# Nathan C. George

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### Mission

Be part of an outstanding team of people solving large-impact, important problems through advanced technology, in order to improve humanity's quality of life and freedom.

# Work experience:

- 7/2014-8/2015 Device Process Engineer at NuvoSun, responsible for upkeep, running, and improving the sputtering processes for manufacturing CIGS solar cells. Big data analysis and correlation to experimental conditions (using python and JMP), automation through programming, machine vision, and building software/hardware improvements for the manufacturing line. Managers: Don Person, Art Wall
- **10/2011-11/2011** Visiting researcher at the PMC lab, École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France, with Géraldine Dantelle and Thierry Gacoin. Worked on phosphor nanoparticle synthesis.
- 9/2008-6/2009 Undergraduate Researcher, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Golden, CO. Assisted with research concerning water vapor transport and mechanical properties of transparent conductive oxide (TCO) layers for use in flexible electronics. Also fabricated thin-film TCO samples for testing and analysis using a high-vacuum apparatus. Mentors: Lin Simpson and Arrelaine Dameron.
- **9/2007-9/2008** Undergraduate Researcher, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO. Assisted with research of inter-particle adhesion forces of hydrate particles in order to better understand plugging and flow behavior of oil and gas pipelines. **Mentors**: Dendy Sloan and Carolyn Koh.

#### **Education:**

- **2009–2013** Ph.D. Chemical Engineering, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, UCSB. Thesis: *Correlating long-range order and local structure to the properties of inorganic solids*. Synthesized phosphor materials and studied their structure-property relations *via* advanced characterization methods. **Advisors**: Prof. Brad Chemlka and Prof. Ram Seshadri. (G.P.A. 3.78/4.0)
- **2005–2009** B.S. Chemical Engineering, Dept. of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO. (G.P.A. 3.956/4.0)

### Awards and recognitions:

NSF GRF Honorable Mention, **2011**; IGERT Fellowship, **2010**; Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, **2008**; Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, **2007** 

### Skills (1 = beginner, 5 = expert)

- Software/coding: Python(5), MS Office(5), Lua/ESP-8266(5), MEX(5), HTML(5), Electronic/Mechanical Prototyping (4), Particle Photon IoT (4), Linux/Unix/Bash(4), JMP(3), C#/C++(3), MATLAB(3), JavaScript(3), Mathematica(2), Visual Basic(2), SolidWorks(2)
- Manufacturing: High-temperature ceramics (5), Sputtering(4), machine vision(4), high vacuum semiconductor fabrication(4), PVD(3)

Experimental methods: high-temperature solid-state and solution-based materials preparation(5), solid-state NMR(5), Rietveld refinement of X-ray/neutron diffraction(5), total neutron scattering (PDF) and reverse Monte Carlo simulations of PDFs(4), photoluminescence(4), quantum yield(4), XANES/EXAFS(4), ESR(4), SEM(2)

# **Oral presentations**

AICHE conference, San Francisco (November 2013)

Materials Research Outreach Program, UCSB (February 2013)

IGERT winter symposium, UCSB (February 2012).

Institute of Chemistry of Picardy, Amiens, France (November 2011).

The 9th International Meeting of Pacific Rim Ceramic Societies, Cairns, Queensland, Australia (July 2011).

North American Solid-State Chemistry Conference, McMaster University, Ontario, Canada (June 2011).

# Poster presentations

Materials Research Outreach Program, UCSB (February 2011, 2012, 2013).

Gordon Conference for Solid State Chemistry, New London, NH (July 2012).

International Workshop on Materials, Ras Al Khaimah Center for Advanced Materials, UAE (February 2011).

Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts (November 2010).

# Mentoring

Nick DeCino (2013), Lucie Devys and José Carvalho (fall 2012), Courtney Doll (summer 2011), Lucy Darago (2010-2011), Adam Jaffe and Rory Barker (summer 2010)

### **Educational outreach**

High school: Structure-property relations in carbon: Buckyballs, graphite, and diamond

Middle/Elementary school: Build a Solar Car, It's a Material World, Science Day at the Santa Barbara Zoo

#### **Publications**

(for a complete list please see slideshare.net/NathanGeorge/publist-47053185)

- 16. J. R. Neilson, N. C. George, M. M. Murr, R. Seshadri, and D. E. Morse, Mesostructure from hydration gradients in demosponge biosilica, *Chem. Eur. J.* **20** (2014) 49564965. [doi]
- 15. A. Knappschneider, C. Litterscheid, N. C. George, J. Brgoch, N. Wagner, J. Beck, J. A. Kurzman, R. Seshadri, and B. Albert, Peierls-distorted monoclinic MnB4 with a Mn-Mn bond, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **53** (2014) 16841688. [doi]
- 14. N. C. George, A. Birkel, J. Brgoch, B.-C. Hong, K. Uheda, A. A. Mikhailovsky, K. Page, A. Llobet, and R. Seshadri, Average and local structural origins of the optical properties of the nitride phosphor  $\text{La}_{3-x}\text{Ce}_x\text{Si}_6\text{N}_{11}$  (0 <  $x \leq$  3), *Inorg. Chem.* **52** (2013) 13730-13740. [doi]
- 13. N. C. George, A. J. Pell, G. Dantelle, K. Page, A. Llobet, M. Balasubramanian, G. Pintacuda, B. F. Chmelka, and R. Seshadri, The local environment of the activator ions in the solid state lighting phosphor  $Y_{3-x}Ce_xAl_5O_{12}$ , *Chem. Mater.* **25** (2013) 3979-3995. [doi]