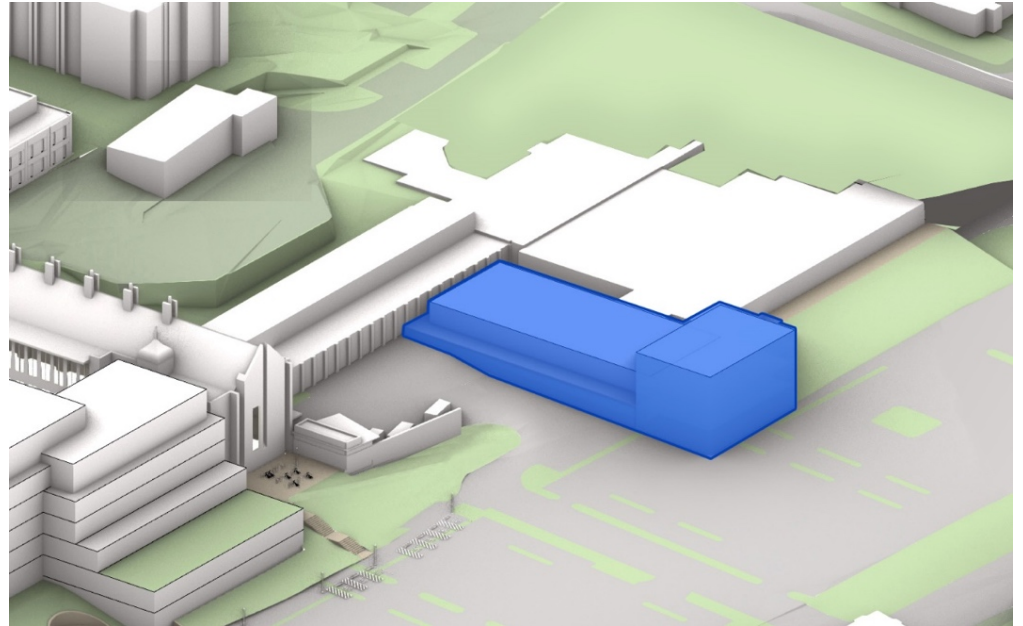
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# Instrumentation Development Initiative from the USSC

## Charge for Instrumentation Initiative Task Force

- Develop the vision for an instrumentation and technology development center in support of the USSC Instrumentation Initiative.
- Conceptualize a technology development center that would support science at Yale and serve the campus community.
- Develop technical facilities that are complementary to existing cores, CEID, and other technical infrastructure on campus
- Optimize the shops and technical facilities at Wright Lab as part of the PSEB enabling project:
  - JW Gibbs shop
  - Advanced Prototyping Center
  - Possible addition of an Electronics Development Core



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# Instrumentation Initiative Task Force

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- Karsten Heeger (co-chair) Chair, Physics
- Lisa D'Angelo (co-chair) Associate Provost for Research
- Jeffrey Brock (ex officio) Dean, School of Engineering & Applied Science; Dean of Science, FAS
- Todd Constable, Radiology and Biomedical Imaging, Neurosurgery and Biomedical Engineering
- Mark Johnson, Chemistry
- Rajit Manohar, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Ben Myers, Director of Research Cores
- James Nikkel, WL Associate Director of Instrumentation and Education
- Staffed by:
  - Steve Brown, Associate Director Planning Administration
  - Dev Hawley, Director University Planning
  - Sarah Miller, Assistant Dean for Science & Engineering
  - Jim Slattery, Associate Provost for Research

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# Planning Process

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## What we did

- Weekly meetings since Feb 2020, many discussions and much progress despite COVID
- Co-chairs began to join faculty meetings, until mid-March 2020, soliciting feedback and ideas
- Reviewed shops and instrumentation-development areas on campus
- Reviewed feedback from 2020 Day of Instrumentation
- Considered how new capabilities (e.g. electronics shop) would fit into instrumentation initiative
- Considered how the shops currently in WL might be optimized (Advanced Prototyping Center, Student Shop, Gibbs Professional Shop) and what additional capabilities might be needed
- Invited CEID leadership and Brookhaven Instrumentation Division leadership to join meetings and describe their resources, mission, and lessons learned
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and synergistic efforts across campus
- Considered how teaching and training would be integrated into the initiative

# Developing an Instrumentation Community at Yale

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Instrumentation is one of the cross-cutting initiatives in the USSC report

- In response to the report:
  - Developed a central instrumentation website: <https://instrumentation.yale.edu>
  - Held Inaugural 2018 Day of Instrumentation, <https://instrumentation.yale.edu/yale-day-instrumentation-2018>
  - Created opportunities through BNL - Yale partnership
  - Held workshops, instrumentation lunches, outreach at Wright Lab and other cores
  - Appointed 2019 Instrumentation Development Committee
  - Held 2020 Day of Instrumentation, <https://instrumentation.yale.edu/yale-day-instrumentation-2020>
- Since February 2020: ongoing work of the Instrumentation Task Force

***Understanding needs, identifying opportunities, articulating a vision***

# Opportunities Created by the Instrumentation Center

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## Research

- Advance the frontiers of research with cutting edge instrumentation development
- Provide specialized expertise, facilities, and personnel, including the creation of an electronics resource
- Create a community hub for ideation and technical development
- Respond to needs of our research community

## Education and Training

- Enhance instrumentation community on campus through seminars, workshops, and events
- Provide training opportunities for undergraduates, graduate students, and postdocs, creating a pipeline
- Create professional development opportunities for staff and scientists

## Collaboration and Community

- Enable cross-disciplinary collaboration on campus and beyond (across science, engineering, and other disciplines)
- Make Yale a destination for instrumentation and technology development
- Develop new collaborations and enable grant opportunities
- Leverage regional partnerships (e.g. BNL-Yale)



# Advanced Instrumentation Development Center

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## **What do we envision the AIDC to be?**

- An intellectual and technical hub for instrumentation development, a one-stop shop for researchers seeking advice
- Complementary to existing and future research cores, Wright Lab and the CEID, synergistic in capabilities and mission
- A group of highly skilled staff with a variety of technical and project experience
- A community of enthusiasts in instrumentation development
- Creates tighter synergy between current machining resources at Wright Lab: JW Gibbs Shop, Advanced Prototyping Center, teaching and research shops
- Adds new electronics instrumentation development core and potential other capabilities (e.g. assembly and interaction spaces)
- A place for students and postdocs to develop skills for research and technical careers
- Located adjacent to Wright Lab and at (one) entrance to the PSEB

# Questions & Discussions

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- How can an advanced instrumentation development center support and enable your work?
- What opportunities do you see?
- What capabilities are we missing?
- ...

***... lightning talks will provide some examples (2min each)***

# Next Steps

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**Understanding needs,**

**Identifying opportunities,**

**Articulating a vision**

We would like to hear from you:

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