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2. Please indicate the alignment of your research expertise to one or more of the following GWF objectives/ deliverables:	
3.1 Please indicate the alignment of your research expertise to the GWF Science Pillar 1 – Diagnosing and Predicting Change in Cold Regions:	
3.2 Please indicate the alignment of your research expertise to the GWF Science Pillar 2 – Developing Big Data and Decision Support Systems:	Big Data for Water – sensors, sensing, instrumented river basins, data analysis systems
3.3 Please indicate the alignment of your research expertise to the GWF Science Pillar 3 – Designing User Solutions:	Water Environment – ecosystem health and conservation, water management Agriculture – including farming, food processing, country foods
4. Please indicate the alignment of your research expertise to one or more of the following user needs:	Projects to improve environmental monitoring, including sensors, drones, satellites, river basin observatories, lake buoys, software development, chemical fingerprinting, real-time monitoring, citizen science, and integration of Big Data platforms for Cold Region water science.

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5. Please list regions of Canada and the biomes (e.g. mountains, boreal forest, Great Lakes-St Lawrence), watersheds, and/or river basins where you are interested in conducting research for GWF:

6. Please list any other expertise or recent experience (subjects, river basins, technology) not covered by above query that could help us in assessing your alignment with the GWF programme: This user-need driven and transformative proposal is to develop unique, miniaturized, portable, battery-operated, micro- and nano-instruments with wireless capabilities, so (when fully developed) such instruments could be used across Canada for a variety of "taking part of the lab to the sample" types of applications . Such instruments can be tailored to a variety of applications (e.g., water quality monitoring, food quality, agro-chemicals, in determining fate and transport of elemental contaminants, to name but a few).

The proposal (should it be funded) will utilize micro- and nano-fabrication tools and technologies. I am a co-founder of a degree program in nano-technology engineering with a great deal of experience in fabrication technologies. I have been a co-PI in two major CFI grants involving "fabrication and metrology tools" (specifically, the Giga-to-Nano and the Quantum-Nano fabrication facility). My research group also has experience with wireless data acquisition (we published a paper earlier this year) and with energy-autonomy (required for prolonged operation of micro- and nano-instruments in the field).