

Press Release

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Gatan to be distributor of Nanofactory TEM holders for in-situ Probe Microscopy

Nanofactory Instruments AB of Gothenberg, Sweden and Gatan Inc. of Pleasanton CA. have signed an exclusive distribution agreement authorising Gatan to supply Nanofactory TEM holders and associated products on a worldwide basis.

Nanofactory products incorporate miniaturised 3D movements, achieved using a patented piezo micropositioning device, to enable probe microscopy within the small dimensions of a TEM specimen holder tip.

Both STM and AFM designs are available in addition to a nanoindenter product. Applications include simultaneous imaging and electrical or force measurements on nanowires, nanotubes, coatings and materials interfaces, plus semiconductor failure analysis and biotechnology investigations.

Nicklas Bergman, CEO of Nanofactory AB said, "Nanofactory as a company was born out of the University of Chalmers in Sweden precisely because the scientists there could see the great potential of our *in-situ* probe technology. However to realise this potential in a worldwide marketplace, we needed to form a partnership with a major company supplying high technology products for TEM. Gatan was the obvious choice."

Tom Connelly, VP Sales and Marketing at Gatan Inc. stated that "We are very pleased to be able to offer Nanofactory's innovative products alongside the wide range of TEM specimen holders manufactured by Gatan in the USA and the UK. 'Nanoscience' is not a new concept to electron microscopists, however in this new era of wanting to manipulate materials on a nanoscale we believe that our customers will certainly appreciate the interactive potential of using in-situ probes and probe microscopy in the TEM."

Within the new distribution agreement Gatan will concentrate on promotion and the commercial sales process and Nanofactory will continue to provide after-sales technical support, installation and training.

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