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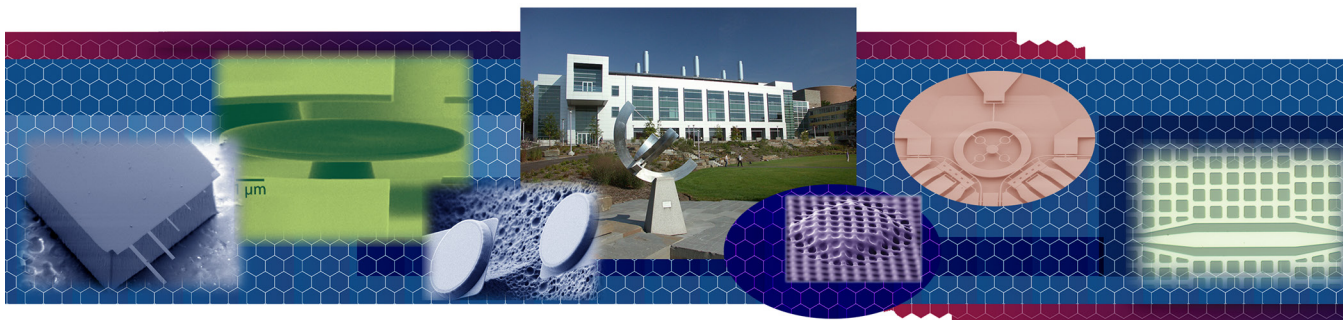


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CNF Youth Outreach; At-Home Science Experiments



- CNF’s Youth Outreach Program Coordinator, Tom Pennell has developed several at home science experiments for youth to explore the growing field of nanotechnology.
- These experiments will be accompanied by a three part virtual presentation at Cornell University’s upcoming 4H Career Explorations event (June 2021).
- Students will have a live tour of the CNF cleanroom, live demonstrations and an introduction into interesting areas of nanoscale research.
- Researchers from the facility will also be available to discuss how they got into the field of nanoscale research with attendees.
- CNF will also be distributing these at home experiments to other schools and youth groups in the surrounding area.

Directors' Welcome

The Cornell NanoScale Science & Technology Facility presents the 2020-2021 CNF Research Accomplishments!

We are honored to showcase excellence in research demonstrated by users and research groups utilizing the plethora of resources offered at the CNF. We thank the users for their contributions to this publication. This collection of work demonstrates the wide range of emerging science and technology fields that utilize nanotechnology tools to achieve diverse state-of-the-art results. In addition to the 73 featured research reports, a section on CNF-research-related patents, presentations, and publications (close to 360 in 2020) is included.



NNCI and NNCI Awards

The CNF is delighted to continue its membership in the National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure (NNCI) with support provided by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the NYSTAR/ESD Matching Grant Program from New York State. This support is essential to CNF and its position at the forefront of nanofabrication. Earlier this year the CNF submitted the year 6 annual report and participated in a successful, virtual, reverse site visit as part of the cooperative agreement with the NNCI.

Congratulations are extended to Michael Skvarla and Phil Infante who were honored with national awards from the NNCI. Annually, the NNCI acknowledges the efforts of NNCI staff who provide exceptional service and support to network users in the categories of Technical Staff, Education and Outreach, and User Support. This year Mike was awarded the NNCI Staff Award in the User Support category and Phil was granted the NNCI Staff Award for

Technical Staff. Phil and Mike will receive a plaque and acknowledgement at the NNCI Annual Conference as well as travel support to attend the conference. The 2021 NNCI Annual Conference, hosted by Northwestern University (SHyNE), will be held Monday, November 1st through Wednesday, November 3rd. The exceptional staff at the CNF have been consistently recognized with NNCI Outstanding Staff Member Awards. Past award recipients include Chris Alpha-Technical Staff (2018), and Tom Pennell-Education and Outreach (2020).

New User Fees Waived for the Remainder of 2021

In June the CNF fully reopened, allowing out of state users back into the facility. With this announcement we introduced an incentive benefiting new grad students and new external users looking to utilize the CNF — new user orientation fees have been eliminated for the remainder of the year.

If you or someone in your research group would like to become a new CNF user, please visit the Getting Started section of the CNF website to initiate the process. Additionally, if you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a new CNF user, please feel free to share this announcement. (<https://cnf.cornell.edu/howto>)



New Partnerships



Cornell Visualization and Imaging Partnership (CVIP)

CNF and the Cornell Institute of Biotechnology (Biotech) partnered to further advance Cornell's excellence in life science characterization and imaging capabilities. CNF users now have access to a broad range of 3-D characterization tools including a variety of confocal microscopes, super-resolution microscopes, and micro/nano-x-ray-CT scanning. The mission of this partnership is to foster and enhance the convergence of research fields while unifying new approaches and ideas to inspire innovation and discovery. CNF cleanroom and Biotech users are now able to mutually access resources in both centers.



Cornell Multiscale 3D Fabrication Partnership (CM3FP)

CNF has also partnered with the Rapid Prototyping Lab in the Mechanical Engineering department to provide access to additional multiscale, 3D printing resources. The objective is to provide a broader range of technologies to users. These expanded resources will leverage existing expertise, instrumentation/tools, and administrative support to impact research involving life sciences, heterointegration, and nano/micro-scale technology. CNF and RPL staff will serve as a gateway to new 3D printers, provide consultation, software services, design help, billing, and user support.

Please contact the user program managers (userprogram@cnf.cornell.edu) and/or visit the CNF websites below for additional information on utilizing these resources.

<https://www.cnf.cornell.edu/howto/cvip>

<https://www.cnf.cornell.edu/howto/cm3fp>

New Equipment

The CNF continues to upgrade its capabilities in order to remain at the forefront of nanotechnology. We thank you for your patience and continued support as it has been a major effort by the CNF staff to catch up on installation

of these tools while dealing with supply chain issues, and other COVID-imposed obstacles. The following equipment has been acquired over the past year and either is installed or being installed.

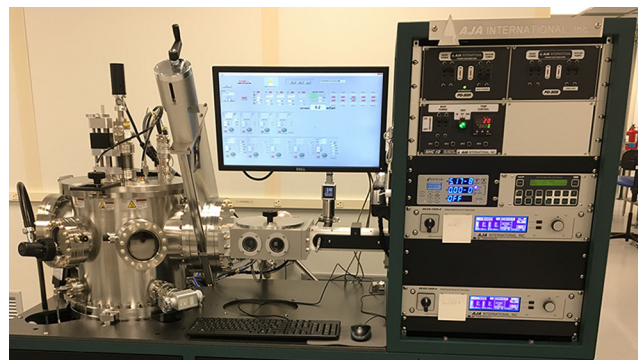


Plasma-Therm ALE (installed, developing the technology)

CNF was able to obtain an advanced ALE instrument from Plasma-Therm. CNF and Plasma-Therm have partnered to develop processes and instrumentation for Atomic Layer Etching (ALE). ALE is an etching technology analogous to Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD) whereby atomically thin layers are added (in the case of ALD) or subtracted (in the case of ALE), by alternating self-limiting chemical reactions, allowing ultra-precise processing, one atomic layer at a time. The system is equipped with a Woollam M2000 in-situ spectroscopic ellipsometer and Langmuir probe. We look forward to developing and sharing new processes on this tool with the CNF and NNCI user communities.

AJA Sputtering Deposition System #3 (Installed, ready for use)

CNF installed an AJA Orion 5 system that supplements CNF's other two AJA Orion 8 RF and DC sputtering systems. The tool will have a host of standard materials available and will allow sputtering of materials like Gold that would not otherwise be permitted in the sputter tools. The Orion 5 tool currently has three 2-inch guns installed but has room for five guns total and has two DC power supplies to allow for co-sputtering. Please reach out to staff for information on criteria for new target additions to the sputter tools.



Veeco Savannah Atomic Layer Deposition System (ALD) (installed, ready for qualification)

This system joins CNF’s other two ALD systems, the Oxford FlexAL and the Arradiance GemStar; The Savannah will be dedicated to the deposition of metal films, in particular Aluminum, Platinum, Palladium, and Ruthenium. It is equipped with an ozone generator to assist in lower temperature deposition and to broaden the spectrum of available precursors.

Plasma-Therm HDPCVD (installed, SiO₂ and Si₃N₄ process qualified)

CNF has obtained a high-density plasma chemical vapor deposition system (HPCVD or ICP-PECVD). This system is capable of depositing high density SiO₂, Si₃N₄, a-SiC, and doped a-Si films at low temperatures, ranging from 80°C to 175°C. These materials will be exceptionally smooth, dense, and conformal; perfect for applications where ALD or PECVD may not be ideal due to rate or temperature limitations. This new system has replaced the GSI PECVD system and further supports efforts in 2D materials and heterointegration, as well as photonics, biotech, MEMS, and CMOS projects.

Angstrom UHV Load-locked Evaporator (just arrived at the end of August)

This custom tool from Angstrom Engineering includes in situ ion beam cleaning, GLAD (Glancing Angle Deposition) with rotation, and sample heating. With a load lock and an ultrahigh vacuum system this tool can deposit high purity metal films required for many CNF applications.

Bruker Dektak XT (installed, being qualified)

In order to increase the reliability and capability of our profilometry suite, the CNF has added a Bruker Dektak XT stylus profilometer with 4Å repeatability. We have sample stages to accommodate wafer pieces, as well as full size wafers up to 200 mm. The software gives us motorized stage translation and rotation in addition to sequencing for up to 200 sites. The tool is loaded with a 2 μm radius of curvature diamond-tipped stylus. The Vision64 software can also use the tool measurements to create a 3D map of the scanned surface.



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CNF REU Interns

Since 1991, we have hosted the Cornell NanoScale Science & Technology Facility Research Experiences for Undergraduates (CNF REU) Program.

After canceling the hands-on event last year due to COVID restrictions, we were pleased to welcome six interns from the Cornell College of Engineering undergraduate community this year. Four students participated as CNF REU interns — Kareena Dash (see page 56), Niaa Jenkins-Johnston (page 2), Elisabeth Wang (page 4), and Zhangqi Zheng (page 112). In addition, Micah Chen from the Cornell Center for Transportation, Environment, and Community Health’s (CTECH) REU Program and Francesca Bard (page 54), a summer undergraduate student and CNF user, were “adopted” in order for them to benefit from our logistical support over the summer.

These six students worked diligently for ten weeks on their specific research projects focusing on topics that included biological applications, materials characterization, nanophysics, and evaluation of transportation sustainability. There were multiple opportunities to garner presentation skills by offering progress updates and concluding the program with the submission of a final report. Many of the participants will continue with their respective research groups into the fall semester.

The 2021 CNF REU Program reports, photo album, and final presentation videos will soon be available online at <https://cnf.cornell.edu/education/reu/2021>

We plan to conduct a nation-wide search for our 2022 CNF REU interns in November. Keep an eye on <https://cnf.cornell.edu/education/reu> for information regarding next year's application process.

TCN and Outreach

The CNF's Technology and Characterization at the Nanoscale (TCN) short course is offered twice each year. It continues to provide an excellent opportunity for the scientific community to learn about the field of nanofabrication from in-house experts. The TCN is open to participants from academia, industry and government, and includes lectures, demonstrations and activities in the cleanroom. Due to COVID we were pleased to offer this course virtually, which resulted in us reaching a broader audience with increased attendance. With this in mind, going forward, the CNF will be offering the January TCN course virtually and the June TCN course in person. The technical staff are also working to develop new educational modules based on developing technologies. Please reach out to Tom Pennell, our Youth Outreach Program Coordinator, if you are interested in having a specific device type featured in the instruction.

CNF's youth outreach program continues to partner with 4H and recently hosted students from across NY State for Cornell's annual Career Explorations event. Tom Pennell, created five new at home nanoscience experiments based on photolithography, materials science, and nanorobotics. He has packaged nearly 300 of them with the required materials to be distributed to any youth groups interested in learning more about our field. (See page iv for more....)

The youth outreach program will also be taking part in a national 4H summit in September, teaching students about nanotechnology and how it relates to space exploration.

Staffing News

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to new User Program Assistant, Stacy Clementson who came to us from the Praxis Center for Venture Development at Cornell. Stacy will focus 75% of her time assisting with new User onboarding for the CNF and 25% of her time supporting Praxis.



Comments, feedback, and suggestions about CNF are always welcome. Feel free to use our online User Comment Form at https://www.cnfusers.cornell.edu/user_feedback



In Person Again

With the lifting of restrictions in June, almost all the CNF staff came back to work in the office full time, in person. We celebrated in the most typical CNF staff kind of way — we gathered with a BBQ party. A good time was had by all!

While we are back in the office for the most part, it's a good idea to call ahead if you want to meet with someone in particular, to make sure they are in fact "in person" that day.

THANK YOU to the CNF COMMUNITY!

Thank you to all CNF users for their continued patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. It is imperative we remain diligent in our efforts as a community to support ongoing safety protocols in order to help safeguard the progress we have made. We will continue to monitor the course of the pandemic and provide updates when warranted and directed by the University and Tompkins County Health Department.

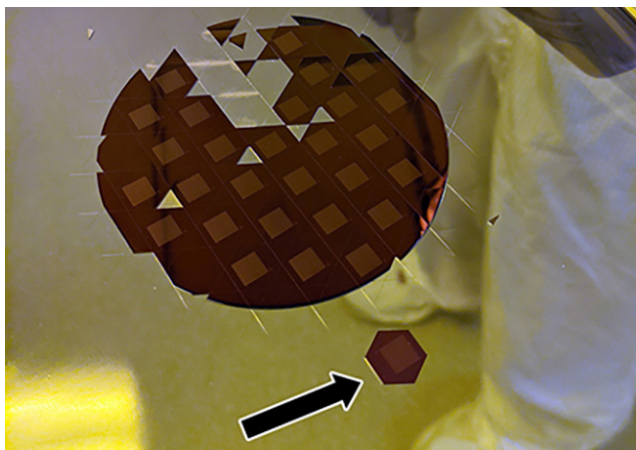
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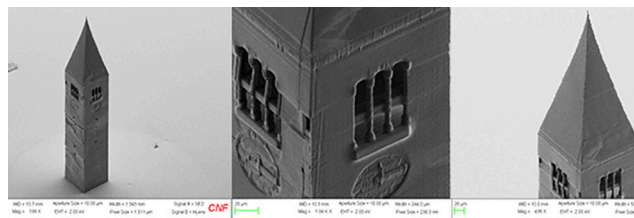


More than 27,000 Civil Air Patrol Names Headed to the Moon

The US Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol (CAP) partnered with the CNF to etch more than 27,000 CAP member names, 270 Air Force Association (AFA) StellarXplorers names, an 80th anniversary CAP logo, and messages from CAP and AFA leadership onto a microchip the size of a postage stamp. This microchip, carrying 27,285 names, messages, and images, is set to be carried to the Moon later this year aboard Astrobotic's Peregrine lunar lander.

"Among these names are more than 4,000 CAP high school cadets," says Lt. Paul Douglas, Burke Composite Squadron's Aerospace Education officer. "My personal hope is that our young cadets will stand in their back yards, look up at the Moon, and dream big. They'll know if they can make it to the Moon, they can do anything."

The CNF technical staff worked with CAP to design the chip, starting with a computer-aided design (CAD) through using their photolithography, etching, and dicing tools to lay down an 80-nanometer thin film of silicon nitride on a standard silicon wafer. Details of the process — from start to finished chip, 0.5" across the hexagon, flat edge to flat edge — can be found in the Image Gallery online. <https://cnf.cornell.edu/node/325>



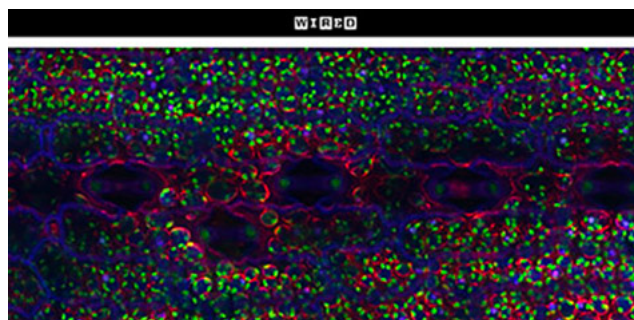
The CNF's Nano-Sized McGraw Tower

Once again the Cornell NanoScale Facility (CNF) makes a molehill out of a mountain — or in this case, the smallest rendition of Cornell's iconic McGraw Clock tower.

Twenty-four years ago, physics professor Harold Craighead and then-doctoral student Dustin Carr, Ph.D. '00, created the world's smallest guitar using cutting-edge technology in what was then the Cornell Nanofabrication Facility. They're at it again at the center — now known as the Cornell NanoScale Science and Technology Facility (CNF), in Duffield Hall. A team led by staff photolithographer Ed Camacho has created the world's smallest rendition of Cornell's iconic McGraw Tower — complete with its 161 interior steps, two sets of stairs and 21 bells.

"This is possibly the world's smallest bell tower," said Camacho, whose achievement of epic proportions was accomplished using one of CNF's newest tools: the NanoScribe GT2 Laser Lithography System, a two-photon polymerization volumetric 3D printer.

<https://www.14850.com/051119827-mcgraw-tower-model/>



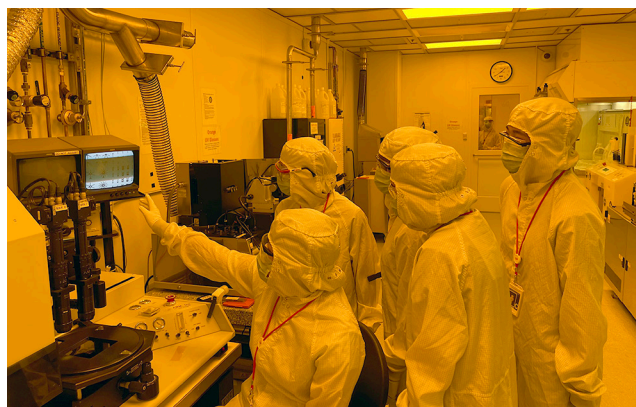
Which Crops Can Survive Drought? Nanosensors May Offer Clues.

Abraham Stroock's technique can be used to track how water flows through plants, which could be key to breeding more resilient crops in an increasingly hot, dry climate. (This work was performed in part at the CNF)

<https://www.wired.com/story/which-crops-can-survive-drought-nanosensors-may-offer-clues/>

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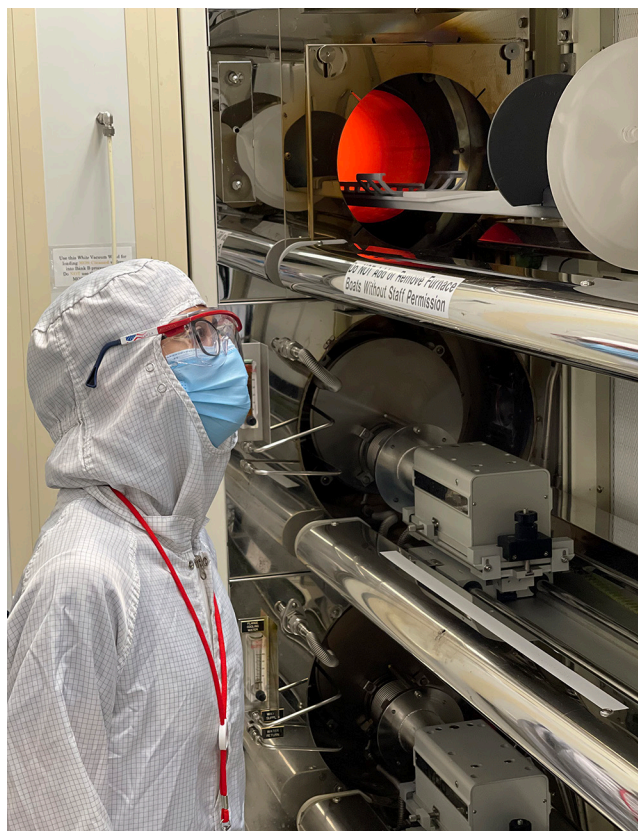
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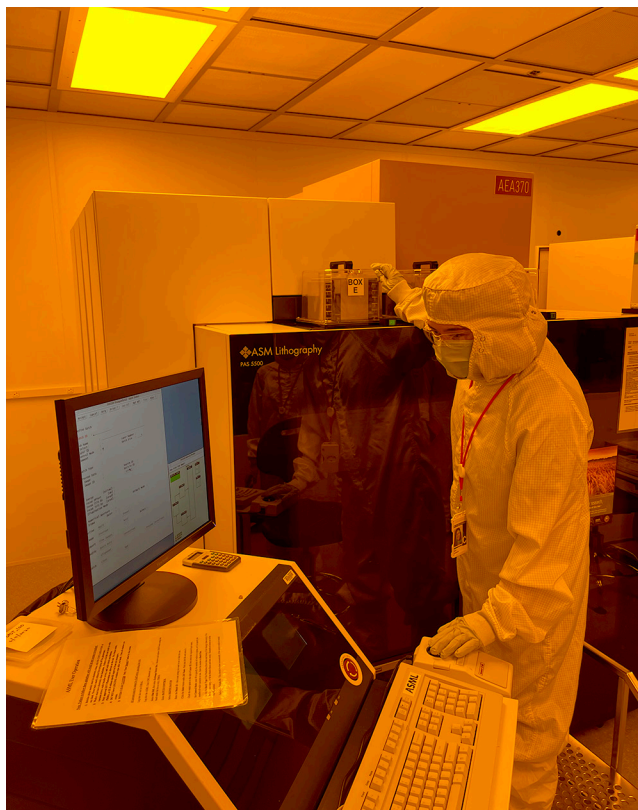
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Common Abbreviations & Meanings

μ l microliter	CHESS Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source
μ m micron, micrometer	CHF ₃ trifluoromethane
μ N micro-Newtons	Cl chlorine
μ s microsecond	Cl ₂ chlorine gas
Ω Ohm	Cl ₂ /SF ₆ chlorine sulfur hexafluoride
< is less than	cm centimeter
> is greater than	CMOS complementary metal oxide semiconductor
~ approximately	CMP chemical mechanical polishing
1D one-dimensional	CNF Cornell NanoScale Science & Technology Facility
2D two-dimensional	Co cobalt
2DEG two-dimensional electron gas	CO ₂ carbon dioxide
3D three-dimensional	Co ₃ O ₄ cobalt oxide
³ He helium-3	CoFeAl cobalt iron aluminum
α -Al ₂ O ₃ sapphire	CoFeB cobalt iron boron
a-Si amorphous silicon	CoP cobalt porphyrin
AC alternating current	CPC colloidal photonic crystal
AFM atomic force microscopy/microscope	CPD contact potential difference
AFOSR Air Force Office of Scientific Research	CpG cytosine-phosphate-guanine
Ag silver	Cr chromium
Al aluminum	CRDS cavity ring-down spectrometer
Al ₂ O ₃ aluminum oxide	cryoSAXS cryogenic small angle x-ray scattering
ALD atomic layer deposition	CTE coefficients of thermal expansion
AlGaAs aluminum gallium arsenide	CTL confinement tuning layer
AlGaN aluminum gallium nitride	Cu copper
Ar argon	CVD cardiovascular disease
ARC anti-reflective coating	CVD chemical vapor deposition
ArF argon fluoride	CW continuous wave
As arsenic	CXRF confocal x-ray fluorescence microscopy
atm. standard atmosphere (as a unit of pressure)	DARPA Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
Au gold	DC direct current
AuNPs gold nanoparticles	DCB double cantilever beam
B boron	DCE 1,2-dichloroethane
<i>B. subtilis</i> <i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	DCM dichloromethane
Bi bismuth	DEP dielectrophoresis
BOE buffered oxide etch	DFT density functional theory
Br bromine	DFT discrete Fourier transform
C carbon	DI de-ionized
C centigrade	DMF dimethyl formamide
C-V capacitance-voltage	DNA deoxyribonucleic acid
C ₃ N ₄ carbon nitride	DNP dynamic nuclear polarization
CaCl ₂ calcium chloride	DOE United States Department of Energy
CaCO ₃ calcium carbonate	DPPC 1,2-dipalmitoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine
CAD computer-aided design	DRAM dynamic random access memory
CaF ₂ calcium fluoride	DRIE deep reactive ion etch
CCMR Cornell Center for Materials Research	DSA directed self assembly
Cd cadmium	dsDNA double-stranded DNA
CdS cadmium sulfide	DUV deep ultraviolet
CdSe cadmium selenide	e-beam electron beam lithography
CDW charge-density-wave	<i>E. coli</i> <i>Escherichia coli</i>
Ce cerium	EBL electron-beam lithography
CF ₄ carbon tetrafluoride or tetrafluoromethane	EDS energy dispersive spectroscopy
CFD computational fluid dynamics	EELS electron energy loss spectroscopy
CH ₄ methane	EG ethylene glycol

EIS	electrochemical impedance spectroscopy
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays
EO	electro-optic
EOT	equivalent oxide thickness
EPICs	electronic photonic integrated circuits
Er	erbium
ErAs	erbium arsenide
ESM	effective screening medium
EUV	extreme ultraviolet
<i>ex situ</i>	Latin phrase which translated literally as ‘off-site’ -- to examine the phenomenon in another setting than where it naturally occurs
<i>ex vivo</i>	Latin for “out of the living” -- that which takes place outside an organism
F	fluorine
FDA	United States Food & Drug Administration
FDMA	fluorinated perfluorodecyl methacrylate
Fe	iron
Fe ₂ O ₃	iron oxide
FeCl ₃	iron(III) chloride, aka ferric chloride
FeGe	iron germanium
FEM	finite element method
FET	field-effect transistor
FFTs	fast Fourier transforms
fg	femto gram
FIB	focused ion beam
FIR	far infrared
fJ	femto Joules
FM	frequency modulation
FMR	ferromagnetic resonance
FOTS	fluorosilane, tridecafluoro-1,1,2,2-tetrahydrooctyltrichlorosilane
FTIR	Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy
Ga	gallium
Ga ₂ O ₃	gallium(III) trioxide
GaAs	gallium arsenide
GaAsN	gallium arsenide nitride
GaInNAs	gallium indium nitride arsenide
GaN	gallium nitride
GaP	gallium phosphide
GaSb	gallium antimonide
Gd	gadolinium
Ge	germanium
GFET	graphene field effect transistor
GHz	gigahertz
GI	gastrointestinal
GMR	giant magnetoresistance
GPa	gigapascal
GPS	global positioning system
h	hours
H	hydrogen
H ₂ O ₂	hydrogen peroxide
HBAR	high-overtone bulk acoustic resonator
hBN	hexagonal boron nitride
HBr	hydrogen bromide
hcp	hexagonal close packing
He	helium
HEMTs	high electron mobility transistors
Hf	hafnium
HF	hydrofluoric acid
HfB ₂	hafnium diboride
HFes	hydrofluoroethers
HfO ₂	hafnium dioxide
Hg	mercury
high-κ	high dielectric constant
HMDS	hexamethyldisilazane
HRS	high resistance state
HSQ	hydrogen silsesquioxane
HSQ/FOX	negative electron beam resist hydrogen silsesquioxane
Hz	Hertz
I-V	current-voltage
I/O	input/output
IARPA	Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity
IC	integrated circuit
ICP	inductively coupled plasma
ICP-MS	inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy
ICP-RIE	inductively coupled plasma reactive ion etcher
IFVD	impurity free vacancy diffusion
IID	impurity induced disordering
IIEI	ion implant enhanced interdiffusion
In	indium
<i>in situ</i>	Latin phrase which translated literally as ‘in position’ -- to examine the phenomenon exactly in place where it occurs
<i>in vitro</i>	Latin for “within glass” -- refers to studies in experimental biology that are conducted using components of an organism that have been isolated from their usual biological context in order to permit a more detailed or more convenient analysis than can be done with whole organisms
<i>in vivo</i>	Latin for “within the living” -- experimentation using a whole, living organism
InAlN	indium aluminum nitride
InAs	indium arsenide
InAs NWs	indium arsenide nanowires
INDEX	Institute for Nanoelectronics Discovery and Exploration
InGaAsN	indium gallium arsenide nitride
InGaZnO ₄	indium gallium zinc oxide
InP	indium phosphide
IPA	isopropyl alcohol
IR	infrared
IrO ₂ or IrO _x	iridium oxide
ITO	indium tin oxide
JP-8	Jet Propellant 8
κ	dielectric constant
K	Kelvin (a unit of measurement for temperature)
K	potassium
KFM	Kelvin force microscopy
kg	kilogram
kHz	kilohertz
KOH	potassium hydroxide
La	lanthanum
LED	light-emitting diode
LER	line edge roughness
Li	lithium

low- κ	low dielectric constant	NW FETs.	nanowire field-effect transistors
LPCVD	low pressure chemical vapor deposition	O.	oxygen
lpm	liter per minute	O ₃	trioxygen
LRS	low resistance state	OFET.	organic field effect transistor
Lu	lutetium	OLED	organic light-emitting diode
LWR.	line width roughness	ONO.	oxide/nitride/oxide
MBE.	molecular beam epitaxy	ONR-MURI.	Office of Naval Research Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative
MEMs	microelectromechanical systems	OPV	organic photovoltaic cells
MFMR.	microfabricated micro-reactors	OTFT.	organic thin-film transistor
MgO.	magnesium oxide	Pa.	Pascals
MGs	molecular glasses	PAB	post-apply bake
MHz.	megahertz	PaC.	Parylene-C
micron.	micrometer, aka μm	PAG	photoacid generator
min	minutes	Pb	lead
ml	milliliter	PBG	photonic bandgap
mm	millimeter	PbS	lead sulfide
mM.	millimolar	PBS	phosphate-buffered saline
Mo.	molybdenum	PbSe	lead selenide
MOCVD.	metal oxide chemical vapor deposition	PC	persistent current
MOS.	metal oxide semiconductor	PC	photocurrent
MoS ₂	molybdenum disulfide	PCN	photonic crystal nanocavity
MoSe ₂	molybdenum diselenide	Pd	palladium
MOSFET.	metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor	PD	photodetector
MRAM.	magnetic random access memory	PDMS	polydimethylsiloxane
MRFM.	magnetic resonance force microscopy	PEB	post-exposure bake
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	PEC	photoelectrochemical
ms	millisecond	PECVD	plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition
MSM	metal-semiconductor-metal	PEDOT:PSS.	poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene): poly(styrenesulfonate)
mTorr.	millitorr	PEG	polyethylene glycol
mV.	millivolt	PEI.	polyethyleneimine
MVD	molecular vapor deposition	pFET.	p-channel field-effect transistor
M Ω	megaohms	PFM	piezo-response force microscopy
N.	nitrogen	PGMA	poly(glycidyl methacrylate)
N ₂	nitrous oxide	pH	a measure of the activity of hydrogen ions (H ⁺) in a solution and, therefore, its acidity
nA	nanoAmperes	Ph.D.	doctorate of philosophy
NaCl.	sodium chloride	PhC.	photonic crystal
NASA	National Aeronautics & Space Administration	PL	photoluminescence
Nb	niobium	pL	picoliter
Nb ₃ Sn	triniobium-tin	PLD	pulsed laser deposition
NCS	nanocrystals	PMMA.	poly(methyl methacrylate)
Nd	neodymium	poly-Si.	polycrystalline silicon
NEMs	nanoelectromechanical systems	PS	polystyrene
NH ₄ F	ammonium fluoride	PS- <i>b</i> -PMMA	polystyrene- <i>block</i> -poly(methyl methacrylate)
Ni.	nickel	Pt	platinum
NIH	National Institutes of Health	Pt/Ir	platinum/iridium
NIR.	near-infrared	PtSe ₂	platinum diselenide
nL	nanoliter	PV	photovoltaic
nm	nanometer	PVD	physical vapor deposition
NMP.	n-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	Py	permalloy, Ni ₈₁ Fe ₁₉
NNCI.	National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure	Q.	quality factor
NPs.	nanoparticles	QD.	quantum dots
NPs	nanopores	QW	quantum well
ns	nanosecond	RA	resistance-area
NSF	National Science Foundation	REU	Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program
NV.	nitrogen-vacancy	RF	radio frequency
NVM	non-volatile memory		

RF MEMS	radio frequency microelectromechanical systems
RIE	reactive ion etch
RMS or rms	root mean square
RNA	ribonucleic acid
RTA	rapid thermal anneal
RTD	resistance temperature device
RTD	resonant tunneling diodes
Ru	ruthenium
s	seconds
S	sulfur
SAMs	self-assembled monolayers
SAXS	small angle x-ray scattering
Sb	antimony
Sc	scandium
sccm	standard cubic centimeters per minute
scCO ₂	supercritical carbon dioxide
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
Se	selenium
sec	seconds
SEM	scanning electron microscopy/microscope
SERS	surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy
SF ₆	sulfur hexafluoride
Si	silicon
Si ₃ N ₄	silicon nitride
SiC	silicon carbide
SiH ₄	silane
SiN	silicon nitride
SiO ₂	silicon dioxide, silica
Sn	tin
SnO ₂	tin oxide
SnSe ₂	tin selenide or stannous selenide
SOI	silicon-on-insulator
SPR	surface plasmon resonance
SQUID	superconducting quantum interference device
Sr ₂ RuO ₄	strontium ruthenate
SRC	Semiconductor Research Corporation
SrTiO ₃	strontium titanate
STEM	scanning transmission electron microscopy/microscope
<i>t</i> -BOC	<i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl
Ta	tantalum
Ta ₂ O ₅	tantalum pentoxide
TaN	tantalum nitride
TAO _x	tantalum oxide
Te	tellurium
TEM	transmission electron microscopy/microscope
TFET	tunnel field effect transistor
TFT	thin-film transistor
T _g	glass transition temperature
THz	terahertz
Ti	titanium
TiN	titanium nitride
TiO ₂	titanium dioxide
TM	transverse magnetic
TXM	transmission x-ray microscopy
UHV	ultra-high vacuum
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
UV	ultraviolet
UV-Vis	ultraviolet-visible
V	vanadium
V	voltage
vdW	van der Waals
VLS	vapor-liquid-solid
VRMs	voltage regulator modules
VSM	vibrating sample magnetometry
W	tungsten
WDM	wavelength-division multiplexing
WSe ₂	tungsten diselenide
XeF ₂	xenon difluoride
XPM	cross-phase modulation
XPS	x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
XRD	x-ray diffraction
XRR	x-ray reflectivity
ZMW	zero-mode waveguide
Zn	zinc
ZnCl ₂	zinc chloride
ZnO	zinc oxide
ZnO:Al	zinc aluminum oxide
ZnS	zinc sulfide or zinc-blende
Zr	zirconium
ZrO ₂	zirconium dioxide
ZTO	zinc tin oxide

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