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Foreword

Nanomaterials are based on structures with characteristic features on the scale of nanometers. This size is small if we compare with normal things around us, but it is not particularly small on the atomic scale. In fact, distances between individual atoms are typically a tenth of a nanometer (an Ångström), so a piece of a material with a side of a nanometer may contain hundreds or even a thousand atoms. Therefore a nanomaterial usually has some resemblance to a bulk material based on the same atoms, but the normal material has been modified to reach superior properties such as higher mechanical strength, different optical and magnetic performance, permeability to a fluid, or something else. Thus nanomaterials may allow us to obtain properties that were previously impossible to achieve, impractical to manufacture, or too expensive for use on a scale large enough to be significant in daily life.

Among the general public, and even the scientific community, nanomaterials are widely perceived as *new* in many different way – newly invented, newly used by human cultures, and newly studied.

In fact, nanomaterials are not new at all. Nature itself is filled with nanofeatures that have evolved in biological systems, one well known example being moths' eyes with nanostructured surfaces that provide antireflection and allow efficient use of feeble light.

Looking at history, we can also see that human beings have been using nanomaterials of various sorts for a very long time. Let us take three examples: nanocarbons, nanometals, and nanoceramics.

Nanocarbons can be created in abundance on the nanometer scale when organic matter burns. Such carbon nanoparticles were used by humans as far back as forty thousand years ago to depict and decorate. The particles were mixed with fat and used for painting in the caves of Altamira and Lascaux in Spain and France, to mention two especially striking and well known cases. This kind of carbon, in principle, is also an essential ingredient in ink and printing paste, and it was used by monastic scribes and by Gutenberg and his followers to make texts of explosive cultural significance and stunning beauty.

Nanometals have also been utilized for thousands of years. An example is the world famous Lycurgus glass cup, now in the holdings of the British Museum. This

cup, which was probably created in Rome during the 4th century AD, contains embedded nanoparticles of gold and silver. Because of these particles, the cup normally seems to be a light green color, but it becomes ruby red when light is shone through it. The Lycurgus cup is a wonder of craftsmanship from Antiquity, and it is based on nanotechnology.

Finally, let's consider *nanoceramics*. The world's most widely used artificial material is the nanoceramic cement, which was used extensively by the Romans in constructing buildings, baths and aqueducts. Furthermore, recent archaeological discoveries indicate that the Romans were not the first, that the Macedonians were using cement centuries earlier.

Even research on nanomaterials is not as new as it seems. The term apparently began appearing in the titles of scientific publications only 15 years ago. But today's *nano* was the subject of an older literature under the term *ultrafine*.

As the examples above indicate, nanomaterials are well rooted in the past. But they are also very much of the future. Let us consider a few specific examples.

Nanocarbons, used for cave painting and the printing of the Gutenberg Bible, are very much in focus today, in the forms of fullerenes, nanotubes and nanodiamonds, all of which offer a multitude of possibilities for future technology. Two-dimensional carbon in the form of graphene has unique properties directly based on quantum physics, and it may have important applications in transparent electronics and elsewhere. Graphane, its hydrogenated cousin, is exciting in its own right.

Nanometals, employed by the Romans to create the amazing Lycurgus glass cup, are the basis today for manifold applications, including thermal collectors that harness the sun's energy and innovative *plasmonic* solar cells. Indeed, *plasmonics* is becoming a household word because of its relevance for light-emitting diodes, sen-



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sors and catalysts for chemical reactions, just to mention a few technologies.

Thus many aspects of nanomaterials are indeed truly new and are the subject of intense worldwide interest in today's academic and industrial research laboratories. This *Handbook*, which is a testimony to this growing body of knowledge, presents welcome and authoritative surveys over nanocarbons, nanometals and nanoceramics in its first three parts. Other sections cover nanocomposites and nanoporous materials, as well as organic and biological nanomaterials. Applications and impacts are discussed at the end, together with important questions of toxicology, hazards and safety. These

issues are of great importance. We should remember the terrible impact that asbestos – in fact, a natural nanomaterial – had on human health before it was widely banned. We certainly do not want to discover one day that, in our quest for new materials to solve technological problems, we have unleashed another dangerous nanomaterial into the world.

The editor and authors are to be congratulated on the successful completion of this *Handbook of Nanomaterials*. It will surely be a work of great and lasting importance for the scientific community.

Uppsala, November 2012 Prof. Claes G. Granqvist

Foreword

It has been more than a decade since President Bill Clinton talked about the promise of nanotechnology and the importance of increasing investments in nanoscale science and engineering research in a speech at the California Institute of Technology on January 21, 2000. In his remarks, the President recalled Richard Feynman's American Physical Society talk there in 1959. The following week, in his State of the Union Address, President Clinton announced his *21st Century Research Fund*, a \$3 billion budget increase, which included the multiagency national nanotechnology initiative (NNI). The first year's budget allocation to NNI was close to half a billion US\$, nearly doubling what the agencies had been spending on nanoscale research; and with the continuous support of succeeding administrations the budget quadrupled in a decade. This strong federal support, initially based on the promise of a revolutionary new technology, was justified by steady scientific and technological advances at the nanometer scale and by the growth of commercial applications, especially in biotechnology and nanoelectronics, offering new ways to tackle disease and new industrial tools and toys. As President Clinton's former science advisor, I am confident that he is as pleased with the progress in nanotechnology as are all of us – inside and outside government – who worked with him to develop and implement the NNI.

One way to define nanotechnology, perhaps, is that it is the knowledge and engineering (design and control) of physical, chemical, and biological systems at the nanometer (10^{-9} m) scale – from the size of individual molecules to dimensions of the order 100 nm. Nanotechnology is, by its nature, a field of synthesis and synergy often requiring physics, chemistry, biology, and almost all areas of engineering in the performance of research and engineering design, for example inventing and optimizing the tools needed to synthesize and manipulate matter at the nanometer scale. As with other new fields, rapid advances in nanotechnology have led to specialization into subdisciplines, one of the most natural and important being *nanomaterials*.

Nanomaterials science and engineering includes the production, properties, and applications of materials at the nanometer scale; it is a part of nanotechnology and at the same time, evidently, a subfield of materials

science. The main goal of materials science – macroscopic and nanoscale – is providing new and improved building blocks for engineers in all fields. That said, *nanomaterials* science has distinct features compared to the more mature science and engineering of macroscopic materials, the most salient being its revolutionary nature. New materials and groups of materials with surprising properties continue to be discovered – graphene and topological insulators are two examples from the recent past. As with all exploration at the frontiers of knowledge, it is impossible to predict what discoveries will be made or how those discoveries might lead to applications, commercial or otherwise. But the history of science and technology suggests that some of those advances will surpass all our expectations. Already we are seeing the benefits of nanotechnology in computers and telecommunication devices, computer chips and sensors in automobiles, electric car batteries, medicines and sun creams, tablecloths and socks, tennis rackets, boats, golf clubs – and more. Given the likelihood that ongoing research will yield many more *nanomaterials*, with surprising properties and, at the same time, the continued exponential growth in the number of applications, it seems clear that *nanomaterials* will, at some level, transform most aspects of our lives. It is not too much of a stretch to suggest that President Clinton's policy decision to set up the NNI, which has supported thousands of scientists and engineers working in the field, has indeed helped move us closer to realizing Feynman's prediction – or, perhaps we should say his vision – of a revolutionary new technology. In the world of *nanomaterials* there is still *plenty of room at the bottom* to use Richard Feynman's famous words.

A handbook, by one definition, is a compilation of knowledge about a particular field, collected into a single volume publication that is convenient to use as



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a ready reference. Since *nanomaterials* science can now be considered a self-sufficient discipline, a handbook is appropriate and timely. This new *Springer Handbook of Nanomaterials* targets several audiences: researchers working in industry or academia, as well as graduate students studying related fields. The organization of the book follows the usual classification scheme of macroscopic materials science, with information of a materials group – e.g., metals – collected together;

other aspects can be followed easily by using the well-developed index.

Putting together a handbook in a new field is a formidable challenge. I would like to congratulate the editor and all of the authors who collaborated to plan, collect materials, and write this important groundbreaking *Springer Handbook of Nanomaterials*.

Houston, January 2013

Neal Lane

Preface

Those who control materials, control technology, stated Eiji Kobayashi, Senior Advisor of Panasonic Corporation, explaining the importance of materials science and engineering. I would translate this quote to *those who control nanomaterials control nanotechnology*; and, considering the effect of the development of nanomaterials and nanotechnology on our global infrastructure, it is not too bold to state that those control technology at large, too. Nanomaterials have a determinant role in many of advanced products around us. Stamp-sized sound recording devices, modern passenger and fighter jets, spaceships and space stations, extreme tall buildings and long bridges, none of these could be created without these marvelous materials. As one could not foresee 50 years ago, the fast development that provided the opportunity for these objects to be realized, now we cannot imagine our life without them.

The editor considers materials science as the knowledge of structure; properties of materials predicted or explained with the help of this knowledge; experimental and theoretical tools designed and established for preparing, characterizing and modifying processes, and last but not least showing application possibilities of the resulted materials. After defining nanomaterials we can simply transpose this description for nanomaterials science. Materials are considered *nanomaterials* when their structure, processing, characterization or application differ from the macroscopic materials and this difference relates to the – normally sub-100 nm – feature size. The *description* of the nanomaterials in this Springer Handbook follows the thorough but concise explanation of the synergy of structure, properties, processing, and applications. Specifically, our aim was to point out the distinction between the properties of bulk and nanomaterials and the reasons for these differences.

To fulfill these goals, we provide a balanced report of the literature of each materials group. The format follows the well-established structure of the Springer Handbooks with chapters as the basic units that are organized into several groups. In each chapter, authors cover materials of their expertise, however, they focus not only on their own work, but report the interesting and important efforts in the community, establishing

a balance between references and scientific results reported in tables and figures. We describe nanomaterials in textbook style for newcomers, encyclopedia-like elements and – to follow the fast-space of new results – review or research papers for the experienced reader. Beyond scientific and moral correctness we also look for clarity by concise and easy-to-follow text, well-designed and clear figures which were all professionally drawn by graphics designers.

The book is divided in Parts A to G and covers carbon-based nanomaterials: fullerenes, nanotubes, nanofibers and nanodiamond, noble and common metals and alloys, ceramic materials, crystalline and glassy oxides and other compounds; composites, hybrid structures and solutions as well as porous metals, ceramics and silicon; organic and bio-nanomaterials, bones and fibers and select applications, respectively. This higher level structure conforms to the macroscopic classification of materials and it is composed of chapters. Each chapter is self-consistent and builds up of similar parts, history, definitions, production of the given materials, properties, and applications. All of these parts are richly illustrated and consist of a balanced ratio of important basics and recent results.

My pleasant obligation is to thank all of the help I received in planning and implementing the handbook. First of all, I need to acknowledge the diligent work of the authors in developing the chapters which involves more effort than a review paper, and the reward is not so immediate and evident. Their expertise, energy and time are greatly appreciated. I also would like to thank the advices and help of my colleagues at Rice University and at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; as well as Professors Thomas F. George, Bob Curl, Phaedon Avouris, Li Song and Jinqian Wei for keeping contact with many authors. The great workmanship of the Springer publishing team and the continuous support of the managing editors Mayra Castro and Werner Skolaut are also appreciated. I also need to thank my colleagues and friends, Laszlo B. Kish, Claes-Goran Granqvist, Pulickel M. Ajayan and Richard W. Siegel that the collaboration with them oriented me to nanomaterials science. Last, but not least, I thank for the help and pa-

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I wish the reader a pleasant and beneficial time when using the Springer Handbook of Nanomaterials, and

I hope that it serves as a frequently opened reference work.

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Dr. Vajtai started his research as a physicist studying laser-metal interaction, melting and oxidation of refractive metals and the nonlinear behavior of the far-from equilibrium processes and systems. Later he developed methods for pulse-probe spectroscopy of biomaterials as well as OH radicals used for the study of organic contamination of the atmosphere by airborne LIDAR systems. His research in materials science started with the synthesis of nanometals and nanosized oxides for the development of sensors. This lead to a new method for the preparation of germanium nanoparticles for building inverse opals used in infrared optical sensing. His most significant contribution is related to the synthesis of different forms of nanocarbons such as carbon nanotubes, graphene and macroscopic systems designed and built from these carbon allotropes, e.g., electromechanical parts and nanotube wires. Recently, his interest extended to various atomically thin layers, hexagonal boron nitride, transition-metal dichalcogenides and oxides.

He has more than 145 journal publications in peer reviewed scientific journals and he delivered numerous invited, keynote and plenary lectures on the topic.

Dr. Vajtai is a passionate teacher, he lectured physics, thermodynamics and electrodynamics courses with hundreds of experimental demonstrations; introductory and advanced courses of materials science. He received several mentoring awards, among those the Siemens-Westinghouse Mentoring Award.

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α -SMA	α -smooth muscle actin
<i>p</i> -NP	<i>p</i> -nitrophenol
0-D	zero-dimensional
1-D	one-dimensional
2-D	two-dimensional
2-PAM	2-pyridine-aldoxime methiodide
2Q	double-quantum
3-D	three-dimensional
3Q	triple-quantum
4Hop	4-hexadecyloxyphenyl

A

AA	ascorbic acid
AAM	anodized aluminum membrane
AAO	anodic aluminum oxide
AAO	anodized aluminum oxide
AAS	atomic absorption spectroscopy
Ab	antibody
AC	alternating current
Acac	acetylacetone
ACNT	aligned carbon nanotube
ACQ	aggregation-caused quenching
AChE	acetylcholine esterase
ACP	amorphous calcium phosphate
AD	arc discharge
AEE	aggregation-enhanced emission
AES	Auger electron spectroscopy
AES	3-(2-aminoethylaminopropyl)trimethoxy-silane
AFC	alkaline fuel cell
AFC	antiferromagnetically coupled
AFM	atomic force microscopy
AIE	aggregation-induced emission
AIEE	aggregation-induced enhanced emission
ALD	atomic layer deposition
AIPO	aluminophosphate
AM	alveolar macrophage
anti-EGFR	anti-epidermal growth factor receptor
AOC	aromatic organic compounds
APC	antigen-presenting cell
APES	aminopropyltrimethoxysilane
APPES	ambient pressure photoelectron spectroscopy
APS	3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane
APT	atom probe tomography
APTES	(aminopropyl) triethoxysilane
APTS	3-aminopropyltriethoxysilane
AR	analytical reagent
AR	aspect ratio

ARPES	angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ATQD	<i>N</i> -(4-aminophenyl)- <i>N'</i> -(4'-(3-triethoxysilyl-propyl-ureido)phenyl-1,4-quinonenediimine)
ATP	adenosine-5'-triphosphate
ATRP	atom-transfer radical polymerization
AWWA	American Water Works Association

B

BASF	Badische Anilin und Soda Fabrik
bcc	body-centered cubic
BCF	Burton–Cabrerá–Frank
BCP	biphasic calcium phosphate
BDAC	benzyltrimethylammoniumchloride
BDNF	brain-derived neurotrophic factor
BEP	Brønsted–Evans–Polanyi relations
BES	Office of Basic Energy Sciences
BET	Brunauer–Emmett–Teller
BF	bright field
BFGF	basic fibroblast growth factor
BG	back-gate
BHJ	bulk heterojunction
bioMEMS	biological microelectromechanical system
BMG	bulk metallic glass
BN	boron nitride
BOM	bubble overlapping mode
BP	buckypaper
BPEA	9,10-bis(phenylethynyl)anthracene
BS	black silicon
BSA	bovine serum albumina
BSI	British Standards Institution
BSP	bis(<i>p</i> -sulfonatophenyl) phenylphosphine dihydrate dipotassium
BT	barium titanate
BT	benzenethiol
BTCP	β -tricalcium phosphate

C

C ₁₆ TAB	hexadecyl trimethyl ammonium bromide
C-PANI	conductive camphorsulfonic acid-doped emeraldine PANI
C3DT	1,3-Propanedithiol
CA	contact angle
CALPHAD	calculation of phase diagrams
CAM	cluster aggregation mode

CBED	convergent-beam electron diffraction	DAPI	4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole
CBEV	coordination-dependent bond-energy variation	DAPRAL	copolymer of maleic anhydride and α -olefin
CCDB	Cambridge crystallographic data base	DBR	distributed Bragg mirror
CCG	chemically converted graphene	DC	dendritic cell
CCT	correlated color temperature	DC	direct current
CCVD	catalytic chemical vapor deposition	DCE	1,2-dichloroethane
CD	cyclodextrin	DD-PTCDI	<i>N,N'</i> -di(dodecyl)-perylene-3,4,9,10-tetracarboxylic diimide
CFR	continuous flow reactor	DDA	discrete dipole approximation
CHP	cyclohexylpyrrolidone	DDAB	didecyltrimethylammonium bromide
CHT	chymotrypsin	DDC	<i>N,N'</i> -dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
CIE	International Commission on Illumination	DEFC	direct ethanol fuel cell
CIP	current in the plane	DEG	diethylene glycol
CMG	chemically modified graphene	DF	defluoridation capacity
CMOS	complementary metal–oxide–semiconductor	DF	density function
CMP	chemical–mechanical planarization	DFAC	direct formic acid fuel cell
CNF	carbon nanofiber	DFT	density functional theory
CNM	carbon nanotube membrane	DFTB	density functional tight binding
CNT	carbon nanotube	DGU	density-gradient ultracentrifugation
CN-TFMBE	1-cyano-trans-1,2-bis(3',5'-bis-trifluoro-methyl-biphenyl)ethylene	DI	deionized
CO	cuboctahedron	DIC	differential interference contrast
COD	1,5-cyclooctadiene	DLC	diamond-like carbon
COLI	collagen I	DLS	dynamic light scattering
COLIV	collagen IV	DLVO	Derjaguin–Landau–Verwey–Overbeek
COST	Cooperation in Science and Technology	DMA	dimethylamide
COSY	correlation spectroscopy	DMEU	1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone
COT	1,3,5-cyclooctatriene	DMF	dimethylformamide
cp	close packed	DMFC	direct methanol fuel cell
CP	coherent phonon	DMPO	5,5-dimethyl-pyrroline <i>N</i> -oxide
CP	cross polarization	DMSA	dimercaptosuccinic acid
CPP	conduction perpendicular to plane	DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
CPP	current perpendicular to the plane	DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
CPS	collected photo signal	DND	detonation nanodiamond
CS	cross section	DOS	density of states
CS-PCL	chitosan-graft-PCL	DOX	doxorubicin
CSA	chemical shift anisotropy	dpa	displacements per atom
CSP	colloidal silver preparation	DPSTE	1,2-dipalmitoyl- <i>sn</i> -glycero-3-phospho-thioethanol
CT	charge transfer	DQ	double quantum
CTA ⁺	cetyl-triamine cation	DR	draw ratio
CTA	cetyltrimethylammonium	DRG	dorsal root ganglion
CTAB	cetyltrimethylammonium bromide	DRIFT	diffuse reflectance infrared Fourier-transform
CV	crystal violet	DSC	differential scanning calorimetry
CV	cyclic voltammetry	DT	decanethiol
CVD	chemical vapor deposition	DTAB	dodecyltrimethylammonium bromide
CW	continuous-wave	DTE	desaminotyrosyl-tyrosine ethyl ester
CuPC	copper phthalocyanine	DWCNT	double-walled carbon nanotube
CuTCNQ	copper tetracyanoquinodimethane	DWNT	double-walled nanotubes
		Dox	doxorubicin

D

D4R	double four ring
DAAQ	1,5-diaminoanthraquinone
DAFC	direct alcohol fuel cell

E

ECD	electrochemical deposition
ECDL	electrochemical double layer

ECELL	environmental cell
ECM	extracellular matrix
ECP	electronically conducting polymer
ECSA	electrochemically active surface area
ED	electrodialysis
ED	electron diffraction
EDAX	energy dispersive analysis
EDC	1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide
EDL	electrical double layer
EDLC	electric double-layer capacitor
EDS	energy-dispersive x-ray spectroscopy
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EDX	energy-dispersive x-ray spectroscopy
EELS	electron energy-loss spectroscopy
EFM	electrostatic force microscopy
EG	evaporated gold
EIS	electrochemical impedance spectroscopy
EL	electroluminescence
ELISA	enzyme-linked immuno sorbent assay
EM	electromagnetic
EMI	electromagnetic interference
EOF	electroosmotic flow
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPR	electron paramagnetic resonance
EPS	extracellular polymeric substance
EQE	external quantum efficiency
ESC	embryonic stem cell
ESR	electron spin resonance
ESR	equivalent series resistance
ETEM	environmental TEM
EXAFS	extended x-ray absorption fine structure
ElAP(S)O	element aluminophosphosilicate
EPITH	epithelial cells

F

f-SWCNT	functionalized SWCNT
FABMS	fast atom bombardment mass spectroscopy
FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBR	fluidized bed reactor
fcc	face-centered cubic
ftc	face-centered tetragonal
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FEB	ferrocene/ethanol/benzylamine
FES	fluctuation-enhanced sensing
FESEM	field emission scanning electron microscope
FET	field-effect transistor
FF	fill factor
FFT	fast Fourier transform
FGO	functionalized GO
FIB	fibrinogen
FIB	focused ion beam

FIPOS	full isolation by porous oxidized silicon
FIT	fluctuation-induced tunneling
FITC	fluorescein isothiocyanate
FLG	few-layer graphene
FMR	ferromagnetic resonance
FN	fibronectin
FND	fluorescent carboxylated HPHT ND
FND	fluorescently enhanced ND
fpRFDR	finite-pulse radio frequency-driven recoupling

G

GMR	giant magnetoresistance
GN	gold nanoparticle
GNC	gold nanoparticle cluster
GNP	gold nanoparticle
GNP	graphite nanoplatelet
GNR	gold nanorod
GNR	graphene nanoribbon
GO	graphene oxide
GOX	glucose oxidase
GSH	glutathione
GTBMD	generalized tight-binding molecular dynamics

H

HA	humic acid
HAADF	high-angle annular dark field
HATU	2-(7-aza-1 <i>H</i> -benzotriazole-1-yl)-1,1,3,3,-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate
HAZ	heat-affected zone
HC	hexagonal channel
HCCN	highly curved carbon nanostructure
HCI	highly charged ion
hcp	hexagonal close packed
HDA	hexadecylamine
HDD	1,2-hexadecanediol
HDDR	hydrogenation–decomposition–desorption–recombination
HDS	hydrodesulfurization
HDT	hexadecanethiol
HEPES	4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethane-sulfonic acid
HEV	hybrid electric vehicle
HF	hydrofluoric acid
HG	hydrazinium graphene
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HL60	human promyelocytic leukemia
HMDA	hexamethylenediamine
HMO	hydrous manganese dioxide
HMOG	heavy metal oxide glass
HMTA	hexamethylenetetramine
HNS	hot neutron source

HOMO	highest occupied molecular orbital	ISO	International Standards Organization
HOPG	highly oriented pyrolytic graphite	ITO	indium tin oxide
HP	Hall–Petch	IZA	International Zeolite Association
HPA	hexylphosphonic acid		
HPC-Py	pyrene-labeled hydroxypropyl cellulose	K	
HPHT	high-pressure high-temperature		
HPMC	Hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose	KE	Kirkendall effect
HPSMAP	poly(styrene-co-maleic anhydride) carrying pyrene	KK	Kramers–Kronig
HSMA	hydrolyzed poly(styrene-co-maleic) anhydride	L	
h-PSMA	hydrolyzed-poly(styrene- <i>alt</i> -maleic anhydride)	LA	longitudinal acoustic
HREM	high-resolution electron microscopy	LAM	laminin
HRN	helical rosette nanotube	LB	Langmuir–Blodgett technique
HRP	horseradish peroxidase	LB94	van Leeuwen–Baerends
HRSEM	high-resolution scanning electron microscope	LBL	layer-by-layer
HRTEM	high-resolution transmission electron microscopy	LCD	liquid-crystal display
HSA	human serum albumin	LDA	local density approximation
hSKMC	human skeletal muscle cell	LDOS	local density of states
HTT	heat treatment temperature	LED	light-emitting diode
HWHM	half-width at half-maximum	LEED	low energy electron diffraction
HiPCO	high-pressure carbon monoxide	LIB	lithium-ion battery
I		LMP	Larson–Miller plot
		LN	less noble
IANH	International Alliance for NanoEHS (environment, health, safety)	LPM	large-pore mordenite
IC	integrated circuit	LPS	lipopolysaccharide
ICP	inductively coupled plasma	LSC	limbal stem cells
ICP-MS	inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry	LSP	longitudinal surface plasmon
IE	immersion–electrodeposition	LSPR	localized surface plasmon resonance
IF	immunofluorescence	LTA	Linde type A
IF	inorganic fullerene-like nanoparticle	LUMO	lowest unoccupied molecular orbital
iFF	isotactic polypropylene	LYM	lymphocytes
IFSS	interfacial shear strength	M	
Ig	immunoglobulin	M	metalloid
IgG	immunoglobulin G	MA	mechanical alloying
Ih	icosahedron	MAE	magnetic anisotropy energy
IKVAV	laminin derived self-assembling peptide	MALDI-TOF	matrix-assisted laser desorption/ ionization-time of flight
IKVAV-PA	IKVAV polyacrylamide	MAPO	metalaluminophosphate
IL	interleukin	MAPSO	metalaluminophosphosilicates
IL	ionic liquid	MAS	magic angle spinning
IMR	intramolecular rotation	MBE	molecular beam epitaxy
INCO	International Nickel Company	MC	metal cluster
INT	inorganic nanotube	MCFC	molten carbonate fuel cell
IP	iminopyrrole	MCL	maximum contamination limit
IPCE	incident photon to charge carrier efficiency	MCS	ethylene glycol monomethyl ether
iPSC	induced pluripotent stem cell	MD	molecular dynamics
IR	infrared	MDA	malondialdehyde
ipr	isolated pentagon rule	MDA	mercaptopdecanoic acid
		MEA	membrane electrode assembly
		MEMS	microelectromechanical system
		MF	mesoflower
		MF	microfiltration

MFC	microbial fuel cell	NGF	nerve growth factor
MFI	melt-flow index	NHAP	nanohydroxyapatite
MFM	magnetic force microscopy	nHAp	nanohydroxyapatite particle
MGM	metal-graphite multilayer	n-HApC	nanohydroxyapatite/chitosan
MHAP	micron particulate hydroxyapatite	NHS	<i>N</i> -hydroxysuccinimidyl ester
ML	monolayer	NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
MN	more noble	NIR	near infrared
MNM	manufactured nanomaterials	NM	noble metal
MNPM	metallic nanoporous material	NMP	<i>N</i> -methyl-pyrrolidone
MO	methyl orange	Nmpd	<i>N</i> -methylpyridinium
MOCVD	metalorganic chemical vapor deposition	Nmpr	<i>N</i> -methylpyrrole
MOF	metal-organic framework	NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
MOKE	magneto-optical Kerr effect	NO-IF	nanooctahedra-IF
MPB	morphotropic phase boundary	NP	nanoparticle
MPC	monolayer-protected cluster	NPG	nanoporous graphite
MPCF	mesophase pitch-based carbon fiber	NPG/GC	NPG supported by glassy carbon electrode
MPS	mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane	NPGC	nanoporous gold composite
MPTMS	mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane	NPM	nanoporous metal
MR	magnetic resonance	NPNT	nanoporous nanotube
MRAM	magnetic random-access memory	NPS	nanoporous silver
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	NR	nanorod
mRNA	messenger RNA	NSC	neural stem cell
MRR	material removal rate	NSM	nanostructured materials
MRSw	magnetic relaxation switching	NT	nanotube
MSA	mercaptosuccinic acid	NTS	nanostructured transformable steel
MSC	mesenchymal stem cell	NV	nitrogen-vacancy
MSE	mercurous sulfate electrode	NW	nanowire
MTBD	[7-methyl-1,5,7-triazabicyclo[4.4.0]dec-5-ene][bis(perfluoroethylsulfonyl)imide]		
MWCNT	multiwalled carbon nanotube		
MWNT	multiwalled nanotubes		

N

NaBBS	sodiumbutylbenzene sulfonate	O/F	oxidant-to-fuel
NaDDBS	sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate	OCP	open-circuit potential
NADH	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide	OCT	optical coherence tomography
NaOBS	sodium octylbenzene sulfonate	ODA	octadecylamine
NaPSS	polystyrene sulfonate sodium salt	ODE	octadecene
NBE	near-band-edge	ODF	orientation distribution function
NC	nanocrystalline	ODPA	octadecylphosphonic acid
nc-AFM	noncontact AFM	ODS	octadecyltrimethoxysilane
ND	nanodiamond	ODS	oxide dispersion strengthened
NDO	ozone-modified nanodiamond	OER	oxygen evolution reaction
ND-PTCDI	<i>N,N'</i> -di(nonyldecyl)-perylene-3,4,9,10-tetracarboxylic diimide	OFET	organic field-effect transistor
NEMS	nanoelectromechanical system	Oh	octahedron
NEUT	neutrophils	OL	optical-limiting
NEXAFS	near-edge x-ray absorption fine structure	OLC	onion-like carbon
NF	nanofeatures	OLED	organic light-emitting diode
NF	nanofiltration	OPD	O-phenylenediamine
NFA	nanostructured ferritic alloy	OPH	organophosphorus hydrolase
NG	natural highly-oriented pyrolytic graphite	OPS	oxidized PS
		OPV	organic photovoltaic
		ORR	oxygen reduction reaction
		OSN	organic solvent nanofiltration
		OTM	one-temperature model

P			
P3HT	poly(3-hexylthiophene)	PGLA	copolymer of PGA and PLLA
P3OT	poly(3-octylthiophene)	PGM	platinum group metal
PA	peptide amphiphile	pIh	polyicosahedron
PA-6	prepared a nylon-6	PIPAAm	responsive poly(<i>N</i> -isopropylacrylamide)
PAA	poly(acrylic acid)	PL	photoluminescence
PABS	polyaminobenzene sulfonic acid	PL-PEG	phospholipid polyethylene glycol
PAFC	phosphoric acid fuel cell	PLA	poly-ethylene oxide
PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis	PLA	pulsed laser ablation
PAH	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon	PLE	photoluminescence excitation
PAN	polyacrylonitrile	PLGA	poly(lactic-co-glycolic) acid
PANI	polyaniline	PLLA	poly(L-lactic) acid
PATS	polythiophene derivatives	PM	dipropylene glycol monomethylether
PBO	poly(<i>p</i> -phenylene benzobisoxazole)	PMMA	poly-methyl methacrylate
PBS	phosphate buffered saline	PMN-PT	PbMg _{1/3} Nb _{2/3} O ₃ -PbTiO ₃
PC	pentagonal column	PmPV	poly(<i>m</i> -phenylenevinylene-co-2,5-dioctoxy- <i>p</i> -phenylenevinylene)
PC	photonic crystal	PN	phosphorus-nitrogen
PC	polycarbonate	PNIPAm	poly(<i>N</i> -isopropyl acrylamide)
PC	principal component	PNP	plasmonic
PCA	principal component analysis	PP	polypropylene
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyl	pp	peak-to-peak
PCE	power conversion efficiency	PPCP	1,2,3,4,5-pentaphenyl-1,3-cyclopentadiene
PCF	photonic crystal fiber	PT	PbTiO ₃
PCL	poly(ϵ -caprolactone)	PPE	poly- <i>p</i> -phenyleneethynylene
PCL-G	PCL-gelatin	PPF	propylene fumarate
PDDA	poly(diallyldimethyl)ammonium chloride	PPTA	poly phenylene terephthalamide
PDDP	1-phenyl-3-((dimethylamino)styryl)-5-((dimethylamino)phenyl)-2-pyrazoline	PPV	poly- <i>p</i> -phenylenevinylene
PDEAEMA	poly(2-diethylaminoethyl methacrylate)	PPy	polypyrrole
PDGF	platelet-derived growth factor	PRR	pattern recognition receptor
PDLC	polymer-dispersed liquid-crystal	PS	polystyrene
PDMS	polydimethylsiloxane	PS	porous silicon
PDOS	phonon density of states	PS-PFS	poly(styrene- <i>b</i> -ferrocenyldimethylsilane)
PE	photoelectron	PSD	photo signal detector
PE	polyethylene	PSS	poly(sodium 4-styrenesulfonate)
PEC	photoelectrochemical	PSS	polystyrene sulfonate
PECVD	plasma-enhanced CVD	PSU	polysulfonate
PEDOT	poly(3,4-ethylenedioxythiophene)	PSU	polysulfone
PEEK	produced poly(ether ether ketone)	PSVPh	poly(styrene- <i>co</i> -vinyl phenol)
PEG	polyethylene glycol	Pt-NPG	platinum-decorated nanoporous gold
PEI	polyethyleneimine	Pt-NPGL	platinum-plated nanoporous gold leaf
PEL	permissible occupational exposure limit	PTCDI	<i>N,N'</i> -di(propoxyethyl)perylene-3,4,9,10-tetracarboxylic diimide
PEMFC	proton exchange membrane fuel cell	PTCE	track-etched polycarbonate
PEN	Project on Emerging Nanotechnologies	PTFE	polytetrafluoroethylene
PEO	poly(ethylene oxide)	PU	polyurethane
PES	potential energy surface	PV	pervaporation
PET	polyethylene terephthalate	PV	photovoltaic
PFG	pulsed-field-gradient	PVA	polyvinyl alcohol
PFM	piezoelectric force microscopy	PVC	polyvinylchloride
PG	PCL-gelatin	PVD	physical vapor deposition
PG	proteoglycan	PVDF	polyvinylidfluoride
PGA	poly(glycolic acid)	PVP	polyvinyl pyrrolidone
		PW	plane wave
		pzc	point of zero charge

PZN-PT $\text{PbZn}_{1/3}\text{Nb}_{2/3}\text{O}_3\text{-PbTiO}_3$
 PZT Pb(Zr,Ti)O_3

Q

QC quantum cluster
 QD quantum dot
 QEXAFS quick EXAFS
 QHE quantum Hall effect

R

R6G rhodamine 6G
 RA right angle
 RBM radial breathing mode
 RCF rabbit corneal fibroblast
 RE rare-earth
 rebar reinforcement bar
 REDOR rotational echo double resonance
 RF radio frequency
 RFDR radiofrequency-driven recoupling
 RFID radiofrequency identification
 RGB red green blue
 RGD Arg-Gly-Asp
 RGO reduced graphene oxide
 rhBMP-2 recombinant human bone morphogenic protein-2
 RHE reversible hydrogen electrode
 RIA radioimmuno assay
 RIE reactive-ion etching
 RIR restriction of intramolecular rotation
 RJS rotary jet spinning
 RKKY Rudermann–Kittel–Kasuya–Yosida
 RM reactive milling
 RMS microscale surface roughness
 RNA ribonucleic acid
 RO reverse osmosis
 ROS reactive oxygen species
 RPC retinal progenitor cells
 RRR redox replacement reaction
 RRS resonant Raman scattering
 RT room temperature
 RT-PCR real-time polymerase chain reaction
 R&D research and development

S

S–W Stone–Wales
 S/L solid/liquid
 SA sliding angle
 SA solar ablation
 SAED selected-area electron diffraction
 SAM self-assembled monolayer
 SANS small-angle neutron scattering
 SAPO silicoaluminophosphate
 SAXS small-angle x-ray scattering

SBU secondary building unit
 SC simple cubic
 SC sodium cholate
 SCC stress corrosion cracking
 SCE saturated calomel electrode
 SCR space-charge region
 SD standard deviation
 SDBS sodium dodecylbenzene sulfate
 SDCH samaria-doped ceria
 SDS sodium dodecyl sulfate
 SEC size exclusion chromatography
 SEI solid–electrolyte interphase
 SEIRA surface-enhanced infrared absorption
 SEM scanning electron microscopy
 SES scanning electron spectroscopy
 SERS surface-enhanced Raman scattering
 SET single-electron transistor
 SF silk fibroin
 SFF solid freedom fabrication
 SFG sum-frequency generation
 SFM scanning force microscopy
 SGS spaced superconducting electrode
 SHE standard hydrogen electrode
 SIM structured illumination microscopy
 SIMS secondary-ion mass spectrometry
 siRNA silenced RNA
 SL superlattice
 SLS solution–liquid–solid
 SMA shape-memory alloy
 SMAD solvated metal atom dispersion
 SNR signal-to-noise ratio
 SOCT sodium octanoate
 SOFC solid oxide fuel cell
 SOI silicon-on-insulator
 SP surface plasmon
 SP–STM spin-polarized scanning tunneling microscopy
 SPM scanning probe microscopy
 SPM small-pore mordenite
 SPP surface plasmon polariton
 SPR surface plasmon resonance
 SPS spark plasma sintering
 SQ single quantum
 SQUID superconducting quantum interference device
 SRNF solvent resistant nanofiltration
 SS stainless steel
 SSA specific surface area
 SSNMR solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance
 STEM scanning transmission electron microscopy
 STM scanning tunneling microscopy
 STORM stochastic optical reconstruction microscopy
 STS scanning tunneling spectroscopy
 SWCNT single-walled carbon nanotube

SWNH	single-wall nanohorn
SWNT	single-walled nanotube
SXRD	surface x-ray diffraction
ShdH	Shubnikov–de Haas
Si-MEMS	silicon microelectromechanical system
Si-nc	silicon nanocrystal

T

TA	thioctic acid
TA	transverse acoustic
TAMRA	tetramethylrhodamine
TASA	template-assisted self-assembly
TCNQ	tetracyanoquinodimethane
TCO	transparent conductive oxide
TDABr	tetradodecylammonium bromide
TDDFT	time-dependent density-functional-theory
TDPA	tetradecylphosphonic acid
TE	transition metal element
TEG	tetra(ethylene glycol)
TEM	transmission electron microscopy
TEOS	tetraethyl orthosilicate
TEP	thermoelectric power
TFT	thin-film transistor
TG	top gate
TGA	thermogravimetric analysis
TGA	thioglycolic acid
TGF-β	transforming growth factor
THF	tetrahydrofuran
THPC	tetrakis(methyl)phosphonium chloride
TIC	toxic industrial chemical
TIPS	thermally induced phase separation
TL	transition-metal element
TMAH	tetramethylammonium hydroxide
TMR	tunnel magnetoresistance
TNF-α	tumor necrosis factor
TNT	2-methyl-1,3,5-trinitrobenzene
TO	truncated octahedron
TOAB	tetraoctylammonium bromide
TOF	turnover frequency
TOP	trioctylphosphine
TOPO	trioctylphosphine oxide
TPA	tetrapropylammonium
TPD	temperature programmed desorption
TPI	2,4,5-triphenylimidazole
TPL	two-photon luminescence
TPP	1,3,5-triphenyl-2-pyrazoline
TSP	transverse surface plasmon
TSW	Thrower–Stone–Wales
TTCP	tetracalcium phosphate
TWC	three-way catalyst
ThT	thioflavin T

U

UF	ultrafiltration
UHP	ultrahigh pressure
UHV	ultrahigh vacuum
UNCD	ultrananocrystalline diamond
UPD	underpotential deposition
UV	ultraviolet
UV-VIS	ultraviolet-visible
UVR	ultraviolet radiation

V

vdW	van der Waals
VGCF	vapor-grown carbon fiber
VHS	van Hove singularity
VLS	vapor–solid–liquid
VPC	vacuum pyrolysis/carbothermal
VRH	variable range hopping
VS	vapor–solid
VSFG	vibrational sum-frequency generation
VSM	vibrating sample magnetometry
VSS	vapor–solid–solid
Van	vancomycin

W

WAXD	wide angle x-ray diffraction
WC	tungsten carbide
WG	waveguide
WHO	World Health Organization

X

XANES	x-ray absorption near-edge spectroscopy
XAS	x-ray absorption spectroscopy
xc	exchange–correlation
XPS	x-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
XRD	x-ray diffraction

Y

YAB	YAl ₃ (BO ₃) ₄
YAM	Y ₄ Al ₂ O ₉
Y-CNT	Y-shaped carbon nanotube

Z

ZAP	zone axis pattern
ZHDS	hydroxydodecylsulfate
ZHS	zinc hydroxysulfate
ZLC	zero-length-column
ZSM	zeolite sieve of molecular porosity